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## True Children's Day Celebrated in NYC

by David Eaton—NYC

The True Children's Day celebration in New York provided our movement with opportunity to display its unique and wide ranging capabilities in the performing arts. It is always a challenge to find new and interesting talent for our High Holy Day celebrations but with God's assistance and the efforts of many brothers and sisters the True Children's Day entertainment was in many ways a very significant program.

In their roles as executive producers, North American Continental Director, Rev. Joong Hyun Pak and HSA-UWC

President, DR. Tyler Hendricks provided the program's internal guidance and maintained that the choice of talent and specific offerings of the performers reflect True Parents' dispensation activities and concerns. Rev. Pak especially felt that in this histor-

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## RELIGIOUS YOUTH SERVICE

## RYS Volunteers Extend Rehab Center in Thailand

by Eric Wenzel and Delia Javanasundara

For thirteen years, the Religious Youth Service has created a model for world peace through interfaith service projects. The tradition continued in Khonkaen, Thailand, where a summer 1998 Religious Youth Service project was held.

The location for the project was the

NorthEast Drug Dependence Treatment Center, one Thailand's largest drug treatment programs, and a pioneer in rehabilitation therapy. The center's ambitious plan to help Thai youth wrestling with substance abuse was under strain due to recent funding cuts. RYS project coordinator, Mrs. Delia Javanasundara, then met Dr. Suchart Threethipthikoon, the center's

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RYS



The Governor's wife and a WFWP volunteer encourage RYS to try a Thai dance

## New Center Dedicated at University of Bridgeport

by Christine Hempowicz—Bridgeport, CT

The University of Bridgeport dedicated a newly-renovated Warner Hall on Friday, Nov. 20, thanks to a \$2 million grant from the Professors World Peace Academy (PWWA). The renovated building is the first step toward an array of new medical degrees available to UB students from all over the world. Rev. and Mrs. Moon, founders of PWWA, presided over the dedication ceremony.

The new integrated Health Sciences degrees to be offered at UB will include pre-medicine,

Rev. & Mrs. Moon and Mrs. & Dr. Rubenstein cutting the ribbon to the new Health Center

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pre-chiropractic, pre-naturopathic, pre-dental hygiene, medical technology, dental hygiene, nutrition, doctor of chiropractic and doctor of naturopathic medicine. The integrated offering will begin in phases, with the first phase planned for the fall of 1998.

The plan is part of an ongoing campaign in UB's health sciences offering to integrate medical disciplines, according to UB vice president Donna Marino. "As time goes on, it becomes abun-

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## National Messiah Workshop in the Pantanal

by Jorg Heller—NYC

Officially the Workshop was to start on October 25th, however, later on the beginning date was changed to the day we arrived at Jardim. A group of brothers including myself happened to arrive at Jardim on the 24th and thus for us the Workshop began on that date. A large group

of Japanese National Messiahs, about 65 of them, came quite late, thus for them the Workshop will conclude just before the end of the year.

As the Abel National Messiah for the Czech Republic I have really struggled with the financial responsibilities that come with that mission. In order to save some money to be able to move to my mission country, I have pur-

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JORG HELLER



Father with Jorg (front, left) and other participants at the workshop



# 39th True Children's Day Address

So, what would God tell them as He watched them? To eat or not? He would say to wait. Wait until when? Until you are fully ripe. When fully ripe you will be like a fireball. When the time comes, I will come and embrace and kiss you, when you are so bright, when every cell of your body will be bright, wide open for love, intoxicated. Then I will come

*Due to the manner in which the lunar calendar corresponds with the solar calendar, Un Jin Nim's Birthday is celebrated twice in 1999. Prepared by Kathryn Coman.*



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and I will conquer you with that love. That is the way of love.

So God wanted them to wait until the temperature between them went up to 10,000 degrees. If they ate before that... If they wait, then God will be even more excited than they are. Who would have the highest temperature? God's temperature was highest. How do I know? This is the treasure of God and Rev. Sun Myung Moon. Do you want to see it? Since this is True Children's Day, I will give it as a gift to all of you. The Final Goal of Creation

Adam and Eve's fire of love was getting hotter and hotter, but it originated in God. Therefore, God's fire must be hotter all the time. [Father writes on the board: "The Action of Origin-Division-Union is God's Original Love Power."] Combine Origin-Division-Union Action and you sometimes get children, forming the four position foundation. Above is invisible, below is visible. Do you want to become greater than God? (Greater.) Also you want to see your partner greater than yourself. This applies both to vertical and horizontal relationships. The only way to make your partner greater than you is to give and give and forget, adding forever. Living for the sake of others is the only way, adding and adding. You can reach God only through the practice of true love.

When God, Adam and Eve all are happy, what is the next step? Children are visible and God is invisible. Can they be happy together? We all want to see God. Adam and Eve are resultant and visible; God is causal and invisible. How can they unite together in happiness? The final goal of creation was to make this unity of the invisible and visible in joy and goodness. God's invisible sung sang and hyung sang were planted in His children. Thus we find God in the body of Adam and Eve. He dwells there. Since God dwells within them, they dwell within God. When, therefore, the two visible beings are united in joy and goodness, so too is God united with them.

So who takes the ownership of love first, God or Adam? Why do young men and women want to marry? They want to conquer the other's world. When a wife embraces her husband's body, she is embracing the universe and God, because he has ingested the elements of all creation. Her husband is the concentration of all the elements, so she is actually embracing the universe, including the invisible being, God.

Where should they become one? They become one at the center, with God coming down at an angle of 90 degrees from above. They approach the center from either side. God is the bone marrow, the husband is the bone, and the wife is the flesh and its oil. That's why women like to treat their skin and do not have a beard. Their flesh goes inward, therefore women have little hair. And the woman's organ is deep and internal, in contrast to the man's, which expands outward. They are shaped that way so that they can become one. Man's is like a mountain and woman's a valley. When they become one, the result is a flat field, ground level. In a flat meadow, all kinds of insects prosper. If convex and concave reject each other, there is no hope for life. The power to flatten the mountain and raise the valley is the power of love. If they reject each other, then there is no meadow,

no life and no human beings. The body is three-quarters water.

Women cry in private, quietly. Men rush out the door and cry out to the mountains and oceans. When laughing, men expand and women shrink down. No matter what you may try or think, woman is woman, man is man. You cannot change your gender. Even when you make love, if the wife wants to take subjectivity, she will have to tell her husband to lay down and she will get on top. But then the seed will be lost and no children will come.

Husband-Wife Relations

God starts invisible at the top of your head (or so Father seems to be saying by his body actions). His invisible flesh becomes our visible flesh. God dwells there. So we become the proper love partner to God, through the love organ. But people think the love organ is the dirtiest thing. Because people do not value true love, they do not understand or value anything. How can we turn this around? If you lose true love, you lose the bright way for your life. Without true love, men and woman cannot trust each other. Because the "we are born for the sake of the other" philosophy does not prevail in the world, people take others to serve them. One's first love should last eternally. There were only one man and one woman in the Garden. Their love was to have been absolute. False love becomes a battle, a power game. Can anyone change this?

God is the vertical True Parent and Adam and Eve become horizontal True Parents, and they all meet in the center at 90 degrees. In three dimensions, you create 12 relationships in the three object purposes. The three object purposes illustrates that God needs the other three and that each needs the other three. They all become one at the center. Parents become the hyung sang God. Eve and Adam move toward each other and God starts descending. Then they produce their children as a horizontal multiplication and become parents. That is the point at which all three are happy.

Because of the fall, our angle is not 90 degrees. It is 89 or 92. We all know what our own angle is with respect to mind-body unity. We should admit and understand that Adam and Eve are in the position of God's body, and their mind is the original mind of God. There is no room for Satan.

Man is born as man for the sake of women, and vice versa. Man and woman are born for the purpose of making love. Because only through love can man and woman go beyond being a half of a person and work toward God.

What kind of couple are you? Do you form the 90 degree angle? God Himself must have gone through stages of growth, such as infancy, childhood, etc. Husband and wife should recognize the different stages of growth in each other. By parents watching their children grow, they relive their own growth period and so does God. They feel happiness and joy through their reflection in their chil-

dren.

The fallen parents who did not receive love from God are doomed to hell. The agony of God was not being able to have three generations, with Adam and Eve being the second. Now God and True Parents are planting the true seed of life and love in this world. The fallen



Father uses Susan Osmond to illustrate the features of the woman's body serving her husband.

descendants are wild olive trees, to be cut off at the root and engrafted. Once the engrafting takes place, then the remainder of the old olive tree becomes fertilizer. So it will become rotten [this is why the fallen world is rotting?].

Women wear earrings because they want to hang onto men. And they wear necklaces because they want to hang on their husband's neck. When she is hanging on, he has no choice but to embrace her. Why is wedding ring worn on the fourth finger? You went through four fingers, representing the four directions, to get to the marriage state.

A poor wife forces her husband to go clean himself up when he gets home hot and sweaty from work. The husband comes home and is tired, and he even falls asleep during dinner and wants to lay down on his wife's lap, but she pushes him away. The good wife just offers dinner without him washing, and if he is tired, she puts the food in his mouth. This revitalizes him and so he reciprocates and starts feeding her. Then he feels energy and says he'd better take a shower.

About True Mother taking care of True Father: she clips his nails once a week. She keeps all grooming implements neatly arranged in her drawer. Mother takes care of Father with external love, so Father gives Mother internal love in return.

If you look at your wife's eyes, you can see if she had a good day. The challenge is to make your wife's eyes smile. The couple that does this is an artistic couple. Before taking her to bed, make sure her eyes smile and her nose smiles and her ears and mouth and all her organs and cells are intoxicated. Then she will hang onto you like an earring. Then lift her up and she will cling with her legs bent at ninety degrees. Then you spin around and you kiss her as you spin, as if dancing, and continue to the bedroom and bed, then that's it, everything is worked out.

If the founder of a serious religion gives instruction on lovemaking, what a miserable religious founder he is. Maybe a Christian minister who is here will say he expected a holy Pope type

person, but Reverend Moon is a very natural type person. Which is better? There are many things I have to teach you, to help you reach God. The woman lives for the sake of her husband. Even the word, woman, has the word man in it. Woman presupposes man. The beginning of the existence of anything is life for the sake of others. Christian ministers do not know that they are born for the sake of their wife.

[Father uses Susan Osmond to illustrate the features of the woman's body serving her husband. Her soft skin, her proportions.] If a man strokes his wife's cheek, he cannot stop doing so. By nature she makes unity with her husband—the soft and gentle woman with her rough and rugged husband. The soft supports the strong and the strong supports the even stronger. Copper cuts diamonds. When woman smiles, she shrinks, and man expands when he smiles. Therefore they can embrace. If you are verging on a fight, go in the bathroom and cool off. If you

get angry, it will linger for ten days and your children will feel it. If you are on bad terms, your senses will be sad. You will feel as if it is pouring rain on you all the time.

Flesh and Bones

Who gave bones to your children? Their father. The mother gives flesh. No matter how well educated the wife is, if she is not flesh to her husband's bone, he will be miserable. The seed grows out of the father's bone. The father plants the bone and the mother adds the flesh. Then mother and children become one, and together they become one with the father.

My father gave me my bones and my mother gave me my flesh. There is nothing of myself; I consist of my father and mother. So all that exists is life and love. That is all I can give to my spouse. You inherit all these from your parents.

Life in the kingdom is that of children living with their own parents. What kind of family lives in the kingdom? A true love centered family. The family is the unit to enter the kingdom. Due to the fall, men and women think they can live together any way they want to as husband and wife. They think they do not need children. As a result, they cannot face the beautiful family life in the Spirit World because they do not fit in.

Make love to your wife as if you were a slave who suddenly and for no good reason attained the right to make love to a queen. Try to dig out all the beautiful points in your wife. And wives, study your husband. You may think he is one way and then you see some other side of him. Study him from every angle, 360 degrees. At the time of marriage, you saw him only through a small lens. Now you are more relaxed.

Do you feel that your spouse is your absolutely eternal spouse, so that even if you die you will want to marry them again? That is love with your entire body. To study closely means to look at your husband's organ and to realize that they all exist for you, so you can never let him go. With that consciousness, your mind will never get old. What

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## REV. JOONG HYUN PAK

Rev. Pak is the Continental  
Director of the Church  
in North America.

Rev. Joong Hyun Pak addressed the Leaders Meeting at 43rd St. November 24, 1998

Having had the opportunity to listen to the contents of True Father's speeches at recent International Leaders meetings, True Children's Day sermon and the many talks True Father has given at Jardim in South America, I feel I can explain things more clearly to you concerning the current progress in the dispensation and the goals and challenges which lie ahead. The more we come to understand True Father's message the more we can take responsibility to teach it clearly to others.

To begin with, Father himself developed the accompanying chart, which he uses again and again. It gives the history of True Father's mission during the last half century. Actually, Father gets very involved with this chart and gives many details which only he can do. However, I will now explain to you in a more simplified way what the chart represents.

This is a very famous chart so you need to know how to use it at your church and in your particular situation. You can explain it many times to others. We need to explain to members many times, not just once. Even though we come to know it, repeating it over and over is very necessary for us. Father's technique is to repeat over and over again. We hear some things over and over from Father, still it is like we are hearing it for the first time. Father himself gets stimulated by his own teachings.

It is just 13 months before the year 2000. Before that time, True Father will surely change the world. The next 13 months will be busy, exciting and serious. There will be hard pushing and pulling in this very unusual time period. Like an airplane on a runway, we will run madly and furiously forward and then with all our might, and with all our mind and body parts we will suddenly take off with a forward thrust. Or like an olympic runner who races off very fast and then leaps high over a net. This is how we want to be charging through the coming months before the year 2000.

The unity of mind, body and spirit that it takes for the powerful forward thrust is the kind of unity we need to have with True Parents in order to successfully rise to victory. Please do not complain that you feel you have been pushed and pulled enough already. That is not wise thinking. Especially those who have been with True Parents for 20 or 30 years or more should keep a fresh mind and spirit, always keeping in step with True Parents. We need to "take off" together no matter how long we have been in the race.

True Father gives a good formula to follow: Think of a small insect, a fly, he says, who wants to take off and land with the Messiah in Seoul, Korea. It doesn't have to "pay the price" of an airline ticket; it just clings to the side of the jet. There are strong winds and cold driving rains, not making it an easy trip, but if the fly is determined

to hang on in faith, love and obedience, it can arrive at the same destination with the Messiah and become a king or queen of its own world. This formula involves several essentials—be serious, don't relax, and don't give up—in order not to become separated from the source of victory.

### True Parents in North America

True Parents appeared on Earth officially in 1945. Father was born in 1920 but began his mission in 1945. He knew that if Christianity—Catholics and Protestants—united and supported him he could have fulfilled everything in 1952—within just seven years. He would then have fulfilled a worldwide Blessing, everyone in the world being included. Everything would have been done. Through grasping this meaning we can realize the importance of conveying the value of the Blessing to others and the strategy God is using for this dispensation.

Just one year away, before the year 2000, God wants to bless the entire world. We will be so busy next year! We will be sending out many wake-up calls!

When this is fulfilled, it means that entire families, tribes, nations, the world and cosmos will be in the Kingdom. In just seven years this can happen. When nations and religions don't support True Parents, True Parents have to go the wilderness course. A terrible wilderness course. Jesus was crucified. True Father himself has had to bear 40 years of a crucifixion course which he began when he could not culminate everything in the years 1945-1952. He paid all indemnity and started again. After 40 years of wilderness, we entered the next seven-year period 1993-1999. In 1992 True Parents did a 50-state American speaking tour, and other countries as well, giving the message *True Parents and I* and in 1993 announcing the Completed Testament Era.

"True Parents and I" means "True Parents and myself." True Parents means us—you and I; everybody engrafting ourselves to True Parents and taking responsibility in the Blessing work; being good tribal messiahs and joining in and working together. This was our invitation and call beginning in 1992. We did it. The chart which you are looking at is your history, my history too.

During the past seven years, True Father has been going back and forth between North America and South America. His work there already had a foundation as far back as 18 years or more. South America represents Catholicism and North America represents Protestantism. They also represent Judaism and Christianity and Cain and Abel. Within South America True Father has united Cain and Abel and within North America he has done so as well. And Father has connected North and South America.

### True Parents in South America

In 1992 True Parents went from North America to South America, then to Europe, Africa and Asia, connecting all the continents of the world. Now at the end of this seventh year, Parents will again take a world tour, finalizing everything. Unlike 1952 when Father com-

pleted his seven-course but could not bring victory, this time he is bringing victory.

The most important ingredient for all of this is the Family. In the Garden of Eden God lost his family. True Father's only concern is establishing the blessed ideal family. The Blessing is the promise, the potential of the ideal family; however, becoming an Ideal Family means that the contents of the Blessing have been fulfilled.

When God lost Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden He also lost His homeland—His property—His land—His territory—His space! This is an important point. In Family Pledge #1 we say *My family seeks our original homeland to establish the original ideal of creation...* The problem that exists at the present time in some of our nations is that Satan is trying to take back some properties which were already claimed and sanctified by True Parents. Some of the properties may be small, but have great meaning to God. We must fight hard to maintain God's property. We have been so serious about this.

In South America Father has prepared Jardim, Fuerto Olimpo, Salobra and Rio Perdido as unique, special "four-position foundation" properties. Centering on these holy grounds, Father has many plans to develop and spread out. Jardim is the New Garden of Eden, where the Education Center has been established and where the Ideal Family Education for World Peace workshops are held. Already three 40-day workshops have been held and a fourth one has begun.

How is Jardim different from Chungpyung? Think of a dirty bottle, filled with toxic materials, shamefully dirty. This is us; this is our life. In reality, we should be totally cleansed and reborn before receiving the Blessing, but True Father has to move on quickly to lay all heavenly conditions within certain time periods, so he gives us our conditional Blessings. Beginning in 1960 Father began with the 36 blessed couples, then the 72 blessed couples, the 124 blessed couples and on and on up to the millions today. But throughout all these Blessings, no one was really qualified to be blessed. Father had to bless our unworthy couples anyway. Over the years, True Parents had to suffer so much because of unworthy blessed couples, many of them not taking the proper responsibility for the position God gave them and causing True Parents so many headaches.

Chungpyung was established so we would have a place to go to receive internal cleansing. There we shed many tears and strongly repented, cleaning out our dirty vessels, our dirty bottles. At Chungpyung, a lot of judgment comes to us and we have the need to repent. True Parents cannot conduct a place like Chungpyung; rather True Parents bring us True Love. So Dae Mo Nim and Heung Jin Nim take the responsibility to rid us of our evil spirits and ways and make us clean.

At New Hope East Garden Education Center, Jardim, True Parents are directly conducting a portion of the workshops. They are often present there

themselves. Our family receives a new spirit from them. They fill up our bottles with their own pure liberating elements. At Chungpyung we pay a lot of indemnity but at Jardim we relax and get our bottles filled at a very peaceful workshop. It is a community of peaceful, cooperative brothers and sisters. It is a place where nature dwells peacefully side by side with the families of humankind.

The Hoon Dok Hae we are doing at workshops and in our homes is not an inconvenient thing for us. It is a most wonderful experience and tradition. And, in fact, it is not exactly a new tradition in human history. The Jews of old (and today as well) walked around doing their "Hoon Dok Hae"; reading over and over the words of scripture which is carried in their hands, as they nod their heads repeatedly before God. If you visit Jerusalem, as I did, you will see people doing Hoon Dok Hae from corner to corner in the temple and even at the tombs people are doing Hoon Dok Hae. I visited King David's and Rachael's tombs. There were many men doing Hoon Dok Hae there. I didn't see any women among them. But with us, families—men, women and children—do Hoon Dok Hae together.

At Jardim, Father teaches a lot about the spirit world and about our preparation for eternal life in the spiritual world. All of this means that True Parents want us with them in the spiritual world. True Parents will be right within the center of God's heart. They want us there as well. True Father does not want to be separated from us when he goes to the spirit world and we are still on Earth.

In South America we are exposed to perfect nature—the fish, birds, animals and insects. Here we can connect with them in heart, We can connect in heart with land and water. Nature has been sacrificed with this fallen world but it should be protected and preserved as God's creation.

When we complete this 40-day Ideal Family workshop we are eligible for heavenly registration. True Father wants to complete this by the year 2000.

### Six Declarations

For all this victory, Father gave five declarations; four at Jardim and the fifth at Kodiak. The first one is: Have absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. God seemingly has everything, but He does not have His love partner. This must be created by absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. God used these three when He created everything. True Father declared this secret hidden in God's bosom.

True Father gave the property at Jardim the name "New Hope East Garden" meaning New Garden of Eden. Why? Because this is Adam and Eve's place of re-creation.

The second declaration is: God is Absolute, Unique, Eternal and Unchanging. We also must be absolute, unique, eternal and unchanging; our couple, our children, our family as well. We become in His image. Our family becomes absolute, unique, eternal and unchanging.

Declaration three is: God is the first



# Our Ministry

creator, Adam and Eve are second creators; their children (us) are the third creators. We inherit God's creativity; we become owners with God; we become the visible, living God. True Father often says that three generations should live together. Why is this important? God gave true love to Adam and Eve but actually their children were to have received not only Adam and Eve's love, but God's love as well. Their value increased over that of Adam and Eve. Without grandchildren, multiplication would not take place and we as the third creator could not create the Kingdom on Earth.

Declaration four is: *Sook Myung Jak Che Ahn Hae Won* which means "the relationship between God and us is that of parent and child." The parent and child relationship is one of absolute destiny. All the anguish and problems of a parent can only be resolved by the children. This is the children's responsibility. There must never again exist disbelief or betrayal in a family that has been registered. As God's children, in our husband and wife relationships, the relationships between ourselves and our children, all these relationships make the three object relationships. All must be absolute, unique, eternal and unchanging. No divorce. Forever. We have to be harmoniously united with God forever. This relationship was meant for Adam and Eve but Eve deviated from the relationship with God and Adam and united with the Archangel instead.

God is our Eternal Parent and if we register in the Kingdom, He guarantees our Eternal Life. What a wonderful thing! We should be so happy. This is victory. We should rush quickly to register.

Declaration five proclaims the fulfillment of the first four declarations which True Father proclaimed in South America. He went the wilderness course in South America and got the victory. "North" symbolizes God so Father went back up to North Garden, Kodiak in North America to proclaim the victory He had won, restoring everything which was lost. September 8, 1998 Father announced the 4.4 Ceremony and the Kodiak declaration. It is very important. The key content is: Father has fulfilled! The four-position foundation was proclaimed for the Earth and the four-position foundation was proclaimed for the spiritual world.

On June 13, 1998, at Madison Square Garden, Father liberated both saints and sinners. It was this kind of event. The gates of Heaven were opened and the gates of Hell were opened at the same time. At that time we can say that 120 million couples were blessed on Earth, but in the spiritual world, billions were blessed. So officially, the four-position foundation was created not only on the Earth but in Heaven as well. South America, (the "South") represents the Earth. Kodiak (the "North") represents the spiritual world (which is why it is named "North Garden").

Following the 4.4 Ceremony Father announced that it is now a completely new start in history with God's final victory over Satan. Father loudly proclaimed that God is absolutely *Chun*

*Che* (all transcendent), meaning that everything is totally in God's control; that God is absolutely *Chun Ban* (all-mighty), meaning that all things belong to

Him, down to the tiniest insect and atom; that God is *Chun Neung* (all capable), meaning that what God wants to do He is free to do and free to create what He wants to create; that God is absolutely *Chun Kwon* (all sovereign) meaning that God has absolute authority.

### Way of Our Victories

Now through the Ideal Family workshops, thousands and thousands of blessed families will become ideal families. They will be registered with the True family. On Earth and in Heaven, more and more blessed families appear. We now become God's children, God's people. Finally, the King of Kings appears. The Lord of the Second Advent appears. We now fulfill the Old Testament (era

session of the official family "stamp" required for banking business.

Elder Kim suddenly died. But because his wife was a church member the son and daughter-in-law kept all the properties and monies and did not give her anything. They did not want the church to receive any of it. Actually, Elder Kim's wife did not even realize the wealth her husband had accumulated, but after his death he appeared to her and instructed her to go out and get on a certain bus and to follow his instructions. [Just as it happened in the movie *Ghost*!] They went some distance on the bus, got out and he instructed which building she was to go to, which floor, everything. She followed his instructions and without even any identification or stamp, she was believed by the bank authorities and she claimed right there all that was rightfully hers. When the son went to get some money, he discovered there was nothing there! This activity between Earth and spirit world happens often in Korea and Japan.

Even with the sales of the marble vases, there were many miraculous, spiritual stories. Before they were even

nal life; they will become citizens in the Kingdom of God, both on Earth and in Heaven. They become owners of all which God owns, both on Earth and in Heaven. It will come back to us a thousandfold.

When you register for college entrance, you can expect to pay fifty to one-hundred thousand dollars and do an awful lot of hard work before you reach completion and receive your certificate or degree. In comparison, think how little God requires for assurance of your certificate into Eternal Life in His Kingdom. We must think logically about this. Our Family Fund which we are paying into now is so little compared to the eternal dividends we receive.

God knows our situations. He knows we are frontline workers with very little to offer. He knows how much we sacrifice. But He also knows there are ways to accomplish what seems to be the impossible. He knows there are unique and exciting ways to accomplish things. As leaders, we have to think and teach in unique and exciting ways.

Someone at this meeting has just revealed a story about suddenly receiving an inheritance. This is what we are talking about. These are times when anything and everything can happen. Help will come in mysterious ways. But we must have expectations! And we must feel hopeful. This is important.

As I said before, it was at the Ideal Family workshop, which Mrs. Pak and I attended, that I came to realize more deeply just how much indemnity True Parents have paid in South America. With total unity of mind and body, True Parents went the way of the cross and paid the price of victory.

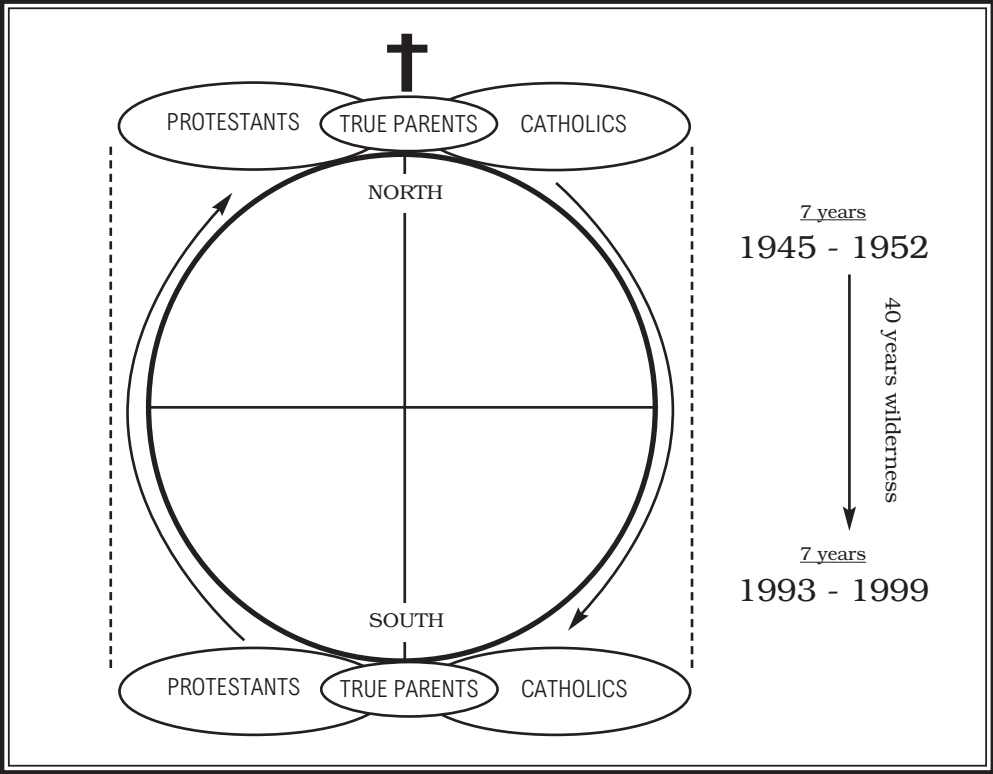
When we go to the workshops in South America why are we so inspired? Because it is so beautiful there? No, there is a lot of development to be done yet. Is it because the weather is so lovely? No, it is very hot right now. Are we inspired because there are no insects there? There are insects there! We are inspired by the indemnity that has been paid. It gives us cause to repent and be deeply grateful and appreciative to True Parents.

After putting in such a small amount of work we wondered within ourselves how we won such a victory at MSG. True Parents paid the price long before us, that's why. Such indemnity as they paid attracts the attention of spirit world. They come to help.

This final indemnity we are being called to make is a source of great blessing. This sacrifice will be the foundation for our eternal blessing; this will be the source of blessing we pay as individuals, as families, as tribes, as nations and world.

Turning again to the Chart, True Father said this is his entire 50 years of ministry and victory. True Parents have completed the Four Position Foundation, the Ideal of Creation, on Earth and in Heaven. They have united Cain and Abel. True Father has restored all vertical and horizontal positions by offering the Blessing to everyone on the Earth and in Heaven. He has connected land and water, all corners of the Earth and Heaven. He has connected North and South, East and West. True Parents have re-created all things of Earth and Heaven.

Learn the content and teach it well. May God and True Parents go with each of you. ❖



of all things), the New Testament (era of children) and the Complete Testament (era of Parents). We become living sacrifices, living offerings. We cannot believe that we have reached this stage in our lifetime.

How can we now fulfill the required indemnity offering? We can fundraise. We can borrow. We can sell something. We can include our tribe in our offering. We can witness. We can call on help from the spiritual world. Many members are receiving revelations and guidance.

Let me inspire you with a true story out of Korea. This story is similar to the movie *Ghost*. But this actually happened. There was a man from my hometown, Elder Kim. I knew him. He was an early church member and leader; he was a good business man and made wise investments. He and his second wife were both deeply spiritual and faithful members of our Church. Thirty or forty years ago Elder Kim and his wife were thought of as crazy because they were church members. Elder Kim had property, a bank account, everything. Elder Kim's son and daughter-in-law were both substantial people in their own circles and the son had access to the family wealth, even having pos-

approached for the sale of the marble vases people would have dreams of buying them, or having miracles performed once they did; all these sorts of things took place.

So we, also, can expect many unusual things to happen. We have to believe in the spiritual world interactions with the Earth. And we have to be creative. Think positive. We can make it exciting! Who knows what adventures lie ahead.

The most important thing we must think about during this time is that True Parents paid the indemnity! That is what makes everything possible. America is a rich country. We have to believe that miracles will occur. We also need to lay the right conditions for things to happen, such as uniting our mind and body; we need to push our physical bodies; we need to sacrifice for True Love and sacrifice for the dispensation. Go to the holy ground in South America; go the the Ideal Family workshop; follow Father's direction. True Parents have paid the indemnity there, corner to corner.

Heaven does not ask the impossible. In fact, God asks us for so little when we think of all Heaven will give us in return. God's children will inherit eter-



# True Children’s Day Celebrated in NYC

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ical time period the our confession of our faith in True Parents should be main theme of our entertainment.

Prior to Father’s main Holy Day address the Washington, DC Family Church choir performed an exquisite rendition of the hymn, *Let Us Break Bread Together On Our Knees*, under the direction of Susan Osmond. Susan and several other members of the choir were former members of the New Hope Singers International and their contribution to the morning’s proceedings was reminiscent of Holy Days past when the NHSI were a regular feature of our church celebrations. Rev. Chang Shik Yang and Rev. Philip Schanker deserve credit for their inspiration in bringing this fine ensemble to New York to participate in the day’s events.

Dr. Hendrick’s presided as Master of Ceremonies over the evening entertainment which took place in the newly restored Hammerstein Ballroom at the Manhattan Center. The full house was treated to a wide variety of musical offerings by both members and guest performers.

The New York City Symphony Chamber Orchestra opened the program with a spirited account of Mozart’s ever popular *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik* conducted by David Eaton. With South America being an important dispensational focus, the orchestra presented two South American pieces as well.

Venezuelan flute virtuoso, Marco Granados, teamed up with guitarist, Isamu Nakashio and members of the orchestra in a performance of Astor Piazzolla’s *Tango 1900*. Piazzolla, one of Argentina’s most popular composers, wrote dozens of tangos and his music is performed throughout the world by a wide variety of singers and instrumentalists. The infectious blend of classical elements with jazz and traditional Argentinean dance music has made his music increasingly popular among world audiences.

Soprano Seiko Lee then sang the enchanting Paraguayan song *Alto Parana*. Seiko recently performed in Paraguay with Gloria del Paraguay where she learned this beautiful piece. David Eaton had conducted this music in Paraguay with Gloria in 1995 and thus was able to arranging it for Seiko to perform on this occasion. Seiko also offered the lovely Korean art song, *San Yu Hwa*, a song that True Parents have often sung a various church and family celebrations.

Raoul Joseph and June Maxim performed a duet of the American popu-



True Parents bowing to Heavenly Father at the Children’s Day pledge service

lar song, *From A Distance*. With its vision of a world united in peace with a watchful God overseeing his children, the song was a fitting tribute to True Parents on this day.



The audience for the evening’s entertainment at the Hammerstein Ballroom (“Opera House”) in the Manhattan Center.



The choir at the morning address

Perhaps the most exciting guest performer that has ever appeared at one of our celebrations was vocalist Kenny Mohammed. Known as “The Human Orchestra”

Kenny utilizes his voice in unique and always fascinating ways as he can emulate a variety of percussive and synthesized sounds.

Kenny is a member of Minister Louis Farrakhan’s Nation of Islam who knows Minister Farrakhan personally and on this occasion brought special Holy Day

greetings to True Parents from Minister Farrakhan.

Kenny then presented a solo piece entitled, *“In the Beginning was the Beat. And the Beat was God”*. Kenny’s performance brought the Manhattan Center audience to its feet with a standing ovation. But he wasn’t finished. In a clever merge of pop, hip-hop and classical music Kenny joined the New York City Symphony in a piece entitled, “Kenny’s Joy,” which was composed for this occasion by David Eaton. While Kenny provided the rhythmic underpinning, David and the orchestra played the Vivaldi-esque music and all seemed to enjoy the partnership. Could this be the beginning of a unique musical marriage?

A main component of any celebration entertainment is a video report on True Parents providential activities and on this day members were treated to a report on True Parents recent achievements in Jardim, Mt. Olym-

Woo. Ms. Woo, who performed Antonio Vitali’s *Chaconne for Violin and Piano*, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Jong Choon Woo and the niece of Mr. Sung Am Moon, director of CARP’s Acumedia Studios. She has been awarded a scholarship by True Parents to attend the Juilliard Pre-College Con-



Hyo Jin Nim performing at the evening celebration; below, the children of Jin-A school choir



po and Kodiak. Produced as a monthly video newsletter by our Korean members, the report provided a unique view into the developing accomplishments in South America as well as an up-close look at Father and Mother as they conducted Hoon Dok Hwe activities, led fishing expeditions and instructed members and guests on the issues of True Family Values.

Following the video, the second generation took center stage as 30 members of the Jin A School and friends performed two new songs from the upcoming album, “Have A True Christmas.”

The album is the inspiration of brother Ken Hendricks and features nine of Ken’s songs with vocal performances by various children from Jin A and the New Jersey church. The two songs performed, “True Parents, True Love” and “Songs the Angels Sing,” were led by Ken as the children sang to the pre-recorded instrumental tracks. The production of this album was sponsored by the New Jersey Family Church and all proceeds will go toward a second generation scholarship fund.

The Manhattan Center audience was then treated to an astonishing performance by ten year old violinist, Yae Joo

servatory and as anyone who heard her can attest, she has a formidable talent and a potentially brilliant future. She was accompanied by Rikako Asanuma.

In a tribute to the great victory of Blessing ‘98 at Madison Square Garden, the award-winning gospel choir from the New Life Tabernacle Church of Brooklyn performed three rousing gospel numbers. This choir, and their dynamic conductor, Angela Moses, was the lead choir for the historic 2000 Voice Inter-Church Choir that performed at the Garden on June 13.

A second video was then presented, this one produced by the Pure Love Alliance (PLA). This exciting footage highlighted various PLA activities including their recent tour to Japan and Korea. Second generation members were seen presenting speeches at rallies and concerts as the spirit of the PLA is spreading throughout the world.

The finale of the show paid tribute to the efforts of Hueng Jin Nim, Dae Mo Nim and Chu Mo Nim at Chung Pyung Lake as Robert Hall, Dr. Hendricks and the Family Church Choirs from Manhattan and Washington collaborated on a spirited rendering of “Grace of the Holy Garden.”

As a surprise Grand Finale, Hyo Jin Nim offered two Korean songs in a fitting conclusion to what was a highly entertaining and providentially significant Holy Day celebration. ❖



# New Integrated Health Sciences Center and Clinic Dedicated at University of Bridgeport

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dantly clear that no one form of medical treatment is the perfect solution to every medical problem. At UB, we believe that integrating different forms of medical education will unlock many doors which have refused to yield under the pressure of one medical discipline or another. UB's Health Sciences Center will be a center for integrated medical problem-solving and should evolve into a place where new light will shine onto heretofore unsolved medical mysteries. That is our hope.

"This first gift for this Health Sciences Center from the PWPA is most welcome. It is evidence of the genuine concern for man's worldwide welfare by both the University and this organization, dedicated to promoting world peace. Education will always be our most potent weapon against ignorance, the single most effective barrier between mankind and his life goals. In medicine, the ultimate goal must be to solve every physical and mental problem which stands between each of us and living a full life. Creating a place for the study of the integrated medical sciences is a healthy first step."

When completed, the eight-floor health Sciences Center and Clinic will include clinic space, examination rooms, laboratory space, offices for administration and patient use, teaching spaces and residence for graduate students and visiting teachers. The facade has already been refurbished and the building's infrastructure and systems have also been updated. The 105,000 square-foot building will be dedicated to health science study, a health clinic and health science student residences.

"The expansive lobby welcoming students and patients to the renovated Health Sciences Center and Clinic is a big change.

"Eight months ago this building was a disaster. It was occupied by seagulls and pigeons," said George Santa, chairman of buildings and grounds.

"That wasn't all. Pieces of the ceiling littered the floor and a leaky roof left two feet of water in the basement.

"Three years ago, school trustee Santa said, the university was told it would cost about \$8 million to repair Warner Hall, a former student dormitory



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The celebratory cake; the commemorative calligraphy, the dedication ceremony and, below, the new health center



built in 1966.

"Kyung Hee Chin, executive dean of UB's Health Sciences, saw it as the perfect site to bring the school's health disciplines under one roof.... Project manager Joseph Marolda, an electrical contractor from Fairfield, transformed the building from bird hangout to a haven for science and healing in seven months for \$2 million.

"The building was badly damaged by water, but it was a sound structure," Marolda said. 'It was quite a challenge.'

"He installed new mechanical equipment, 430 windows, and a circular driveway, among other repairs."

It includes "the naturopathic clinic, its faculty, classrooms and intern rooms; the College of Chiropractic; the Institute of Oriental Medicine; a dental hygiene clinic; and the nutritional clinic. Graduate students and visiting teachers will live on the top floors of the eight-story building.

"A finishing touch to the building's transformation is a massive stone fountain designed by landscape artist In Ho Yoon of New Jersey. When you look at the sculpture from the windows of the fourth floor lounge, the stones form the Chinese character for 'heaven'. The stones, the water—and a tree that will soon be planted—symbolize what the building represents, says Chin: 'life and healing'."

"For patients using alternative healing such as chiropractic and naturopathic medicine, and students who want to learn this holistic approach, the Uni-

versity of Bridgeport is trying to become tops on the East Coast in this type of medical practice.

"The College of Chiropractic has been part of the university since 1990 and last year the College of Naturopathic Medicine was established. About 80 people came to a recent open house of the College of Naturopathic Medicine. About 30 students are enrolled with 15 more expected to start in the spring, Frank Zolli, dean of the chiropractic college, said 255 students are in his

school. Both specialties are four-year graduate programs.

"Dean Ron Hobbs, a doctor of naturopathic medicine, said they work so that drugs and surgery eventually will be seen as alternative medicine."

For further information about this project, write to Donna Marino, University of Bridgeport, Cortright Hall, 219 Park Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06601 or call (203)576-4502. ♦

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about love? If your mind never gets old, your love will never get old, nor will your life and lineage. Centering on love, nothing gets old. You will always remain a beautiful young man or woman.

Compare an ugly but faithful woman with a beautiful woman who is an atheist. One has mind and body united, the other has them in conflict. Then as time passes, the ugly becomes beautiful and the beautiful becomes ugly. The ugly becomes beautiful because she receives energy and power from God. Think: my peace, my happiness, my dream are in my spouse, my wife, my husband. So when you go out of town, you will not be tempted. Any tempters have the appearance of rotten fish. Make your mind beautiful. In front of God you will be shining like the sun. Through your shining light, God will be attracted to you.

Dr. Sang Hun Lee believed in Divine Principle, but he wasn't totally convinced. Then in Spirit World he realized it is true,

absolutely true. So he wrote his book from Spirit World. According to him, when the 3 object purposes are fulfilled, then you can see yourself... Thus Father says, let's each make our couple the number one couple to enter the Kingdom of God.

We have the same relationship with God that Adam did: He is my Father. But Adam lost God, and we have True Father and the blessing. These are the weapons with which to fight the fallen world. True Parents even blessed the worst criminals. Therefore they proved themselves to be the True Parents. So Father established the ideal family workshop center in Jardim. The fish in Jardim and Pantanal didn't go through Noah's judgement time. They are from the original creation.

So we have to offer absolute faith, love and obedience to follow True Parents with True Love. Form stage is with the mouth, kissing. Second, the growth stage is fondling the breasts, embracing. Third, the completion stage is in the genitals, convex and concave. Father wishes all of you who came today will eventually become ideal couples and build true families. ♦

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## RELIGIOUS YOUTH SERVICE

## RYS Volunteers Extend Rehab Center in Thailand

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director. Mrs. Delia delighted Dr. Suchart with news that an international group called RYS might be interested in supporting the center's work (titles followed by given names are commonly used in Thailand). The project was also made possible thanks to the tremendous efforts of Mrs. Rabieaprat Pongpanich, wife of the governor of Khonkaen and president of the local chapter of Red Cross International.

Partnering with Dr. Suchart brought extraordinary benefits to the RYS group, as Dr. Suchart was able to offer convenient accommodations, meeting rooms and transportation for the RYS group. Mrs. Delia worked with the Woman's Federation for World Peace in Thailand and Japan find financial support for the project and contacted RYS headquarters in NY seeking participants. Within a few weeks, forty volunteers were ready to come to Khonkaen. Volunteers came from China, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand and the United States.

Prior to the work portion of the RYS, participants and staff gathered in Bangkok for an orientation and training designed to prepare for the RYS experience and strengthen unity and leadership skills. The orientation was guided by an international staff led by Fazida Razak, Eric Wenzel and John Gehring. This period gave the international participants their first taste of Thailand, to some a shock, for Bangkok is laden with smog and heavy traffic problems, a stark contrast to the rural beauty to which they would soon experience.

The RYS took a six hour bus trip through rice fields checkered by Buddhist monasteries and rural farms as they relocated in Khonkaen in the North-

east sector of Thailand. Arriving to the Drug Treatment Center opened the eyes of many participants who had never seen the human suffering inflicted on those who are battling drug addiction.



The treatment center filled with many teenagers and young adults pointed to a problem that many youth worldwide are confronting and Thailand is struggling with.

Soon after arriving a welcome banquet with 200 guests was hosted for the RYS at the Khonkaen Hotel in which the Vice-Governor, Mr. Kittisak Tungamanee, the former Chair of the IRFWP Thailand, Dr. Pichai Tovivich and Red Cross, WFWP and the National Council of Women contributed as speakers. Students of Khonkaen University provided a delightful cultural program of dance and music that opened a window to the beautiful and unique side of Thai culture. Near the conclusion of the evening, moved by the spirit of the occasion, Mrs. Rabieaprat Pongpanich, the Governor's wife began to dance and soon was joined by all the RYS participants and guests.

The morning after the welcome banquet, RYS volunteers initiated the construction of a room and bathroom for nurses attending detoxification patients and a basketball court for the patients' rehabilitation program. Although the Thai summer sun was scorching hot, the volunteers worked joyously each day. The local government through the Ministry of Public Works and the Red Cross supported the work through donating materials, food and time. The inter-generational support for those at the Treatment Center helped lift up the morale of the patients who also could recognize that life has other more positive alternatives.

During the work peri-

od, the participants experienced worship, heard presentations or visited the religious sites of Islam, Catholicism, Hinduism, Sikhism and Buddhism. More significant than the presentations and visits to religious sites, was the very personal experience each participant had in offering selfless service side by side with people from another nation. This practice continues to make RYS a unique interfaith encounter.

Along with the inter-religious component the theme of this RYS project was "Building health and harmony through service". Education programs were varied and included talks by the director of the treatment center Dr. Threethipthikoon, by Mr. Antho-

programs but based on his experience at RYS, he now saw the value of charity. Realizing the transcendent joy of serving those in need, a Thai participant suggested that the nation's Buddhist monks could reap great rewards from joining a program like RYS.

In the end, some participants lamented that more groups and representatives of more religions did not participate in the project. For example, although the project was held in Thailand, there was only one Thai Buddhist monk among the participants. On the positive side, a few participants who professed to have no religious inclination spoke of the grand experience they had at the RYS and said they would recommend the program to others. Through their experience they had come to discover the universal spirit of religion and gained an appreciation of its value in today's society.

RYS projects traditionally conclude with a reflective time and by including a visit to the 13th century temple built during the Khmer civilization in Pimai added a special depth to this period of inner search. Other visits during this period included trips to the Emerald Temple, the Reclining Buddha and the Taekwood Palace. One staff member wrote during the orientation that, "Truly, we come here as lowly caterpillars-jaded by urban life-but we live here transformed-now butterflies-ready to spread our wings."



Top, local civil defense women's organization offers support for the project. Center, participating in a Buddhist meditation. Bottom, weaving bamboo foundations for the basketball court



ny Aparo of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification on, "Differences between love and sexuality", Mr. Tipmanaworn spoke on the theme: "Building global citizens through values education and multi-cultural awareness", while Dr. Charoensetsil gave a presentation on "Quest for inner peace" from a Buddhist and Sai Baba perspective. All these programs provided time for question and answers and helped stimulate team discussions.

Those who experience RYS see the service aspect of the program as a critical to achieving a working harmony among cultures and religions. Service itself, often transforms or confirms deeply held notions. Halfway through the program, a Japanese participant said he had been skeptical of volunteer

Other participants were amazed that they could make such good friends with young people who came from nations that are political rivals or who had fought against each other in a world war.

With six RYS projects, Thailand ranks second to India in the number of RYS projects to date. Considering the difference in population, Thailand's support for the RYS program, and the allure of the country makes Thailand a favorite location for RYS. RYS Alumni are already considering their next Thai project.

If you are interested in learning more about, please visit us on the web at [www.rys.net](http://www.rys.net) or contact John Gehring [rys@pipeline.com](mailto:rys@pipeline.com) or at RYS, 4 W 43 Street, New York, NY 10036 212-869-6023. ❖

## Congratulations

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... on the birth of Shin Pul Nim, a son, to Hyung Jin Nim and Yun Ah Nim on November 12, 1998



# Eve Abel and Cain National Messiah 40 Day Workshop in the Pantanal at Fuerte Olimpo in Paraguay

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posely “bowed out” on other occasions when Father has asked National Messiahs to attend certain events. This may not have been the wisest thing to do, however, if I ever wanted to go to my nation, I could not see another way of doing it.

However, when Father asked the NMs to attend this Workshop, I felt deeply my heart that I absolutely had to attend. Working at USA HQ, I got Dr. Hendricks’ go ahead to attend this Workshop. Next I needed to get permission from Rev. Joong Hyun Pak who was attending the Workshop in Alaska. He came back just in time to also give me the go ahead.

I had heard horror stories about the poor living situations that we might have to encounter. So I prepared as well as I could. I bought mosquito nets and spray, after itch ointment, diarrhea medicine, water purification tablets, German army pants, French army desert boots and other small gadgets that were supposed to keep me alive for 40 days. I even flwobee’d (cut) my hair to about an inch length. I was ready to go and take on all of South America.

It was about a 9 hour flight from New York’s JFK to Sao Paulo. From there I switched airplanes and went on to Campo Grande. This was another 11/2 hour flight. I was pretty exited and looked forward to the experience of going fishing in the South American wilderness.. In Campo Grande I took a cab to the Bus Depot (Real \$ 9.00, the Brazilian dollar is called Real \$, mainly because the money they had before had been just about worthless and “not so real.” Value about Real \$ 1.20 for US \$1.00).

The 11am bus was already sold out, so I had to wait for the 3pm bus to take me to Jardim. Cost of the trip, Real \$15.50. I was not so happy to “lose” all this time. I wanted to connect with the Jardim crowd ASAP. I was pumped. However, what could I do? Nothing. So I had to switch gears. I thought it would be a good idea to find out how to handle the “Hobby Industry.” I stored my luggage and went sight seeing.

Campo Grande is a fairly large town. I am not so sure how many people lived there, but by my estimation it would be close to two million. People were very friendly. Not far from the Bus Depot was a market where everybody and their brother sold something from little carts or tables. shoes, clothing, mechanical tools, electronic equipment, CD’s and more toys than you could shake a stick at. This market stretched out for almost a mile. At the center of the city there were shops everywhere. Sidewalk café’s where your bottle of coke was served in a bottle shaped cooler. After filling your glass, you could just pop the bottle right back in the cooler. It was a good way to keep your drink cool.

When I returned to the Bus Depot, I ran into some brothers who had just arrived from Sap Paulo via bus. They had been on the bus for 16 hours and it had been somewhat tiring. The bus ride cost about Real \$50.00, which is much cheaper than flying of course. Finally the time came to get on the bus. Here we met up with some Canadians who were headed in the same direction.

It would take us another 4 hours to arrive at our destination.

The bus was not air-conditioned, the roads were very rough and the heat was almost too much for us cold blooded Northerners. We stopped in 4 or 5 small city to pick up or drop off some passengers. An army of “fund-raisers” would attack us with ice-cold drinks, bread and souvenirs at every stop.

One stop before Jardim all of us got off the bus. Here we were to call Jardim for someone to pick us up. No one knew exactly what to do. I tried to ask one of the local ladies, but of course she did not speak any English. Sign language had to suffice. All of the sudden this lady became very excited and she pointed to my Blessing Ring. She grabbed my hand and said with a bright shining face, pointing to my ring “Me too, Me too.” She bowed several times while she was strongly shaking my hand. Apparently she had been pre-blessed and was very happy about it. She called for us and after about 30 minutes our pick-up came. By now it was about 9pm and it was quite dark.

Soon we arrived at the New Hope East Garden Estate. In the office we were assigned rooms in two different buildings. The buildings were just beautiful. The craftsmanship seen here was of the highest order. The rooms were quite comfortable, with 2 Beds, an air conditioner and a shower that could produce warm and hot water.

At 3 am we boarded a bus that took us to the Paraguay River where we arrived at around 7:am. Three “Go Boats” awaited us to take us up the river, a fourth boat had broken down, so we had to “squeeze in.” It was quite an interesting experience.

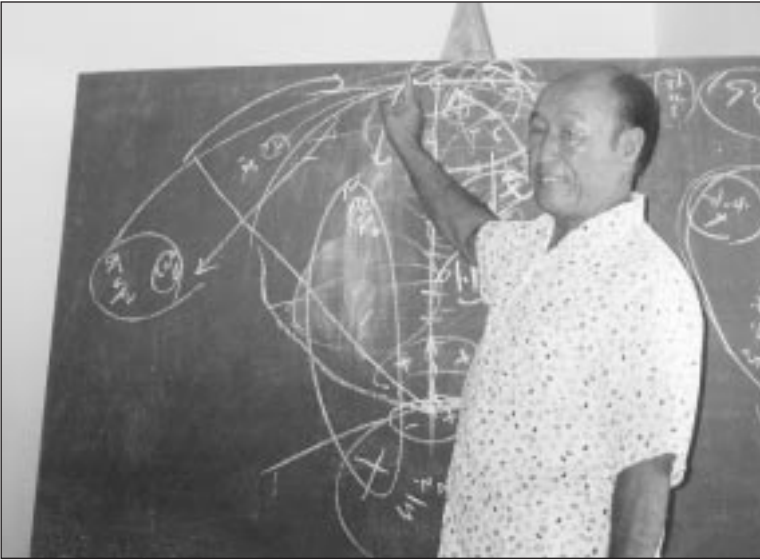
From the Brazilian side of the river, we went across to the Paraguayan side, a trip of about 100 yards. Here we stopped at the “immigration” building. A peace of architecture that looked very much like a barn or a stable. Soon we were cleared to go, and off we went up the river to Fort Olimpo. Since there were so many of us on each boat, we had to occupy every square inch. I went right up front. We were moving at quite some speed. It had been raining lightly for the last hour and if was good to feel the breeze of fresh air and the rain in my face. Since it was so warm, the rain did not feel uncomfortable at all.

The countryside to the left (Paraguay) and right (Brazil) of the river was alike, a bushy terrain studded with palm trees. Nothing too exciting, but it was new and thus somewhat interesting. We saw Father’s boat about half an hour before we arrived at our destination, well, that was pretty exciting. It took us all of three and a half-hours to arrive at Fort Olimpo. Of course, at that time neither I nor anyone else had a clear idea of where we were going. Most of us thought that we would end up somewhere in the bushes in a tent far away from even the remotest pieces of civilization.

I was the first one off the boat and when I asked where we were going from

here, I was told that “this was it,” we were not going anywhere. We had arrived at our destination. Well, to most of us this was surprising news. Naturally we were not really unhappy about this, because now we got to stay in a solid building in the middle of a fair sized town of about 5000 People. This put a whole new slant on our 40-day indemnity condition.

We had heard about the difficulties of the Korean National Messiah’s dur-



Father explaining the providential course of restoration in his speech to the workshop on November 5.

ing their 40-day fishing course. They had suffered much with the mosquitoes and the bad water. In their group diarrhea was an every day occurrence and many of them got very sick. Later on it was explained to me that the Korean NM lived in very primitive circumstances in order to construct and prepare the building for us so that we would have it somewhat easier. The water situation was also resolved. Arrangements were made with the mayor of the town to get water from a well. Thus our group had hardly any problems with diarrhea. We owe a lot of thanks to the Korean NM for preparing the way for us.

Our luggage did not make it up the river, since there was not enough space on the boats. It would arrive later on that day. Father and Mother, were fishing on the Paraguay River, each in their own boat. So, since there was not much to do at this time I borrowed a bicycle from one of the staff members and took a tour through the town.

It was somewhat of a culture shock for me to see how people lived here. Most of the buildings were made from raw palm tree logs. The workmanship was not of the best quality. The spaces between the logs did not seem to bother the inhabitants of those “log cabins.” There were windows, but no windowpanes. There was an opening to access the cabin, but in most cases there were no doors. The palm tree logs are of a dirty dark gray color, in the whole town and I do not remember seeing any one of those cabins painted.

It was interesting to see that 90% of the cabins that had electricity also had a TV satellite dish about 6 feet in diameter. One day, on the

way back from fishing, I watched the efforts of mother and child to adjust their satellite dish in order to get the reception they wanted. Mother inside screaming direction to the child outside. I could not tell whether it was a girl or boy but the child was not more than 5 years old. The child desperately tried to please the mother by moving the dish into the proper position. All the while the house pets, the dogs, piglets and chicken freely moved in and

out of the cabin. Of course the conversation was in Guaranese, which is about the same as Spanish, so I did not understand very much. Finally the dish was in the proper position and peace was once again established.

Because it was so warm, everything was out in the open. The main streets were paved with hardened sand/gravel and clay mix. The side streets are just the regular clay, asphalt seemed to be unknown in this part of the country. When it rains, the side streets are impossible to travel on. Everything gets flooded quite badly and to move around after a heavy

rainstorm was not easy. Regular sand as we know it here in North America was not to be found anywhere. The soil was a very dark gray loam or clay, which became very hard when it was dry and super soft and sticky when it was wet.

Domestic animals had the freedom to roam wherever they wanted. No one kept them in check, the chicken, dogs, pigs, sheep, goats, donkeys, cows and horses were always to be seen. In our yard, on the streets, in every area imaginable. I thought it was sort of fun having them around, and to me they never became a nuisance.

I developed a friendship with a couple of donkeys, which was kind of nice. I wanted to do the same with a particular horse, but it would not allow me to get too close to it. In general all the animals were quite shy and would not let you get close enough to touch them.

Life for the local people seemed very relaxed. I could not figure out how they made a living. Some families just survive by what they grow in their gardens and what they can fish in the river. Those families are free to fish all year round, while the more “well off” fami-

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lies are not allowed to fish during the off season.

The river is the center of life in this town. The locals come here to bathe, wash their laundry and get their water supply for their homes. Those who live nearby carry the water by the pail full into house. Others come with a big barrel on top of a mule drawn cart to get their supply. I could now much easier understand why major civilization always developed around a river.

We ourselves had a pump floating out on the river, about 40 feet from the shore. This pump would fill the water tanks located on the top of a type of scaffold rising above the roof of our building. From here the water would by gravity flow into our showers, toilets and washbasins.

As long as we had electricity, we had water. If the electricity failed, some of us went the way of the locals to wash up and do our laundry directly in the river. Electricity would usually fail during a major thunderstorm. We had quit a few of those and thus we were without electricity quite a few times.

There was initially some apprehension about going into the river because of the piranhas. We have been educated, mainly through movies that these ferocious fish eat anything that crosses their path and has some meat on their bones. So initially I myself was quite careful not to put too much of myself into the water. There even was a joke going around about piranhas. "How do you catch 5 piranhas at the same time?...."Stick your hand in the water!" However, soon we realized that the whole piranha phobia had been blown totally out of proportions.

All the children of the town could be found in the evening swimming in the river. They seemed to be having a grand old time. It did not take me and some of the others long to shake the fear of swimming with the piranhas. Rev. Zin Moon Kim went swimming for the first time in the river about a week or so before the workshop ended. This certainly broke a barrier for the Japanese NM and many of them took the risk to also brave the river from that time on. There were some, however, who never made it into the river, but maybe the reason for that had nothing to do with piranhas.

Soon after I arrived back from my bicycle excursion around town, True Parents arrived back from fishing. First Mother, and after a little while, Father. Everyone would come to the river to greet Father and Mother, applauding and cheering as their boat came in. This would become a regular occurrence and the "main event" for us to greet True Parents when they returned from fishing every evening.

Mother usually would bring her boat in earlier then Father. It would still be daylight and on a couple of occasions we were able to take pictures with her in a very close setting. One evening Mother was especially happy, because she caught five big and beautiful Bacu's. "I fulfilled my mission today," she said proudly with a big smile on her face. We all were very happy for Mother and

it felt like we were just one big family at that time.

Father stayed out longer. His boat would not pull in until after dark. When Father got off the boat he generally was very serious but he never forgot to smile when we greeted him. Father quickly got into the car and went home. We dearly missed that "close in and warm" type of feeling we had at "the home-coming" reception of True Parents after they left.

All we could do that day was to prepare our fishing gear for the next day. Rev. Chang from Canada, a graduate of the Koran NM Workshop briefed us, gave us some tips and showed us the four types of fish we were supposed to catch: Boga, Suruby, Bacu and Dorado.

The Boga had to be 38 centimeters long, the Suruby 100cm, the Bacu 40cm and the Dorado 55cm. Anyone of these fish had to be thrown back into the river it they did not measure up, however, they could be counted towards the 160 fish total.

In the evening at 9:00pm we had Hoon Dok Hae with True Parents. Father asked Mother to pray to officially open the "40 Day Special National Messiah Workshop in the Pantanel."

After Mother's prayer one Korean sister, Won Joo McDevitt, read from a book that was published on the first of October of this year called "Life of the Mind and Soul"... Love Stories by True Father. The book was read in Korean and of course most of us could not understand what was being read. True Parents knew this so Mother suggested to us that we would have to "tune in spiritually" to understand what is going on. We retired for the day at around 10:30pm. Tomorrow, Monday would be the big day, our first day of fishing.

**First Day**

Wake up call was at 4:30am. Breakfast at 5. At 5:30am we got ready to go out. Some local people provided the bait. Each person got 10 fish to use as bait. By 6am we were on our way to our fishing grounds. It had been explained to us that for the first week we should get used to the heat and the fishing gear and learn how to fish from the riverbank of the Paraguay River. Then, after a week we would be able to use the boats and go out on the river. There were 41 of us and we had plenty of small boats to go around to have space everyone.

Four teams were made and each team went of by foot to their respective

"fishing grounds." A Japanese Team Leader was assigned to each team. Each brother was armed with his fishing rod, tackle box, big rubber boots, a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen. It was somewhat awkward at first, dealing with all this equipment and one had to watch out not to get whacked by an errand fishing rod.

For lunch we carried a 1 or 1 1/2 liter water bottle and three rice balls with an apple or an orange. Before I left, my wife and kids made it very clear to me that they expected for me to lose my potbelly while I was in South America. If this lunch was all I would eat for the next 40 days, this would definitely do the trick for me. It should not be hard to shed a few pounds.

But it would even get better, due to the salt content in the kimchee and those rice balls, my ankles began to swell up and I had to cut out the kimchee at dinner and the rice balls at lunch. I did not mind to do that and just live on two meals a day. I would definitely slim down by only eating fruit at lunch. After about three days my ankles turned back to normal.

Some of us had been fishing before, myself included, but still it took a couple of hours to get back into a proper casting spirit. At first, everyone kept a save distance from each other, so as not to be caught by a hook from an apprentice heavenly fisherman. After a couple of days we had all become experts and we could cast our lines in quite a professional manner.

The early morning hours were very beautiful and quite cool. As the sun rose toward its zenith, however, it got hotter and hotter. It was not easy at first to get used to the heat. After 8am you were sweating all the time, even if you were just sitting still. It was impossible to take off your shirt, because the sun would burn you to shreds. A wide brim hat, a good pair of sunglasses, and sun block lotion was an absolute must for everyone. The sun was so bright and you would get the light not only from up above but also from down below, reflecting from the water surface. This was very intense on the face, especially the nose. It was wise to cover up as much of your body as possible. The hands suffered the most, especially the area between the thumb and the pointer.

From the beginning I had the urge to jump into the water and cool down, but on that first day I saw a crocodile lazily floating down the river. On top of that, the only fish we were catching

were piranhas. So it just did not seem a very good idea to go swimming at that time.

Our team did not catch any "real" fish that day. The only real fish in the river were the fish that Father wanted us to catch, the bacu, boga, dorado and the suruby. Other teams had similar results.

At 6pm we packed up our gear and walked back to the property. Here we could prepare for the next day and get ready for dinner at 7:30pm. Dinner was the big meal of the day. The food was good; Servings consisted of rice, kimchee, vegetables, beef, fish or chicken, soup and fruit. The local people supplied everything.

After dinner we would just get ready for a 9pm Hoon Dok Hae meeting with True Parents. This meeting took place in a small hall next to our sleeping quarters, about 18 feet wide and 55 feet long. Father and Mother would sit on a love seat, a small couch just big enough for the two of them. It was a very intimate setting and I felt very close to True Parents. True Father and True Mother were much more relaxed and informal during our time together. Father told us one evening that the time to have a close personal relationship with true Parents has come.

We all should have a close relationship with True Parents. Many times in the past I have thought about what it would take to have such a relationship with Father and Mother. On what foundation can such a relationship really happen? Since, as regular western members we do not have the opportunity to physically be close to them, it could only be done through a lot of prayer and by closely following Father's directions and fulfill them. Walking the path Father has walked and feeling the things Father has felt when he walked the course would make Father a more real and personal Father. Now I have tried to do that to the best of my ability and I feel that sometimes I have succeeded and at other times I have not.

Many times in the past I imagined in my mind to meet Father and Mother in person, just the three of us. What would it be like? What would we be talking about? What could I say to True Parents? Could I carry on a conversation that would be an inspiration to True Parents? I did not feel confident about that. Certainly I have not done anything great to talk about. I found myself in a somewhat insecure, uncomfortable, unworthy and even fearful mood during these mental encounters.

This flashed through my mind when Father told us that this is the time to have a personal relationship with True Parents. Now here we were, about 60 of us, quite close physically to True Parents, which had a profound impact on everyone. In this situation it was much easier for me to feel close to True Parents. However, the barrier caused by my sinful nature and lack of accomplishment was still there and thus my insecurities. But for some reason my anxiety was less troubling then the ones I had in the past when I had my mental "encounters" with True Parents.

That evening ended with some entertainment. Mother seemed to have fun choosing some brothers to perform and

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the brothers certainly enjoyed entertaining True Parents and us. The atmosphere was very relaxed and even joyful. It was a good way to end the day.

Second Day

On our first fishing day, Monday, the 26th of October Father had invited four Japanese brothers to join him at breakfast. He spoke to the brothers very seriously for about two hours. When the breakfast meeting with Father was finished, he assigned these four Japanese brothers to be the team leaders and told them to share the content of the speech with the team. The former team leaders would become their assistants. When the Japanese brother explained this to us I felt that we were in for a very serious experience. This speech definitely set the tone for me for the rest of the workshop.

Father's Words, Fort Olimpo, Breakfast Meeting with four Japanese National Messiahs, 6am - October 26th 1998

Father was quite angry that only so few National Messiahs came (at that time there were 41 one of us). He could not imagine that the travel expense and the workshop fee would keep anyone from coming here. Father is hitting the table angrily as he speaks "I brought Heavenly Father and the National Messiahs here. But only so very few came. The workshop loses it's meaning with such few NM. Maybe we should cancel it.

I have been teaching absolute faith, love and obedience. To what effect? Especially the Japanese should come. We have to save the world. Japan will be punished if they don't unite with Father and follow.

Paraguay is the center of South America. The American government and even the Communists have an office in Ascension. Paraguay and Uruguay are very important in God's Providence here in South America. Father addressed the Brazilian Congress and spoke out for religious freedom. He explained to them that there should be unity between the Catholics and the Protestants and South America and North America.

Two third of the leadership will accept Father. Right now only 400 million people live in South America. However, there is enough space her to support 8 billion people. But the countries are not united and there is much corruption. If Paraguay and Brazil can unite, the Pantanal centered on Jardim can become the center of the world. In the rainy season, land twice the size of Japan will all be submerged under the water. Clean water is most important in the future. We will provide water from the Pantanal to the whole world. If we can care for the water, we can care for the world.

Ever since WW II and more so right now, pollution is destroying the world. If we continue at the same pace, within 300 years, the world will be finished, totally polluted. The UN actually should do more to protect the natural resources of the world. Thus we must support it. We must hold workshops to research nature and figure out how to protect it. If we can do it, everyone will respect

us. We must protect True Parents most of all.

One million Japanese are living in Brazil. That is a pretty strong foundation and we should work with them. Japan is beginning to accept True Parents. 120 Japanese Blessed Families have to go to each of the 185 nations. They worship too many false gods including a female god. Japan has faced an incredible crisis in 1988 and it has been engulfed in total darkness. 12 Korean Blessed Families each have to also go to 185 nations. This is the last Providence. The entire Japanese property must be given to the world. Eventually 40 million people should migrate to the 185 nations in the future.

Communism is gone now as a governmental system, but it is still expanding on the individual and family levels. Catholics, Protestants and the Jewish

and thus he could open the 12 gates of Heaven and liberate hell. The suffering course Father went through can not be compared with the suffering of Adam. Father's life has been absolutely miserable. The first four Providential Nations did not accept Father and thus they are suffering. Constantly Father had to make indemnity conditions to save the world.

Kim Il Sung believed in Father as the savior. He shook hands with Father and thus the birthright of the elder brother was restored to the heavenly side. Then True Parents restored the parental right and the King position. Based on Father's ability to set up the elder son nation. The 6000 year history was restored and now we can go to the Kingdom of Heaven. Kim Jung Il also respects True Parents because of the influence Father has in the east.

centered on True Parents and establish the pattern and Heavenly Traditions that would be the foundation for the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. If we have that one True Nation, then very soon two more True Nations could arise. This would be the foundation for the rest of the world to come under God's dominion.

This was all to take place centered on a united Korea. The New Hope East Garden should have been established at Chung Pyung Lake, not at Jardim. The one True Nation should have been one united Korea. From there the Kingdom should have spread throughout the world. Only because America, Japan and Korea rejected their heavenly mandate and failed to accept True Parents does Father now have to go to plan "B." That is the South American Providence. Father is so amazing, so wise, he learned

from Jesus' mistake. Jesus did not have a backup plan and thus he eventually ended up on the cross. Already, in the early 1970's Father began to lay the foundation in South America for his secondary plan.

Father is building God's True Nation in South America. No nation in the satanic world accepted Father direction to become a True Nation, thus, Father has to build his own True Nation. That is the reason why so much land in Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay is being purchased. Up to this point 40,000 hectares has been accumulated. The long range goal is to buy 150,000 hectares (one hectare is 2.47 acres or 10 square kilometers). That is a lot of land, but still, I am sure that Father wants even more than that.

Our second day of fishing was not more successful than the first. However, one brother on our team who spoke Spanish quite well, convinced a local boot fisherman to take us in his boat to some of the better fishing grounds in the area the next day. I was looking forward to it. This would make fishing somewhat more interesting.

The following morning we had our standard breakfast of 2 slices of French bread, 2 slices of ham, 2 slices of cheese and one fried egg. The breakfast was my favorite meal. Many brothers enjoyed the unlimited supply of Brazilian coffee. I stuck to the barley tea that was also on the menu. I would mainly drink barley tea throughout the workshop. Drinking hot barley tea rather than the cold water. I did not want to take any chances to waste my time by being sick. And it worked, I never had any problems with diarrhea or any other ailment.

Hot barley tea with a bit of sugar became my favorite drink. Even on the hottest of days, that drink took care of my thirst. I did, however, develop a deep appreciation for ice cold soda. A small grocery store sold them for less than 50 cents one block away. The ice cold fizz hit the spot every time. There was no comparison with having a similar drink in New York City. It was really good, but it also was not so healthy. I tried to limit myself to just one soda every two days.

After breakfast we went to meet up with the local fisherman and his boat. We had to wait for him for a little while, but finally he showed up. All ten of us

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people have all welcomed Father. The Japanese want to be like Koreans because the Spirit World is influencing them. The National Messiahs are the eternal King of their nation.

No one believes that we can be victorious in the 360 million Blessing. 160 of your relatives should become missionaries. Germany, USA and Japan must unite in doing that. The Japanese missionaries absolutely have to stay in their mission country. They should not return home whenever they want. Japanese currency will only be paper soon, without value. Thus spend the money now. Even if Japan disappears, it's all right as long it has helped others. We must swallow and digest everything. The June 13th Blessing was a big turning point. Now we must love our enemies. Why do NM complain about the money to come here. Why do the NM not come here, this determines their eternal life. I am very lonely, no one understands me.

Confucius is of Korean descent. Japan is the only oceanic island nation still in God's Providence. In Japan you are allowed to marry your cousin, but you should not do it.

Fish and alligators can swallow good and bad. That is the spirit of the Pantanal. At the June 13th 1998 Blessing good and bad, head and tail united. Saints and Assassins all were saved together. There are no more enemies.

The spirit of the Pantanal is that of the last Settlement. We must go over all satanic positions. The Pantanal has the blessing of land and water. Now it must unite with True Parents. Father made so many indemnity conditions

We must now create unity between the Tribal Messiahs and the National Messiahs. Some Japanese complain, but they do not understand the value. They can become huge trees in front of Adam. Eve can not insist of her position. We have to unite and be sincere before True Parents.

Eve has to offer three generations. Japanese members have to sell their homes and land and go to the world. Taiwan, the Philippines and Canada are to support Japan. These 40 days are important for you to unite with True Parents. Please make a strong effort to unite with True Parents and True Children. [end]

*(These notes are very spotty and some of Father's words have been lost do to lack of understanding and translation.)*

Fishing

The brother also told us that True Parents will continue having breakfast meetings with four different Japanese brothers every day. For dinner, True Parents will invite four western members. That was quite exciting, having dinner with True Parents in a very personal way.

After everything was said and done, we got ready to go out fishing. As we walked to our fishing area, I reflected on Father's words. The spirit behind them was so serious and I was somewhat taken aback. I could feel a sense of desperation and urgency that I have never felt before. I can not describe this feeling with words. Does Father feel this way as well? Probably so and much more. Heavenly Father needs a sovereign nation, a nation He can govern



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jumped into the small boat that was powered by a small diesel engine. There was just enough space for everyone. We went on a half an hour cruise up a small side arm of the river.

As the day went on it became unbearably hot, my hands were all swollen up because of their exposure to the sun. I had no energy, every move I made seemed to be in slow motion. I lost three or four hooks in the river and not even the piranhas were biting. It was a challenging time, but I did not want to give up. I fought myself through this sluggishness to the best of my ability. Even putting the bait on the hook seemed to be a task to difficult to face. I felt like putting down the fishing rod for a while and take a break. But thinking about Father and how hard he worked, I just could not do it. I felt it was important to continue fishing. However, I lost some of my focus during that stretch of time but I never gave up.

At lunch time I was pulled to go for a little walk along the riverbank. The underbrush was quite thick but I soon found a deer trail that I could easily follow. I really felt that Heavenly Father was urging me on to follow that trail and I wondered were it would be leading me. About 100 yards away from our fishing spot I came to a little clearing at the riverbank. "Go ahead, jump in," was the strong feeling I had. Was this what Heavenly Father had in mind when He urged me on to follow that trail? Probably so! I had felt so calm and unafraid of anything. The snakes, the crocodiles or any of the other wild and dangerous animals that probably hang out in this territory did not worry me at all. I was aware of their existence and I was cautious, but I was "cool." As I look back at this time, even more so than then, I realized that the Holy Spirit was with me and guiding me. It felt very good.

I took my shirt off, kept my sneakers and pants on and walked into the water. It was quite shallow. I laid flat on my back in the water and even though the water was quite warm it was really refreshing. I cooled down for about ten minutes. I felt like a new man after that. The rest of the team, I think, was a bit worried about me, especially the team leader. Everyone thought that I was somewhat crazy, but in reality I had had an encounter with our Heavenly Father, that I think we both enjoyed. The next day we went back to the same spot and another brother joined me in the experience. We had a good time.

Shortly after we returned to our home base, it was announced that True Mother was on her way in. We all rushed to the boat landing area (a pier is in the planning stages) where basically the boats are run ashore, and passengers are walked off the boat on a wide and strong plank. When True Mother stepped on shore, she had a big smile on her face and said "I fulfilled my mission today!" Her boat crew lifted 5 big Bacu's off the boat, beautiful fish. True Mother was obviously very happy. She stayed around for some time to take many pictures with us.

Hoon Dok Hae in the evening was

always a good experience. Being so close to Father and Mother was always an inspiration, even if we could not understand what was going on. True Parents were usually very relaxed. At one point Father took off his socks and encouraged everyone who wanted to, to do the same.

Today was the day three brothers and I were to meet True Parents in their private dining room over dinner. I was still somewhat apprehensive but all throughout the day I made an effort to clear my mind of all that had troubled me in the past and put it behind me. If there ever was a good day to catch a fish, this would be the day. At least if Father or Mother asked, then the answer could at least be "yes," I caught a fish today. So all my focus for the day went to catching that fish. The boat took us to our regular spot. After an hour and a half or so, a Canadian brother caught a Surubi, 52 cm long. It was too short,

thus it had to get back into the water. However, it counted toward the goal of the 160 fish we were supposed to catch.

So there was hope for more fish to be in that river. Our team had never caught this kind of fish before. About half an hour later, a fish struck my line. It did not feel like a piranha or a catfish. And I was right, I pulled out a beautiful Surubi, 53 cm long. Also much too short, but anyway I was happy to have caught at least one "real" fish as we called the 4 types of fish Father wanted us to catch. I think another brother on the team caught a dorado that day as well. But that was it for the day. On our way back home in the boat my thoughts moved ahead and I tried to prepare myself for the dinner with True Parents.

I did not want to take negative, fearful or shameful feeling to the dinner table. I totally emptied my heart, so as not to bring a disturbing atmosphere to dinner. Rev. Zin Moon Kim had arrived earlier that day. At dinner time he told us that he had to cut one person. He did not give any reason for it. Eventually the time came to enter the Dining Room. We gave one full bow to True Parents and sat down. There were only seven chairs and we were eight people. Thus one more brother had to leave the room.

Rev. Zin Moon Kim and Rev. Eu who had been working a long time in South America and another Korean brother joined the dinner table. That left only two chairs for us. The Abel National Messiah to Ireland and myself ended up having dinner with True Parents. However, the dinner became some sort

of a business meeting, Rev. Kim spoke for about ten minutes and then Rev. Eu took over. He spoke for about half an hour. In the meantime, the two of us quietly ate our dinner. We did not know what was going on and thus felt somewhat out of place.

But the setting was still very beautiful. We did not have any electricity on that day and thus we had a candle light dinner. I was sitting at the end of the table opposite from Father. Mother was sitting to Father's left. She did not speak at all. Father seemed very tired but he made a big effort to pay attention to Rev. Kim and Rev. Eu. He looked at me a couple of times with a subtle smile on his face. All I could do is smile back. After about 40 minutes the dinner came to an end. I was somewhat disappointed. It would have been nice to be able to exchange even just a few words with Father. An opportunity like that may never present itself.

On Friday evening, October 30<sup>th</sup>, our 6<sup>th</sup> day of fishing, at Hoon Dok Hae Father has Rev. Zin Moon Kim show us some architectural drawings of buildings that will be build both in Jardim and Fort Olimpo. There were 26 types of buildings, beautifully designed, Shopping Malls, Stores, Family Living Quarters, Gymnasiums, Schools and a Condominium. The Condominium will be will be build to house four families from four nations who will be able to live together and raise each other's children. This project is scheduled to be completed in 3 years.

We were told that Saturday, October 31, 1998 would be our last day of fishing. The fishing season ended on that day. There would be no fishing for the next three months. This was a great disappointment for all of us, but there was nothing we could do. We were just getting ourselves into the right "fishing zone" and we were looking forward to try our fishing skills from the boats. However, it was not to be.

We became Construction Workers from that point on. Rev. Kim told us that the central focus of the workshop was to review our life in the church, repent, and make a determination to live a life of absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience. It would have probably be easier doing that while watching the tip of a fishing pole, rather than swinging a sledge hammer or a shovel.

Our schedule changed drastically from Sunday, November 1, 1998. From 7am to 10am we had a work assignment. From 10am to 2pm was siesta time. The temperature during that time

could get up to 110° Fahrenheit. From 2pm to 5pm we had two study periods. The first one was usually a testimony, in the second period Rev. Zin Moon Kim would give us a lecture or some internal guidance. At 5pm we would be on work assignment again until 7pm. Free time 'til 9pm. At 9pm we had a Hoon Dok Hae session for one hour and at 10pm it was testimony time again.

Even though I missed the fishing, I was quite happy with this schedule. Father had given directions that everyone should give their testimony. To be able to hear testimonies from all the workshop participants was so very precious. I learned so much during the testimony time. The National Messiahs from Japan were a very close bunch of brothers. Most of them joined at around the same time and knew each other quite well. There was a sort of camaraderie there that was unique. I felt that this would help to create stronger unity among the nations.

The work details we received were all centered on our property. By this time more Japanese National Messiah's had arrived. The second group never had a chance to go fishing. We had about eight teams of ten per team. Every morning and every afternoon we lined up "army style" to get our work assignment.

We dug holes, set poles, build fences, laid foundations, dug trenches, laid wires, moved rocks, broke down walls, pulled weeds, poured cement, sawed logs, fixed tools, laid water pipes, installed a water pump, drained ditches, fixed the plumbing, built a boat landing ramp, swept the yard, crushed rocks, painted walls, moved doors, laid floors, installed clothe lines, pulled boats out of the water, put boats into the water.

It was not easy to keep 80 National Messiah's occupied for that length of time. Eventually an old timers team was set up, NM's 59 years and up. Their main task was to burn the garbage and make sure no strange animals walked onto the grounds. When things got really desperate and there was not enough to do for everyone, some teams were sent out o clean up the garbage in the town.

Much of the work was quite demanding. The soil was a very hard clay and it took some effort to dig into it. We had to dig one big hole, 2.5 meters deep and about 3.5 meters square. In this hole we would pour the foundation for the new water tower. It was quite a challenging job, but I liked doing that kind of thing. The temperature was always hot and on some days it was even hotter. Swinging a pick ax or a shovel was hard work and within minutes my clothing was soaked with sweat.

This type of work was quite a contrast from what I was used to, working in the office at the Continental HQ in New York. Soon I had blisters on both of my hands. They were somewhat painful but I ignored the pain and continued digging. I wanted to give all that I had and not hold back even a little bit.

During the 30 days we did the construction work, I felt I was laying a foundation not only for my mission country, the Czech Republic, but also for the new nation. The first True Nation of Heaven and Earth which True Par-

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ents are building at this very moment. If there was a tough job to do, I wanted to be the first doing it. There were many brothers to work but not enough space to work at times. A “replacement system” developed very naturally. Everyone on the team wanted to worked hard but not all could work at the same time, thus we had to take turns. Three or four brother would be working and the others would be watching. After ten minutes of hard work usually someone slowed down somewhat, usually a sign of fatigue. As soon as that happened he was asked to step aside and someone else would continue until they slowed down. We would take turns like that all day long. Sometimes, even though a brother slowed down, he would not give up his post and continue working. Sometimes we had to force a brother to surrender the shovel or pick ax in order to protect him and the brothers that worked beside him. Everybody wanted to do their best. Sometimes so many brothers were working on such a small area, swinging their picks, shovels and hoes, that it had me worried that someone might get hurt here. Two days later, True Parents flew in for a brief afternoon to give a special prayer of protection for us so that no accident of any kind would happen and no one would get hurt. True Parents knew everything that was going on here, so it seemed to me.

I felt that I was not just digging holes or putting up fences, I was building a new nation, Heavenly Father’s first True Nation on the Earth, so I had to do my best, I had to set a good example for all the people that would come after me to South America to build this True Nation. This was my attitude with every job I worked on during the construction time. By the way I saw other brothers investing themselves, they must have felt that as well. I did not care about my blisters, I did not need gloves, band aids or even anti-biotics. I was the pilgrim, a builder of the First True Nation of God and nothing could harm me. This sounds pretty crazy now but that’s how I felt then, and I still feel that way today.

I could sense that I was at the center of the Providence was right here in South America. True Parents are doing something so huge here, it is mind boggling. They are building God’s first True Nation. Who is going to live on this land? People from all nations around the world should come and settle there. Especially the Japanese people, Father wants to bring all of them there. I am sure Father would like to take the North Koreans and have them settle there as well. People from every nation should make up God’s True Nation. Father wants to make a deal with the government of Brazil and Paraguay to have 20,000 members immigrate to those countries soon. He needs that number of people just to get things started.

Father has also allotted a strip of 50 km to every one of the 186 nations. It was not made clear how wide that strip would be. Those parcels of land

have already been assigned through lottery in Ascencion on True Children’s Day on November 19th. A map is being prepared to clearly identify the land for each nation. The land is placed along three rivers, the Amazon, the Paraguay River and the Parana River. Rev. Moon, the National Messiah of Paraguay drove his 4 wheeler very hard in order to bring the results to Fort Olimpo before our workshop ended. He had to face bad weather and muddy roads. The trip from Ascencion usually takes 2 days, but because of the bad road conditions it took him 4 days. Many times he had to use the winch in front of the vehicle to pull it out of the mud. He made it just in time, arriving about 3 hours before we had to leave.

Most of Fathers activities are centered on and around the Paraguay River. So it was only natural that in my heart I desired to have my coun-

The Paraguay River from Fuerte Olimpo



try’s land, the Czech Republic, located at that River. And that is just the way it worked out. Both the USA and the Czech Republic had their parcel of land assigned at the Paraguay River. Finally, on Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, the time of our departure arrived. We boarded a large River Boat equipped with restaurant and a bar. We were experiencing an aspect of the hobby industry right here. We waved good by to those who stayed behind on shore until they were no longer recognizable. A group of about 70 Japanese NM would complete the workshop around the 29<sup>th</sup> of December. I was going to miss the place, at least for a while.

We arrived in Jardim late at night. The next morning we were on a bus again to visit Rio Perdido. It was such a beautiful river, we saw 5 of the 20 waterfalls that were located on our property. The countryside around it was just as beautiful. As far as the eye could see, the land belonged to us it was just amazing. The staff at the farm barbecued a lamb for us over an open fire. It was absolutely delicious.

The next day we went on another sightseeing tour. This time we visited the Salobra Hotel. Again, it was a very beautiful chunk of land that we owned here. The hotel with it’s main feature, the restaurant were very classy. The staff served us a beautiful buffet lunch there. About a mile from the hotel True Parents house was located on a hill, overseeing the whole territory. Here True Parents spent most of their time during the Blessing 97, in Washing-

ton DC. According to Mrs. Kim, the director of the place, Father made all the conditions to bring victory at RFK right here while fishing in the Salobra River near by. We had the opportunity to go out on boats and get a feeling for the river where Father fished. It was really beautiful, quite narrow with all the wildlife one can imagine. It was simply breath taking. I had never seen anything like it before. But soon it was time to return.

We arrived back at Jardim a couple of hours before dinner. As we stepped of the bus on December 2<sup>nd</sup> , the 40 day workshop was officially declared history. Many brothers had been planning their return trips for a couple of days. I could not be bothered with that, I wanted to focus on the completion of the workshop. Now that it was done, I found that Heaven had arranged everything for me.

My return flight was booked for the

I knew I had already received. I had become much healthier physically. The hard work, had strengthened me substantially and I lost at least 15 pounds. Drinking so much liquid, and sweating so much had cleaned my body out and I felt much better than before. Going swimming just about every day helped me a lot too. It was great exercise. I came to the realization that I should definitely exercise more when I get back to New York. I did not realize how week I had been at the beginning of the workshop.

Spiritually I felt the workshop at Fort Olimpo had a similar effect as the workshop in Chung Pyung. I was also cleaned spiritually. Some heavy weights had been lifted off my shoulders. I became a much “lighter person,” I gained greater spiritual strength and confidence and I felt I have been given greater authority over the satanic world. This had absolutely been the most rewarding and exiting workshop I participated in and I will never forget this experience.

I had the chance to look around the True Family Workshop in Jardim for two evenings. All the buildings were so beautiful and maintained so well. Lectures were taking place for the Japanese, Korean and Western members all at the same time, but in different locations. Rev. and Mrs. Joong Hyun Pak, Continental Directors of North America were in the last week of their True Family workshop when I arrived there. The spirit was very calm and relaxed. About 2000 members were in attendance at that time.

The largest group of families came from Japan. It was nice to see so many children running around. Mothers would carry their babies around a few hundred feet away from the lecture hall while listening to the lecture via the radio. There was no pressure anywhere. By about 10pm everything quieted down and soon everyone was sleeping.

The next day, the brother and I made the last flight as stand-byes to Sao Paulo. In Sao Paulo, again as stand-byes we got on the next plain to New York. Everything worked out so smoothly, Heaven had to be behind it. I only hope that the spirit world will help me and my family to make it possible to attend the True Family Workshop in Jardim, the New Hope Garden of Eden.❖



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NEWS

TRUE  
FATHER  
VISITS UTS  
- NOVEMBER  
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True Father returned to America in mid-November mainly for the ribbon-cutting ceremony and dedication of the new Health and Sciences Building at the University of Bridgeport. However, on this November 17th visit to UTS he said that as he had invested so much in UTS he wanted to visit us first before going to UB. He went on to remind us of the original mission of UTS - that of revitalizing Christianity. He emphasized the importance of heart edu-



True Father speaks to Faculty and Students, November 17

while the Seminary building is not and he therefore selected a more symbolic design. The new logo will now be placed on T-shirts and sweat-shirts which will soon be available at the Seminary bookstore.

SACRED MUSIC

Dr. Sallyann Goodall returns from South Africa to teach "Sacred Music" A song of anticipation is in the air as UTS prepares to welcome back Dr. Sallyann Goodall. Two years ago Dr. Goodall taught "Arts in Ministry", a course which continues to inspire much spirited conversation and creativity. Dr. Goodall earned her Doctorate in Music at the University of Durban-Westville, S. Africa where she is currently head of the music department. Her course will be offered 3 days per week, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday beginning January 11th for 8 weeks.

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cation, explaining that the Professor's needed to convey God's heart to students. Father also said that UTS should become the North American Chung Pyung Lake.

UTS HAS A  
NEW LOGO

On August 8th, in a meeting with President Shimmyo at East Garden, Father approved the new logo design shown here. At a second meeting on September 21, the Founder signed his name on a copy of the logo. President Shimmyo later explained that, according to Kyeokam-yurok, a sixteenth century Korean book of prophecy, the white cross symbolizes the Lord of the Second Advent. The outer, broken circle, which is blue, represents the unity of heaven and earth. The white cross is surrounded in red. The process of creating the new logo has been going on for some time. Several designs were proposed including some which showed the main Seminary building, the mountains and the river in diagrammatic form. When these and other, more abstract, designs were presented to Father, he pointed out that UTS is eternal

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LONG DISTANCE LEARNING

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Did you know that...

The Presidents of the Unification Church in Korea, Japan and America are all UTS graduates? Let's offer our prayers of support to Mr. Sun Jo Hwang, Mr. Katsumi Otsuka and Dr. Tyler Hendricks.

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# Creating the Bridgeport Hope School

by Annie Iparraguirre—Bridgeport, CT

We define culture or culture defines us. We are creators of our reality or products of a reality that surrounds us. Three years ago, a group of parents in Bridgeport decided to create our reality and define the culture of our childrens' elementary school years. We created Bridgeport Hope School. It is a school that by design and conscious effort, offers opportunities for our childrens' character education, academic excellence and good citizenship. School is a fundamental pillar of culture. What children learn in the microcosm of the school culture, is played out through the rest of their years as they become builders of the larger culture. Teaching involves three components. The first is direct teaching where new words and concepts are introduced to the learner. The second is modeling, where the teacher gives an example to the learner by showing the new concept in action. The third is giving opportunities for the students to try out their new information and integrate it into the framework of knowledge that has already been established. These components of effective teaching are necessary whether the subject is mathematics, grammar of character education. Significant character themes are chosen by parents at the beginning of the school year from a list of classic

virtues. Last year, they included respect, responsibility, generosity, purity, gratitude, world citizenship and right relationship. Each morning, direct instruction is given at a school wide morning meeting. First we sing two songs together. Singing is a wonderful way to gather our hearts and minds at the same place. A parent or teacher presents a lesson about the character theme for that month and then offers a short prayer. We recite the Pledge of Allegiance and finish the meeting with a patriotic song. The design of our morning meeting provides several important lessons. The obvious lesson is direct instruction and discussion about the character theme. We begin the conversation about a particular virtue and the children themselves continue the conversation in other parts of their day. One mother was pleasantly surprised when she was applauded by her five year old son who told her that she was very *generous*. Modeling is an important component of teaching. There are many levels of modeling good character that occur in school. The adult community of a school models respect in their relationships to each other. Parents to teachers, teachers to other teachers and the school head to parents and teachers all have important roles to play in modeling right relationship. When courteous respect and honest communication is practiced among adults, the children have an opportunity to see what civility it breeds.

Good citizenship is nurtured at Bridgeport Hope School through our active program of service learning. Each class chooses community service projects they would like to do. They discuss how they can help others and reflect together on their experience when they have completed the activity. The activities chosen so far this year range from cleaning up the public beach at Seaside Park to developing an on-going inter-generational program at a local nursing home to collecting money for UNICEF on Halloween. The sensitivity and ability to notice what another needs and to think of ways to help others does not come naturally. When children are given a chance to practice in a focused environment, they internalize the experience and are more likely to use it later. In one of her speeches, Barbara Bush commented that she had developed the habit of reaching out to help someone else when she personally encountered difficult times. That gesture always put her own struggle in perspective. Growing up on a farm in rural New York State, my memory is full of experiences of neighbor helping neighbor. My mother had to cook for a family of ten and yet she was constantly putting in an "extra" casserole for one of the neighbors who needed a little extra help. Through providing opportunities to practice that "reaching out" in their school community, students learn to identify ways they can help their fellow man and then work together with their peers in decid-

ing what to do to reach out and actually help. The academic program at Bridgeport Hope School follows the Core Knowledge curriculum which is a challenging academic outline covering World civilization, American Civilization, Geography, Math, Science, and Language Arts. Good old fashioned academics, study skills and knowledge of the classics are blended in a contemporary environment creating a dynamic opportunity for academic excellence. Bridgeport Hope School offers academic programs for students in grades Pre-K through 8th. It is a private, non-profit institution, funded by tuition and donations. Our student body and staff represent a wide multi-cultural mix and families from all cultural, racial, and religious backgrounds are welcome to join us. To find out more about Bridgeport Hope School or to make an appointment to visit, please contact us at : **Bridgeport Hope School**  
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**e mail: hopeschool@erols.com** In an effort to reach out and offer tuition assistance for local students, we have started a scholarship fund. Anyone or any business that would like to contribute to the scholarship fund or to sponsor a student, please send your donation to Bridgeport Hope School Scholarship Fund attn. Mrs. Ann Iparraguirre at the above address.❖

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ership and Management, Certificate in Unification Studies, Certificate in Counseling/Family Ministry. Each of these certificate programs will comprise of 5 to 7 courses. The certificate programs do not require an undergraduate degree. It is also being proposed that several of the certificate programs can be combined so that students could earn an accredited Master's degree (ie a Master of Religious Education, M.R.E. or Master of Divinity, M. Div.) completely through distance learning, with several one week intensives at UTS (pending special permission from our accrediting agencies).

Most courses will be offered correspondence style, with mentoring relationships between Professors and students; e-mail communication and chat rooms for discussion and the possibility of some internet courses down the road. So far UTS has successfully offered one course, Sociology of Religion, (Spring '98) via the internet. The details are still being hammered out, AND WE WOULD LIKE YOUR INPUT. Please respond by e-mail to Gillian Corcoran at admisuts@epix.net or in writing to the Admissions Office, 10 Dock Rd, Barrytown, NY 12507 with your response to the following survey and any additional suggestions and interests.

## MAKING CLOSER CONNECTIONS

During Father's recent visit to UTS, he emphasized that the Faculty and Alumni need to be largely responsible for recruiting new students and financially supporting them. Father's desire is for UTS to be totally self-supporting. In light of this we would like to set up an alumni list-serve so that we can brainstorm together ways to increase enrollment and funding for UTS. We're

looking for an alumni volunteer to set this up—anybody out there? Please let Gillian Corcoran know (admisuts@epix.net)

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## A UTS Memory

by Mike Balcomb

A UTS education prepares you for many things, many of them delightfully unexpected. For example, when I arrived in 1992, the ILS seminars in Russia were running on a full head of steam. At one memorable morning service Jin Hun Nim, who was a year ahead of me, gave a forceful account of his experience in the Ukraine and challenged all the students present to volunteer that summer. Many of us took up the challenge, and in my photo album I have a great picture of five consecutive UTS student body presidents together in a Moscow subway station. And that's another great aspect of seminary study: the friends you make there are truly your friends for a lifetime.

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True God's Day  
Let's share a common  
Victory in 1999



# Second Generation Education: How to Start your own Summer Camp and Program

by Rob Sayre—New  
Tripoli, PA

Over the last four or five years, a group of parents has been learning, mostly by trial and error, the ins and outs of imparting the theology, experience, wisdom and teaching of the Unification Principle to our children. In this article, I want to focus on very practical issues instead of a theological treatise or a DP oriented article relating to this time in the providence. These issues have been addressed by many more articulate and experienced than I. I hope these practical issues will be useful to others in thinking about starting their own programs and activities.

## Our Experience

We began four years ago with nine families in tents at a run-down camping resort. The cost per family was \$35/family for the camping spot. Each family brought their own food and did their own cooking. We had three lecture groups: for 4-5 year-olds, 6-7, and 8-up. There were crafts and quite a bit of time for kids and adults to socialize.

The next year we moved to a different camping resort, attracted around 14 families and had around 35 kids. This was still tent camping and only three days.

We decided to try a week-long youth camp along with our family camp at this same resort the following summer. There was an old, large but functional farm-type building which could house 60-70 people. This workshop ended up having 54 kids from 4th to 9th grades. The family camp continued to be a three-day tent camping experience.

Last year, 1998, we moved again to a state park to use one of their campgrounds with cabins. This was a huge step. We ended up having 94 kids in two different lecture groups (one for grades 4-6 and another for grades 7-up). The family camp had 14 families and around 50 kids. Their lectures were in two age groups as well. All in all we had around 200 people in this one area.

It was an amazing experience.

## Timing and Finding a Place

One important issue in establishing a Summer Camp is finding a location. My rule of thumb is to start one year in advance. Six months is the absolute minimum. It's important because you need as much time as possible to let

people know what your plans are, so they can make their plans and get involved with you. Also, the best and cheapest facilities are booked up long in advance of the summer season.

Where should you look? Try camping resorts, your state department of environmental resources (the people who run your parks and campgrounds), the Boy and Girl Scouts, churches and organizations like granges, volunteer fire companies and non-profit organizations like the

Appalachian Mountain Club, the Sierra Club, and the like. They often have facilities for rent or know of those who do.

In the past, our community always purchased properties. This may seem at first like the best idea, but I do not advocate this strategy. It is very expensive to maintain facilities, pay the full-time staff, insurance and so on. Even the Girl Scouts, with millions of members and vast resources, have trouble maintaining their facilities. Our camp last summer cost a total of around \$900 for a week. We had close to 200 people utilize it, so the cost was approximately \$4.50 a person for the week. When we were done, we cleaned up, turned in the keys, and left. When there were problems, we called their maintenance people and it was their problem. This is definitely the way to go—unless the local church community can definitely afford the expense of having and running its own facility.

Our philosophy has been like casting a play. I am learning this from my wife, who is a drama major, worked in the NYC theater, and now directs plays for the middle school where we live. You first have to determine the types of "parts" or "roles" you need, define

them, and search for the best people you can find. The parts for the workshop are lecturer, coordinator/song leader, group leaders, and a camp nurse (if the camp has more than 40 kids). For the camp staff, you need someone overall to recruit people, make the financial plan and make sure everything works. You need a reliable person to plan the meals and you need a few people to pitch in to keep the place clean and just get things done. If the workshop is small, people can fill several roles, but it is very helpful, no matter what the size, to have the roles designated.

We began with a few other committed couples. In the past I have often told people that our workshops are really only for my kids; "I just need the others to round out the experience." I have come to realize that this is not completely true, but what is true is that parents want what is best for their children. If you make it as easy as possible to get involved and send their kids, they will respond.

I never ask people, "Can you help?" I try to ask them instead to help in specific ways, like: "Do you think you could help organize sports for the workshop?"

what. Church leaders have so many responsibilities and commitments that they are often unable to fulfill their roles. Their hearts are there, but they have so much already on their plates.

As one sister shared with me, "I need someone who, if True Parents arrived at the exact moment they were leaving for camp, would say to them, 'Here are the keys, help yourself to what's in the fridge; I'm off to camp and will be back



in a week.' I think Father would smile and send them on their way."

Our experience has also been that if you get parents to organize the summer camps and let the leaders participate as they can, they are very happy to have the opportunity and often do something.

## Costs and Financial Plan

Our thinking is to make this as cheap as possible. There is no paid staff of any kind and no long-term commitments in terms of buildings, etc. Food typically costs \$3 per day per person. Add another \$15 per person (for the entire workshop, not per day) for songbooks, crafts and miscellaneous stuff, and you have everything except the cost of your facility. These are the essentials. Another administrative issue is obtaining health information on each kid which provides insurance information and authorization for obtaining medical treatment for the child if needed. We use a form adapted from one used by the Girl Scouts.

It is vital to keep the workshop as affordable as possible and to give families 3 to 6 months notice of when it will occur so they can make financial plans well in advance. It is also important that you get a commitment from people in terms of a deposit, early on, so you can make the necessary plans. People appreciate advance planning and well-organized activities. When you provide this, they are happy to spend the money to send their children.

We also use incentive to recruit staff. The basic offer is that for every parent who volunteers as a full-time staff person, one of their children can attend free. There is no cost to the parent as well. We have also offered discounts



Some people are willing and able to do pretty much anything; others are only comfortable in specific roles.

We had 26 adult staff for 94 kids last summer. The workshop staff needed more people, while the camp staff was fine. Two people per group should be what you are trying to get.

In recruiting, I respect no geographic territory or church organization or structure. We have had people from Minnesota to Maine on our staff. We began with people we knew who had the following characteristics: they had experience in the area we wanted to help in, i.e., lecturers, cooks, song leaders, etc. They are reliable people: when they say they will do something, they do it. They often do not have an essential or providential role in the movement. Why this one? Well, we needed people who would be available to us, no matter

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# South Africa hosts RYS

## Building the rainbow coalition with love

by John Gehring—NYC

South Africa is at a social and cultural crossroads and the destiny of this important nation is still undecided. In the post-Apartheid era, the initial movement of reconciliation has been taken. The potential confusion and brutal interracial violence that some feared has not occurred. Racial relations seem to be improving as the society offers more opportunities for mixing and more opportunities for non-whites to take roles of authority. Yet, while these encouraging signs read hopeful, many of the nations 'white' citizens are claiming that the rapidly rising crime rate as a reason to abandon South Africa and find a new home.

This transition period in South Africa is a time of moral crisis and danger. Some tragic statistics illustrate the gravity of the situation: 1,500 HIV cases are reported daily, one of four babies born has the virus, South Africa has the fastest growing HIV rate in the world. Economic disparity is wide and creates an environment which is like a blanket of fear. The fear of those that have wealth and are afraid it will be taken away and the fear of the working poor, afraid of losing even the little they have.

High unemployment among black workers and labor unrest is prevalent. The younger generation that was so strong in creating social change is now facing a situation where they face a rate of over 40 % unemployment. What changes will the youth create with their enormous energy, and what are the dreams they will struggle for when faced with an environment of family breakdown, a growing rate of teenage pregnancy, and an increase in drug use and trafficking?

All Africa and the world are looking and hoping for South Africa to make a peaceful and prosperous transition into the next century. The nation has a standard of living which is for many the best in the world. South Africa has a national economy which has the ability to fuel growth and development throughout a substantial part of Africa. Conversely, the collapse of the economy would create economic catastrophe for the region. Socially, morally, economically the nation of South Africa carries with it the hopes and fears of a world looking for substantial grounds to believe we are entering into a millennium of peace.

### RYS Project Background

The work of the RYS and the IRFWP includes the challenge of creating working models of reconciliation, cooperation and peace building centered on the internal foundation of religious cooperation. RYS

has provided in five continents a working model of young adults from all communities coming together and providing service for a public purpose. This power to unite faiths together is centered on the understanding that the root of religion is true love and the practice of true love is demonstrated in the act of selfless service to others. This is the principle for which Rev. Sun Myung Moon initiated the RYS in 1985.

The RYS has considered having an RYS project in South Africa over the past decade yet it was only after the completion of the RYS project in Uganda in September, 1998 that a substantial opportunity arose to carry out a move towards building an RYS foundation in South Africa. On October 3,

tal harmony" was scheduled

for December 11-14. The ministry agreed to help provide environment training and subsidized the housing for the thirty participants and staff which attended for the initial RYS project.

A key element in carry out the RYS project was the efforts of Bushy Rankale, who works with the government and is the YFWP-SA President. Bushy acted

as the project coordinator and helped pull together Christian, Hindu and Unification youth from the various organizations in the province. In addition, Toshio and Brigitte Wakabayashi (IRFWP-SA) and Mr. Zenzale Kunene the President of the FFWPU-SA support the project both logistically and financially.

### The Project Begins:

On December 11th, thirty participants and staff representing four nations and various regions of South Africa gathered in Johannesburg for a project orientation. This orientation served to bring all the staff and participants together in a way in which they could commit to working towards the project theme of "Creating a new paradigm for human and environmen-

tal harmony". General agreement and commitment to the goals of the RYS vision were agreed on and responsibilities of staff and participants were explained.

Following the orientation staff and participants journeyed an hour outside of the Johannesburg area moved by van to the countryside where the RYS stayed at the Suikerbosrand Nature Reserve and worked at the Diepkloof Farm Museum. The projects housing and work took place on the reserve which is located on a beautiful piece of countryside whose landscape is flowing with low, rugged foothills, deep green grasslands and a multicolored array of wind



bent wild flowers.

The weather at the project site in December is sunny and warm as it is summer in South Africa. Crystal clear, blue skies accented the pleasantness and freshness of the environment. To the daily amusement of the participants, in the breaking hours of dawn and early twilight the large population of baboons would make their way down to the cabins and loudly state their presence.

Most RYS participants were from the city and were really surprised by the beauty of their own country. Leaving the environment of a crowded city and going into the countryside where each person had a chance to reflect and appreciate the beauty of creation was an important element in contributing to the success of the project. Many participants, with child like enthusiasm, enjoyed the opportunity to milk several of the local farms cows during the early morning hours.

The RYS program was enriched by the mixture of backgrounds from which the participants came from. Contributing to the good will was the ease in which Hindu and Christian youth shared their ideas on morality, faith and the future in an open and free exchange. An important element that contributed to the interest of this project is that a new South Africa is in the process of being build. The formally disenfranchised people of color in South Africans now have a genuine stake in their nations future, they believe they can make a difference and this made the exchange of ideas a forum which will impact the future.

The work portion of the RYS was done in cooperation with the Ministry under the guidance of the farm managerment. The farm that hosted the work also serves as a historic museum, it is a reconstructed home of a "boertrekker" (South African Dutch settler) built in 1844. The home was reminiscent of the way of life prior to the discovery of gold, in that rugged frontier. Among tasks taken on by the RYS participants were digging fields, cleaning areas of weeds and preparing soil for planting. Although the work was difficult, participants adjusted and

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for children from the same family. This allows siblings to attend, which is wonderful.

Safety Issues

Any time you get a group of kids together, they will want to wander off, seek adventure and not be experienced enough to recognize a dangerous situation when they encounter it. The older the kids the more this is true. Teens feel invincible and can show remarkably bad judgment in this area. The #1 hazard is water. No swimming alone and no swimming without a life-guard present. This is an absolute rule. Getting lost is a problem as well. This is why groups with enough adults and leaders are essential. We provide each group leader with a whistle, and instruct every adult to think and act as if each child is their own. They have the right to call kids on stupid and dangerous activities. Poison ivy can be a problem, as can bee stings, but these can be treated. We have never had more than a bee sting and a few skinned knees or elbows.

Bigger is very often not better. It is important to focus on providing a quality experience for every child. I think that 90-100 kids in any one workshop is as big as any should be. Larger than that and there is too much herding of kids involved and the logistics tend to rule the day instead of inspiration and

spirit.

Curriculum and Teaching Goals

We stick with the basics here. For kids up until the 6th grade, we stick with basic 2-3 day workshop material. For older kids, who have heard DP several times, more emphasis can be placed on prayer, life of faith, etc. If you find experienced lecturers, they will know what to do. We keep the lectures to a maximum of 45 minutes and have no more than three per day. Our goal is to help the children experience the DP as their own, to take ownership and make decisions and commitments based upon their understanding of it. This is so much more powerful than just doing what Mom or Dad says.

Singing is very, very important. Kids really respond to singing, whether Holy Songs, Dan Fefferman or Oakland songs, or Christian hymns. I would say there is never enough singing.

Our Kids' Perspective

Our children did not quit school, roar around the country on campaigns, fundraise or live with people from all over the world. Yankee Stadium, MSG and Washington Monument are no more real to them than D-Day, Guadalcanal or the Battle of Gettysburg.

They live and function in two worlds. One is the world of school, their local neighborhoods and their relatives. These are comprised mostly of non-Unificationists. The other world is the world of their parents' faith. They learn mostly by what their parents do and what they see other adults do.

We need to help them integrate these two worlds, to help them see the Divine Principle as a powerful tool for living a spiritual and productive life and to experience God's Heart and His love for them. They need to understand and make a commitment to these on their own.

Other Activities

It's essential that kids have lots of time for fun and socialization. We provide around three hours of structured activities such as crafts, hiking and sports as well as from one-and-a-half to two hours

of free time a day. In the evenings, we have campfires, with singing, prayer and other activities. We have had square dances as well, which the kids love, once they give it a try. Fun and varied activities are the key here.

Evening campfires and times for personal prayer provide the opportunity for our kids to connect directly to God. They do it much more easily than you can imagine. I've seen lots of kids in tears, feeling God's Heart and His love for them.

For the youth camp, we've found structured activities lasting around 3 hours on a rotating basis works best. For example, a group might do crafts for an hour, then play sports and then swim. An hour or two of free time after the activities allows kids to socialize, swim again, and just have fun. It also allows the staff to catch a nap, visit or get ready for the next activity.

Recruit enough staff, so the adults can have fun as well. They don't mind working hard, but they need inspiration, relaxation and fun like anyone else. Take care of the people who are taking care of the kids. We never have staff meetings later than 11pm. They are counterproductive, and you need people to be well rested during the day.

Making the Commitment

People often ask me: how can we make a commitment to something, when Rev. Moon, a leader or various other providential activities might get in the way? What I've learned is that if I make the commitment to provide this for the Blessed Children, things work out. I was directly ordered by an elder one year to postpone the camp because it was on the same day as an important speaking tour. He was worried about attendance and feeling lots of pressure. I did not cancel the camp and did not make a big protest. When the time came, we took the older kids to the speech, had them act as ushers and they were able to attend a celebration afterward. For the kids, this was the highlight of the workshop. The leader was supported and we held our camp. The lesson is that God can do several things at once. Also remember that church leaders are people like anyone else; they worry, suffer doubt, but still try to offer their time and talent to God. Each of us can do the same.

Finally, I see the education of the second generation as fundamentally a parental role—especially until they are out of high school. Kids also learn by what they see their parents doing. If their parents are involved in the workshops as well, this speaks much more loudly and clearly about the real priorities in their lives. Think about it.

Where to Start

When I've talked to others about this, the usual response is: "Well, you have a special talent for doing this." Or: "How in the world did you get permission to do this?" My response to the first question is: perhaps, but we have been learning as we go and, anyway, we get a lot of good people involved and the burden is not too heavy on any one person. To the second question, my answer has been: "When did I need permission to teach my own children my faith?" Inertia and lack of confidence is the biggest problem in getting things going.

You may not know where to start. Fortunately, there are already some established camps where you can volunteer. Contact the second generation office at Church National Headquarters, or Camp Sunrise, or the Pure Love Alliance, or your local church leader. I can guarantee that they will welcome any help they can get.

My advice, if you are not near an existing camp to learn from, is: start small, but start. There are national forests and campgrounds available for free in every state. Pack up your tents and gather a few families and teach around the campfire. You and your children will not regret it.

Spring '99

We are planning a retreat/conference in April or May to plan our own summer camps and to share with others the planning process and whatever else we can. This will occur at Hickory Run State Park or somewhere in East Central Pennsylvania. If you would like to attend this, contact any of the people listed below.

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were able to surprise the farm staff by the amount of work they accomplished.

The Environmental rangers at the park made several presentations to the participants, showed videos and involved teach in a series of games that dealt with nature and the environment. A second education theme focused on the family and purity and Zenzale Kunene, FFWPU President made a presentation and participants teamed up to discuss a series of question that dealt with the issue of family life.

On the closing evening, a large fire was kept under the star filled South African sky. Participants gathered for song and dance in the early evening and continued singing and dancing till 2:00 AM in the morning. African tradition-

al songs, chants of Hair Krishna, Unification Church songs, Christmas carols all filled the air and people found ways to dance to it all. Such is the way of Africa.

On the final day, one young women during the RYS time of reflection took time to publicly thank the men who participated in the project. She said, "You treated me and others as a sister and that made my time here such a wonderful experience, we really learned how to be brothers and sisters". This environment of true family is part of the goal that the RYS seeks to create. By living as members of God's family we can create true relationships that are the foundation for learning true love.

As a result of the RYS project, the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment said it would like to work together on future projects. In addition, the Ministry of Sports, Arts and Culture has agreed to work in partnership with the RYS on a project outside Pretoria which will run from April 6-12. This week long project will also invite another

international participants and seeks to create a working model which can inspire South Africa to take the path to true peace at this critical time.

Future Projects:

For more information on the upcoming RYS project in South Africa please contact : Mrs. Brigitte Wakabayashi at [sekai@hotmail.co.za](mailto:sekai@hotmail.co.za) or fax 011 27 11- 888 2570. Please take your time and visit our RYS website at [www.rys.net](http://www.rys.net).

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Please contact John Gehring if you or others have an interest in this project. Fax 212-869-6414 or E-mail [rys@pipeline.com](mailto:rys@pipeline.com) ❖



# Testimony of Daemo Nim's Visit to the UK

by June Darby—London, UK

From talking to some brothers and sisters I understand that some people are not so clear about how to relate to the angels and spirit spiritual children (SSC) whom Daemo Nim brought to us. I am sure that she will come back after four months to bring the blessed spirits who were liberated at Cleeve House to help brothers and sisters who have not been to Chung Pyung.

True Father knows that this is a ridiculous concept for most members—the fact that we have blessed SSC and angels to help us. It is very unreal to most of us when we cannot see them. So True Father kindly gave them instructions to help us believe in their presence and support by making themselves known to us. Father also said that these blessed spirits are very powerful. When working with the spirit world, the most important thing to remember is that we (on the earth) are the subjects and they are the objects. So therefore they can only work according to our direction. And you have to state the conditions whereby they can make their presence felt by you.

**The Three Signs**

Personally, I asked for three signs to convince myself. First I asked for a difficult condition: I asked that a very naughty class of pupils which usually cannot concentrate and get on with their work, would work quietly and concentrate for a whole session of an hour and a half. It so happened that the head teacher came in to hear the children read in that time and at the end of the lesson she came to me and asked how I did it, saying that she could never get them to work and keep quiet for so long!

I also asked for an unusual noise to be made in my presence. And that night going home by coach, a buzzer suddenly started sounding on the controls. The driver pulled up and went to ask the passenger sitting next to the emergency door to refrain from turning the door handle, which of course he denied. Another buzzer went and then the blind behind the driver's head suddenly shot up. By that time I realized what was happening and quickly asked the spirits to stop as I believed that they were with me, and they did stop. Also the poor driver was so upset, commenting that the bus was falling apart, that he could not understand what was happening because it was a brand-new bus. I could barely control my laughter because it was so funny.

Then in the staff-room during break, the photocopier machine suddenly and bizarrely switched itself off and everyone heard the click! I also asked to be awakened at a particular time at which was difficult for me to get up.

**Spirit world help**

The SSC can help in our mission to accomplish our goals but we have to tell them precisely what we want them to do, and pray for at least three days to give them the energy and vitality they need to influence in ways which are meaningful to the person concerned—through dreams, signs, print, words, thoughts, etc. They can also motivate people to be in a particular place at a certain time, for example. You should decide beforehand where and when you are going to witness or do pre-blessings and then direct the spirit world to bring prepared people to you, and pray to recognize them. Also you should pray beforehand to be inspired to say what will move the person's heart.

**What is Our Attitude?**

And that brings us to another very important law. The amount of help they can give us is determined by how much we attend, serve and follow God and True Parents, whether we are contributing towards God's Providence. In fact, at one time True Father said that the spirit world could only help us if we first do our 100% best. And that meant that our conscience was clear, that we could not do any more. And if we still were not achieving our goal, then we could command the spirit world to help us fulfill it.

However, I am not saying that we all have to give 100% of our time to working for God's Providence; for some of us that is not possible. What is important is that we sincerely offer as much time as we possibly can to do pre-blessing, witness, care for people, and so on, and that we do it regularly.

Do we respect and love God and True Parents? Do we attend them first thing in the morning and evening according to Heavenly Law? Do we keep Hoon Dok Hae? Do we keep Pledge and attend Sunday Service? Do we try to fill our minds and thoughts with the Principle and Father's words during the day? Do we try to center our daily life on God? Do we report and offer every situation to God asking His help and guidance? Do we try to keep a loving, positive attitude always, or do we easily get impatient, irritated, annoyed or critical? Do we apply ourselves and try to do our best in all we do? Are our homes well organized, clean and tidy? Are we following the guidance True Parents, Daemo Nim or our leaders have given?

It is true what Daemo Nim said, that we are very careless about how we live. I know I am, and I have to make great efforts to be absolutely consistent and absolutely faithful. But fortunately Daemo Nim's visit has given us all an opportunity to repent and make a fresh new start. Living our life of faith according to the standard required for the Kingdom of Heaven is the singular most difficult thing to do.

**Their Hope is in Us**

The angels and SSC can help give us the strength and determination we lack in order to overcome our fallen selves. For their hope is in us; they cannot attain perfection without us accomplishing it first. True Parents are concerned that we reach perfection as quickly as possible. That is why despite our inadequacies and shortcomings, we are being given so much help at this time. True Parents are desperate for us to achieve perfection before the next-level blessing. Everything we are being asked to do is to help us fulfill that goal of True Parents.

In order for the blessed spirits and angels to be able to help us grow spiritually we have to recognize our fallen selves and how we defend them. We really need to see our fallen natures very clearly. Then we can tell the SSC and angels how they can help us, where we need strength and how we need to change. Then we need to indemnify our fallen traits on a daily basis. It still helps to deny ourselves—do not watch TV, give up sweets—so that we can weaken the base which satan and evil spirits work through (namely, our bodies).

**Holy Candles**

It is a good idea to keep the Holy Candle which we received from Daemo Nim as a seed candle and multiply more can-

dles from this. We are supposed to pray and support our liberated SSC for the duration of 100 days' training by Heung Jin Nim and then during their 40 days' Blessed Family workshop where they also learn how to work with us. Originally, Daemo Nim said that we should pray from midnight for three hours. Then she said that we should pray for as long as we can, when we can. The candle has the property of cleansing the environment of evil spirits. So use it to pray when you feel attacked, when you want to make strong prayer condition, when you want to cleanse the atmosphere of your home. If your children are being difficult, pray with the candle and ask the angels to remove the evil spirits which are bothering them.

After liberation by Daemo Nim, we all go onto a higher level spiritually. Some people may not feel any different, but in faith raise the level of your spiritual life (as Tim Read suggested) and try to keep a higher standard than before; especially, do not engage in negative or critical give and take. If you make a mistake, repent sincerely and immediately indemnify it. If you feel attacked, immediately pray hard for 12 minutes and that spirit or spirits must leave you.

**Do Not Give Up**

When I went to Chung Pyung, it took a week of daily struggling to focus in the workshops and clapping as hard as I could before I began to feel a real difference in myself. The session we had with Daemo Nim at Cleeve House was a very gentle session, so it would not be surprising if some brothers and sisters did not notice any change.

However, sooner or later you will notice a difference if you repent more than you did before for your fallen nature. Try harder to change, pray harder—more than before—and try to do more for the Providence than before, even if all you can do is pray.

Also our spiritual lives still have ups and downs. Because of the great significance of the February Blessing, there is bound to be conflict spiritually and indemnity that needs to be paid. However, I've found that the spiritual pressure can be so great at times that we need the protection of our central figures—we need to keep connected—and when I feel particularly harassed I report it to my central figure and a national messiah, and I pray with Daemo Nim's candle, then peace comes.

I hope that you do not think that this is all old hat. Because I have been praying for years to understand some of these points clearly. And the answers to some of my questions only came after Daemo Nim's recent visit.

Also I am offering this because it is so vital for each person to accomplish their own victorious foundation so that they can build and enter the Kingdom of Heaven. God and True Parents depend on us to build it. With the proclamation of Sa Sa Jeol, True Parents have given us an incredibly powerful tool to combat evil, so that we can become victorious in all kinds of situations. When I pray now, I pray in the Name of True Parents and their victorious condition of Sa Sa Jeol. As a child of True Parents, I claim inheritance of that victory for myself. I state it, and inform and remind the good spirit world of their extra power. ❖

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# Amazon Journey It's A

by Larry R. Moffitt—Buenos Aires

The phone rang. It was the first week of October, 1997. Dong Moon Joo was calling Buenos Aires from Washington to ask if I could recommend a qualified journalist to travel with Father, Mother and a small group of people on a trip from one end of the Amazon River to the other.

He said something about the purpose of the trip being to examine business possibilities, but that was about it. When we hung up I still had no idea as to the itinerary, what we would be doing and how or why, or who would be in the group. The instructions couldn't have been more vague, which according to my back-of-an-envelope-notes were approximately:

*Amazon River tour with True Parents to study environmental, fishing and forestry projects. Have the reporter in Manaus by the morning of October 23. Tell him to bring mosquito repellent. Thanks.*

If Mr. Joo knew anything more, he wasn't talking. I don't know which journalist Mr. Joo had in mind – nobody specific most likely – but as I thought about the general qualifications of such a person I considered that, assuming the writer's professional skills were in order, it was probably not an absolute necessity that he or she be a specialized environmental or agribusiness reporter. Most of the issues can be learned without too much difficulty by a good generalist, and besides, my experience told me the nature of the trip could turn out to be more on the order of a God's Providence for the Amazon look-see than a serious sleeves-rolled-up study of proposed projects for fish farming, spiritually oriented multi-national communities and the like. Whoever went would have to be comfortable with not knowing exactly what was expected of them and equally sanguine to find out that whatever they started out thinking the trip would be about – this was probably not it at all.

I thought the foremost criteria would be that the journalist have at least a minimal appreciation for the mission of the True Parents. I could think of very few reporters outside the membership of the unificationist movement who possessed the level of tolerance that would be required for them to be happy on a trip that included an aspect of unquestioned adoration of the True Parents and that possibly would seem to have no real purpose other than a hyperactive vacation cruise, regardless of what might be happening spiritually.

Within unificationism I came up with several journalist candidates including, immodestly, myself. As I was living in the neighborhood of the Amazon, was already emotionally bonded to the continent, interested in environmental matters, and would *very much enjoy* being with Father and Mother in such an intimate setting, I faxed Mr. Joo a note proposing that I be the accompanying journalist. He accepted and I was in. Later it occurred to me that he may have expected me to do this from the beginning. But one can never tell. If Mr. Joo played chess he wouldn't lose many games.

Still, one generally assumes that some sort of preparation is necessary before going to the Amazon. Was this going to be a hike through high-canopy forest, camping in tents along the river at night? I spent way too much time thinking about irrelevant things, like whether to buy a "jungle knife," a big nasty steel bugger with serrated teeth along the back side so I could saw my leg off if I was bitten by a water moccasin. What if we're attacked by a jaguar and I need to go *mano-a-mano* with it to save the others? Which vaccinations should I get? I turned myself into a minor authority on dengue fever.

No need to bring the laptop computer, I thought. It would be a poor defense against jaguars, and where would I find electricity in the jungle? In the end I

opted not to get the knife, but did buy a small tent, backpack, flashlight, raingear, mosquito repellent, a small metal mirror for shaving in the bush and a few similar survival items – almost none of which was necessary. All I really needed was the bug spray.

I made a few calls to the church headquarters in Brazil and found out most of what I needed to know, including that we would be staying in civilized hotels. Father and Mother would begin earlier somewhere in Colombia, closer to the source of one of the Amazon's tributaries. Myself, Mr. Joo and Vicki Yokota would join the party in Manaus, considered to be the heart of the Amazon. We would all spend a day and night there and fly eastward along the river in Father's corporate jet, stopping a day each in Santarém, Macapá and Belém. At each stop we would tour the river and fish a little before spending the night and heading out again the following morning. From a hardship perspective this was going to be a piece of cake.

I left the survival gear at home. The hardest decision now was whether to go ahead and take the laptop, which I finally decided not to do. Too much weight, too many location changes, probably a packed schedule that would not leave much time to set it up and write. Too many people per hotel room and no place to put anything. Notebooks and pens would be more appropriate it seemed. I turned out to be right on all counts.

I arrived in Manaus in the wee hours of Thursday, October 23. [Throughout this report I will include italicized excerpts from my handwritten notes, made during the trip.]

**Miércoles, 22 de octubre de 1997** – (American Express flight lounge at Ezeiza Airport, Buenos Aires) Waiting for Varig 941 to São Paulo and another to Manaus. Keen sense of adventure...The question is why are True Parents undertaking this research themselves? Why is this particular part of the front-line of God's Providence the place he needs to be at this time?...With True Father being 77 years old, the question of where he spends a day takes on added value with each passing month and year.

**Jueves, 23 de octubre de 1997** – 9:00 AM arrived at suite 3001 to greet True Parents. Both looked well and Mr. Joo gave his report. Father and Mr. Joo sat quietly by the window while the others sat on the couch and floor nearby. Vicki Yokota took photos.

At some point Father looked in my direction and began speaking Korean, half looking at me and half at Mr. Joo. I knew he was talking about me, so I tried to look alert and waited patiently for the translation. When Father finished speaking, Mr. Joo said, "Larry, after we finish surveying the Amazon and Paraguay Rivers Father wants you to focus your attention on heads of state and diplomats." Then Father spoke to Vicki...

*True Father asked Vicki if she was raising her children well. "I'm trying to," she replied. Father gave her a big smile.*

*And then again to me... Father asked me what I thought of the river and being here. I replied that it is a great honor and that it fulfills a dream of mine to one day see the Amazon.*

*He asked about my Spanish and I said, exaggerating slightly (or slightly more than slightly), that my Spanish had improved greatly over the past year. Father said that I must become one with the Spanish culture to the bottom of my soul. I told him that everyone*

*at Tiempos del Mundo corrects my Spanish and this helps me learn. I added that my children learn the language much faster than me.*

*Father said, "You have been working so hard at Tiempos del Mundo that you have lost weight and become skinny." I thanked him for the opportunity to lose weight and said my wife thanks you as well. Father laughed.*

The group included True Parents, Dong Moon Joo, Koo Bae Park, Won Joo McDevitt (assisting Mother), Ki Kyung Yoon (Father's spear-carrier and fishing companion), two brothers from Korean UC Film Department (videotaping the tour), Victoria Yokota and me. In addition, Hideo Oyamada and HeungTae Kim from the Brazilian UC headed separate teams that leapfrogged ahead of us to make arrangements for hotel, cars and boat a day ahead of our arrival in each place. Their organization was superb. They missed nothing and we felt very well taken care of. At each city a group of Japanese sisters prepared meals in the kitchen that comes with a presidential suite in any good hotel. In Manaus, the table in Father's suite was too small to accommodate everyone for lunch, so Vicki and I and a couple others ate in another room off the main dining area.

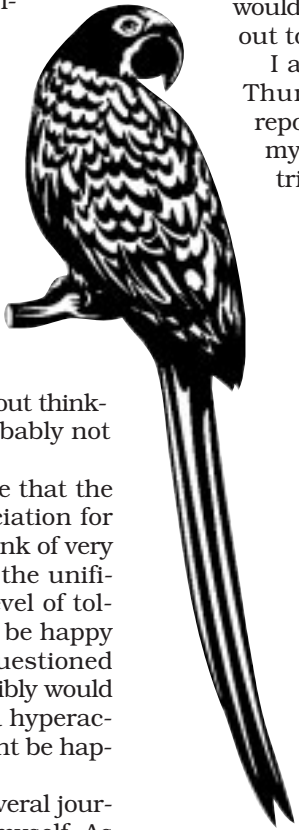
After lunch we drove down to the river and boarded a large tour boat, fifty feet long, with two decks and lots of interesting cabins and space to walk around. Usually when I have been fishing with Father, everyone has been in smaller boats. Father much prefers the smaller ones. A boat this size, with air-conditioned rooms and a big airy upper deck, was a pleasant surprise to me.

**3:00 PM** – *It just occurred to me how wonderfully low-tech is a pen and paper. (God this river is beautiful!) We are on the Solimões, probably near Careiro da Várzea or Iranduba, around the bend and upriver from the famous line in the water where the Negro River (darkened by organic matter) merges with the Solimões to form the Amazon. We are anchored next to the shore. Mother is fishing off the upper deck a few feet away, and Father, along with Mr. Joo and Mr. Yoon are farther upriver in an open, unshaded dingy. Most boats on this river have a canopy roof running the length of the boat to protect from the fierce sun.*

Our big boat towed a small dingy with an outboard motor. It's mid-afternoon and we are tied up next to the bank. I am watching Father as he sits in the dinghy in shorts and t-shirt, putting sun block on his face before he heads out from our big boat with Mr. Joo and Mr. Yoon to troll around, stopping here and there to drop their lines and drift.

He puts a small glob of block in his hand and goes to work on one leg and uses what's left on the other. Quiet, purposeful, it's obvious his mind is already out there on the river. In his ball cap and what looks like an undershirt, he looks a lot different than the Father of the Belvedere sermons or the Father of the VIP receptions. This Father is older, much older, and mortal. It suddenly strikes me in a way it never has before, how old Father has become. I have always thought of him as indestructible and eternally vigorous. At that moment though, he looked to be every one of his 77 years. I realized in my gut something I heretofore acknowledged only in my mind – Father is physically finite. He will go to the spirit world one day.

But more than that, I realized that before he dies, his body and mind will slowly melt in front of us as do the physical shells of everyone's grandparents. Father will likely go through the same winding down process of infirmity, memory blanks and the slow, shortened steps of every other person in their 80s and 90s. His body will get old, fall apart and die like yours and mine. When I think of Moses and Ezekiel, I picture wise, elderly gentlemen being lifted into heaven on a cloud, fully intact, fully aware – muscled, gnarled and weathered like Lebanon's cedars. I don't





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see my Biblical heroes getting liver spots and arthritis. I don't see them suffering the indignity of incontinence or having a stroke that destroys their mind but leaves them lingering in a hospital for six months before they actually die. That stuff is for me and you.

The fortunate among us go quickly when we go. Maybe that will include the True Parents. Even so, nobody gets a completely free ride on life's "back nine." Only victims of accidents bypass the down side of aging, the down side that almost certainly affected Moses and Ezekiel too. Sitting on the boat in the late afternoon tropical sun, watching him put on sun block, I felt the first inkling of something I am sure to be thinking about more in the coming years. I thought seriously for the first time how it might feel to be around Father during the endgame, the fading of his physical existence and its incremental transition to new youth in the spiritual world. Father is not superhuman or supernatural. He's a man who has been and done extraordinary things undreamed of by others.

On the trip back to Manaus, Father and Mother sat on the top deck enjoying the sunset and the breeze. The rest of us sat close by. Father asked someone to sing. He sang and then Father asked another. Usually in these situations I am not requested to sing, but we were only about ten people and this was a couple-hours ride and so I figured my turn was going to come. I tried to prepare a song in my mind but suddenly I couldn't remember the name of a single thing outside of Happy Birthday. Nothing. I took a deep breath, thought happy thoughts. Still nothing. *Happy Birthday*. I am so pathetic. Where are those ministering high spirits when I really need them?

Then sure as shootin', Mother looked at me and said, "Larry?" I stood up, and the second I did, "Amazing Grace" flew into my brain. Not just the title, but three or four complete verses, enough to put together a credible tune. On one hand, I'm grateful to my guardian angel team for supplying the song and the sheet music, but on the other hand I can't help but think they sure took their own sweet time doing it.

A small digression if I may. Amazing Grace was written by John Newton (1725-1807) and the inscription on his tombstone in England reads, "John Newton, Clerk, once an infidel and libertine, a servant of slaves in Africa, was, by the rich mercy of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, preserved, restored, pardoned, and appointed to preach the faith he had long labored to destroy."

Like with Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," it is tales of a scurrilous blackamoor finding redemption and forgiveness, the turning of evil into good that resonate most closely with me and most resemble the pattern of my own life. Newton was a slave trader who was nearly killed in a storm at sea. As it is said drowning men often do, he saw his life and his sins played before him. He returned to England, became an Anglican minister and spent the rest of his life repenting. From the depths of John Newton's penitence, came one of the simplest, most eloquent of all Christian hymns. To hear it played by a band of crying bagpipes is to feel a sinner's remorse.

John Donne's poem said, "I am involved in mankind." A part of the whole, I am connected to the same evil that brought slaves from Africa to the New World, including Brazil. The bell tolls for me too. While standing there singing, about halfway through, I began to think of all these things and much more. More than think them, experience them. I connected with something. As I sang, I felt redeemed.

Father and Mother sat in front of me, side by side, listening with their eyes closed. We glided along the river, covered in the orange glow of the day's end, and the bagpipes played...somewhere.

**Amazing Grace**

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind, but now I see.  
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,*

*And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed.  
Through many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.  
The Lord has promised good to me,  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will be my shield and portion be,  
As long as life endures.  
Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
And mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess, within the veil,  
A life of joy and peace.  
The world shall soon to ruin go,  
The sun refuse to shine;  
But God, who called me here below,  
Shall be forever mine.  
When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.*

**9:25 PM** – We are back at the hotel. Father (with Mother) is speaking to the Manaus UC members, most of whom are seeing the True Parents in person for the first time.

Father spoke strongly and softly. He growled and purred, pushed and pulled, emphasized, empathized, cajoled and twinkled his eyes for three hours, lifting the spirits of the Manaus members. He strutted, stomped, posed, stood and sat. The old man on the river had regenerated into a young human fireball. We who made up his traveling entourage were bobbing and weaving from fatigue and too much sun. I was fading badly, barely able to keep my eyes open. Occasionally Mr. Joo nudged me and suggested I step into the small bathroom a few feet away to splash water on my face. I'm glad I was sitting in the back of the room.

The next morning we had Hoon Dok Hae at 6:00 AM (Wonju read in Korean), ate breakfast, checked out and went to the airport. We were in Father's jet, a 12-passenger Challenger. It comes with two pilots and a flight attendant. The pilot managed to get permission for us to fly along the river at an altitude of only 900 feet. What's more, we poked along at under 200 miles per hour.

Short of floating along in a hot air balloon, it is hard to imagine a more magnificent way to view the Amazon River and the endless carpet of tree tops in every direction from horizon to horizon.

**Viernes, 24 de octubre de 1997** – Spent the day on the river at Santarém. We rode three hours downstream to fish and swat mosquitoes for an hour. Then four hours back upstream, returning to the city.

The excerpt above, from my handwritten notes does nothing to convey how magnificent this day was.

We didn't actually get started on the river until about 1:00 PM and I will never forget the beauty of the surrounding plants, river, the afternoon sun, air – everything – as we sailed out to where we were to fish. Especially memorable was the sun, bathing everything in those good old warm tones that somehow intensify the color in everything that is green. On the Amazon you are never far from green.

Mother and Father laid down on a double bed in the front cabin and napped for about an hour. I chatted with people and spent long periods just watching Mother Nature's show. After a while I climbed onto the roof of the boat with my legs dangling over the front, where I could be away from all people and as far from the sound of the engine as possible. It was so quiet.

I sat in absolute serenity.

Cruising along in the middle of the river, with the breeze in your face, is the only time in the jungle where you are free of the heat and insects. Being in a tropical zone, the Amazon region has only two seasons – dry and wet – relative terms to be sure. In reality one season is hot and wet. The other is hotter and wetter. October is the so-called "dry" season, supposedly the cooler period with fewer mosquitoes. If that was so, we could only imagine how hellish the hotter and

wetter, more mosquito-infested season must be.

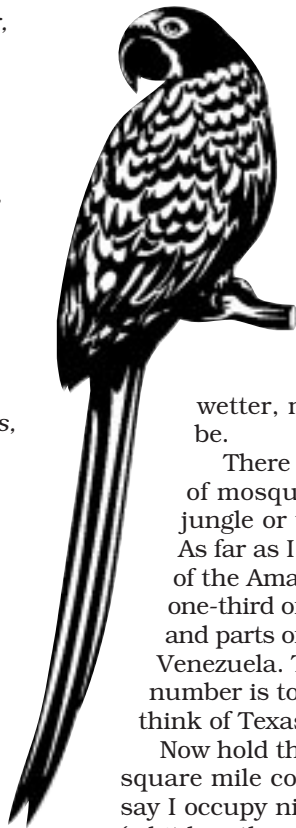
There is no place you can stand that is free of mosquitoes, whether it's the middle of the jungle or the balcony outside your hotel room. As far as I can tell, this holds true for every inch of the Amazon's drainage basin, which takes up one-third of the continent, including half of Brazil and parts of Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia and Venezuela. That's 2,722,000 square miles. If that number is too difficult to wrap your mind around, think of Texas times ten.

Now hold that thought while we do some math. A square mile contains 27,878,400 square feet. Let's say I occupy nine of them, one square yard of space (a bit less than a square meter) which includes room to cross my legs and a place to set an orange Fanta. This means a square mile can hold 3,097,600 people, each with their own personal space and personal orange Fanta. At a square yard each, the number of people you can put into the Amazon basin is almost eight-and-a-half trillion (8,431,667,200,000 to be exact).

I was swatting mosquitoes the entire week I was there. Presumably all eight trillion-something people would be swatting along with me. On the two occasions I tried counting, I found eight blood smears on my arms, neck and socks after about 20 minutes (they easily bite through clothing) and it seemed that six of the eight were instantly replaced by enraged kin, maddened by grief, who felt they had nothing more to lose.

They came in waves, unmindful of their own safety, hitting high then low, diving fast out of the sun. Their goal was to keep me constantly slapping myself, and they were really quite good at it. It must have been hilarious to watch. When I managed to tag one it would leave a big smear of my own blood all over

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# Amazon Journey

my arm or face. The squashee would immediately be replaced by a relative bent on avenging the memory of his slain comrade.

If you just count the eight I sent to bug heaven, and their six replacements, I figure I was dealing with a total of 14 mosquitoes no matter where I was in the Amazon. It would still be conservative to assume that if people completely filled that continent-size basin, sitting knee to knee, everyone would get their standard allotment of 14 mosquitoes.

Therefore, I am pleased to announce that the entire Amazon basin contains exactly 118,043,340,800,000 mosquitoes. That's 118 trillion, 43 billion and some change.

Mother and Father fished briefly while the rest of us dealt with our personal dive-bombing swarms that found us the second we tied up at the river bank and the wind died down. They caught fresh-water stingrays and assorted crud fish, all of which they released. These were not fish you would normally eat so I can understand tossing them back, but as essentially a non-fisherman I wonder about catch-and-release. Why bother to fish in the first place? As fishing, it seems the equivalent of kissing your sister.

Texas Republican and U.S. House Majority Leader Dick Arney, once offered a fish's perspective on catch and release. "Think about that poor bass," he told a group of reporters. "Put yourself in his place. You go into Denny's and you sit down and somebody puts your hamburger in front of you and you pick it up and you take a bite. All of a sudden, somebody grabs you by the mouth, drags you around the store, drags you outside, pulls the hook out of your mouth and throws you back into Denny's."

Got to admit I hadn't thought of it that way, and now I understand catch-and-release even less.

It was dark as we rode back to Santarém. Father, Mother, Mr. Joo, me and one or two others sat in chairs on the prow of the boat as we made the journey home. Conversation was sparse. Long silent periods were filled only by the muffled chugging of the engine below and the three-dimensional, textured blackness of the starry night-time sky. Except for the pilot occasionally turning on the roof-mounted spotlight to get his bearings, we rode in total darkness. The stars were huge and we could see billions of them. To the other tragedies of urban life, you can add that most of the majestic wholeness of the night sky is simply lost to city dwellers.

The spotlight went on once in a while for a minute or so at a time. It's beam was focused to a few feet wide and illuminated an area a hundred feet or so in front of the boat. What's more, a blizzard of insects filled the beam, not just mosquitoes but an inconceivable variety of flying bugs. Oh, to be a bat in the Amazon.

The ride back was a parcel of time, so peaceful, so complete, I wished it could have been an all-night journey rather than a few hours.

Mr. Joo and I spoke part of the time about possible newspaper articles that could come out of this trip. We passed the phrase "key

issues" back and forth a couple of times, as though it had some meaning and as though we knew what we were talking about. A reminder of "key issues" to look into later, from the handwritten journal...

*The Amazon's dilemma; its future; its value for education in medicine, agriculture and race relations (integrating the Indians into the advancing civilization). Inescapable, unstoppable reality: so called "civilization" is coming to the forest, rivers, people and wildlife of the Amazon. There are those, and you shall know them by their web sites, who preach that the best development is to do nothing at all. Limit traffic, stop slash-and-burn agriculture, farming – leave it pristine. An appealing sentiment, but you might as well try to stop the Pony Express or find a cure for gold fever in mid-nineteenth century America. Has the focus of debate really shifted from the "keep it pristine" argument to a discussion on the management of encroachment? How to integrate the Indians? What about the "cultural imperialism" argument? Destroy a centuries-old culture, replacing it with urban madness and white man's diseases?*

Upon arrival at the hotel I went to the restaurant to buy a bottle of water before going to the room. Our two pilots and Mary the flight attendant, were having a late supper. "Air Mary," some of us affectionately called our private airline. We talked for a while about our respective adventures. The pilots described what they did to prepare for the next morning's flight and Mary recounted the problems of foraging in an alien culture for food to serve us on the plane.

**Sábado, 25 de octubre de 1997** – Macapá lies exactly on the Equator. According to Mr. Joo, it is one of only five cities in the world placed exactly so. I believe Quito, Ecuador is one also.

*Sailing across rough water, we arrived at a wide tributary (rivers and parts of rivers crisscross everywhere here at the Amazon's mouth). We sailed a few kilometers up a smaller river. Rough "machete jungle" grew to the water's edge. A man who ran a boat engine repair shop along the river said he has seen (and killed) anacondas ten meters or more in length. He and his wife offered us coffee, water and hearts of palm. He said, "I don't like cities. People are hungry in the cities. Here we have no hunger." He described the palm tree fruit, fish, hearts of palm, pumpkins, etc. that grew in the jungle around his home.*

Our reason for stopping was to buy bait. Their engine repair shop was part of a small community that included a few houses, workshops, a saw mill for local use, an Evangelical Church of God, outdoor toilets and docks sticking out

to the water's edge. All the buildings were mounted on stilts and connected one to another by raised boardwalks, also on stilts. This close to the Atlantic, we were in an area affected by tides, and rain-borne floods. The tide was low during our visit so we climbed ten feet of stairs from the river's edge up to the docks. Boats that would be floating elegantly a few hours later, now lay sprawled in the mud, tilted at grotesque angles.

We buy some bait, say goodbye and push off in our dinghy to rendezvous with Father's group on a somewhat larger boat, a smallish cabin cruiser. We hand off some of the bait and head out on our own to take pictures and fish. In my boat is me, Vicki and the two Korean UC videotapers who are recording our every gesture and utterance. There are also the guide/boat driver and his friend, another shirtless and hatless local guy who doesn't say much but knows his way around a fishing tackle box like nobody I've ever seen.

The silent river and the jungle around and overhead, surrounds us the way the man's anaconda stories have enfolded themselves around my mind. The afternoon sun brings increasing contrast to the light and begins to work its magic again, separating all the things you would ordinarily just call "green" into countless distinct shades and variations. If the Eskimos have sixteen words to describe different kinds of snow, I wonder if the people here have fifty to tell one kind of green from another. I can appreciate now where Paul Gauguin must have found the colors for his Polynesian paintings.

Trees taller than an 8-story building stand pregnant with coconuts and pods of some kind of fruit. One stand of trees is completely covered by parasitic kudzu-like vines whose broad leaves starve them of sunlight and slowly snuff out their lives. The appearance is of someone having thrown a luxurious blanket over them. Beauty and death work so well together here.

Not only am I looking at a small piece of the largest forest in the world, but this land has *always* been forest, generally thought to be the oldest permanent vegetation growth on earth. Maybe my earliest ancestors didn't climb down out of the trees, but their friends probably did – the great-great-something-something-grandparents of those trees right in front of me.

Half the known species of birds and more kinds of butterflies than anywhere on earth are here. Crawly things, bugs friendly and scary – bugs we've never even met – are everywhere. There are spiders so large they make their living catching and eating birds. We sit in the boat with the motor off, drifting silently. Every creature is putting out a mating call, a warning cry or just a song, as they flitter around on their way to eating and being eaten. The rainforest at rush hour is indescribable. Heaven will have to get up pretty early in the morning to top this for beauty. I keep hearing my own voice, filled with awe, whispering quietly, "my God...my God...oh my God."

Our boat turns off our tributary onto a smaller creek about 20 feet wide. Someone decided we needed more bait or better bait or different bait. The light is gorgeous and Vicki is ecstatic as she burns through roll after roll of film. I have been with Vicki on other photo assignments in Brazil, North Korea and other places, and she is always this wired. She works incredibly hard, demanding absolute perfection from herself and her equipment. Rebuking herself for the half-dozen time for not having brought the other camera body, she whips a hand into her canvas bag as we suddenly come upon a spectacular piece of river that calls for an instantaneous switch from a long lens to a wide. But we're moving. We're on a boat that's moving, on a river that's moving, photographing animals, backlit foliage, ripples, reflections – *all* of them moving. The light is changing, the angles are changing, leaving forever. We're skimming along, just two seconds away from this whole scene being noth-



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ing more than a memory.

“Tell him to stop! Tell him to stop!” Vicki screams at me.

I turn to tell the boat driver to stop. He doesn’t speak English but he caught her tone and her look, and is already reversing the engine. Like his scrawny brown assistant, he has come to fear this mad woman and they both watch her like you would watch an unfamiliar doberman.

She is relentless, projecting her passion onto the shooting environment, demanding cooperation from the sunlight and the alligators. Sometimes God delivers the goods, sometimes He doesn’t.

I’ve learned there is not much I can do to help Vicki other than stay out of her way. Most of the time she declines my offers to carry her equipment. The gear is heavy but she would rather throw her back out than have to endure the extra ten-second delay of me locating and handing her the 50-to-200 zoom. Vicki’s photos have won some prestigious awards but I think she assesses herself to be a better photo editor than a photographer. I think she’s phenomenal at both. I truly enjoy watching her in action.

I scribble a few thoughts in my notebook, like the fact that it and my pen weigh only a few ounces compared to Vicki’s 35-pound load. I tell myself that either media can record pictures just as well. The afternoon is ecstasy and I wallow in it. I haven’t the faintest idea where we are. We come upon a grass shack on the edge of the creek.

*In a tiny, but navigable tributary we met an old gentleman who lives in a palm frond shack with two barking dogs. He wore a never washed t-shirt in tatters and boxer shorts. It didn’t look like he owned anything else.*

The old man didn’t have any bait for us. He told us the wind is coming. We talked for a while, gave him a Coke and some oranges and left.

We met up with Father’s boat just before we headed back as it began to get dark. He told me, Vicki and the camera crew to get into his boat and for all of us to sit on the floor of the lowest part and to stay there. So we did. We found out why when we left the feeder river and entered the main body of the Amazon for the several miles trip across it. The water had grown rough and we could see waves rising above the side of the boat. The wind had indeed come. The dinghy we had been in had too many people for such rough water, and the guide and his assistant would have an easier time with a lighter load. Father wanted us sitting down so as to keep the boat’s center of gravity as low as possible.

Macapá is a city at one of the two major mouths of the Amazon. The river is wide and strong here, pouring out so much water that the Atlantic Ocean is fresh water for many miles out to sea. It’s still the river, technically a tidal estuary, but waves kick up that can compare to those on the ocean, certainly high enough to swamp small fishing boats like ours.

I don’t know how much actual danger we were in but it was bumpy and the waves towered over us when we were in the troughs. On the other hand, the stars were enormous. Again, an opportunity to die dramatically amid great beauty.

When we got back to the dock, the local UC members were waiting, welcoming, expectant. More of them stood at the entrance to the hotel with their children, all dressed in their Sunday best. They had never seen him before in person. It was late, but Father’s smile said, “ya’ll come on up,” and they trailed after him. That evening, as tired as Father surely was, he spoke to the Macapá members. He reached into wherever it is he keeps his energizer bunny, and he gave them every bit of it.

**Domingo, 26 de octubre de 1997 – 5:00 AM**  
*Pledge and reading of Father’s words in his suite at the Novotel Hotel in Macapá.*

Afterward, we set our suitcases in the hall, where the local members loaded them into cars. In a flash we were aboard Air Mary for a brief, low, slow trip across the delta to the city of Belém (Bethlehem), located on the Amazon’s other gaping mouth. We checked into the hotel and met in Father’s suite.

# Amazon Journey

*For ten minutes, from 10:35 AM until 10:45 AM, Father sat three feet from me (him in a chair, me on the floor) and gave me the distilled, concentrated essence of a new mission. The feeling is that each spoken word contained volumes of instruction. I am being handed a dense element weighing tons per square centimeter. I must now break it apart and smelt it so I can understand what it’s made of, can lift it and carry it home to my heart. Maybe then I can figure out where step one should be placed.*

Father turned his attention to Mr. Joo, with me seated beside him, and continued speaking in Korean for another hour. At one point, Father said my name and began a long set of what seemed to be instructions in Mr. Joo’s direction, but punctuated each thought with a direct look at me. Father paused to take a sip of water and Mr. Joo asked me, “How much of what Father just said did you understand?” “I understood ‘Larry,’” I told him.

Father asked Mr. Joo to explain to me what he had been speaking about. Mr. Joo told Father we were sharing a room and asked if it would be okay if he filled me in later. Father nodded. A few minutes later, Father broke into his heavily-accented English to unload some of his disappointment that in all these years I have never learned to speak Korean. I understand his feeling. It is frustrating in the extreme to pour out your whole heart to someone and have him just sit there, staring at you like a cigar store Indian.

At lunch I sat at the opposite end of a small table for six. Father looked at me and began speaking in Korean again. Mr. Joo said that Father was expressing his concern that I had lost too much weight in my face. He said my stomach is still ample and that maybe I could find some way to lose some of the belly and get some back in the face. Overall, he said I was losing too much weight and he would give me some Chinese medicine to help. I thanked Father for his concern.

After lunch we headed down to the boats for our last day of fishing.

*Fishing this afternoon was more like a boat party than serious fishing. We went only a little way upriver and tied up next to the shore all afternoon. I don’t think anyone got even a nibble. Everyone was talking. Vicki listened to her meditation tapes with headphones. There was no great urgency to remain silent lest we scare the fish – since there were obviously no fish in the area.*

*Father looked at me sitting on the roof of the boat and asked, “Larry, are you happy with your wife?”*

*“Yes, very much so,” I replied.*

*“Do you wish you had gotten an American wife instead?”*

*“No, Father. I don’t think of Taeko as being of any particular race. She’s just my wife and her character has a lot of different qualities I admire. I love her very much.”*

*He nodded his head and I continued.*

*“Father, no matter what bad things may come my way, I feel I can never complain about my life because I have been so fortunate to have Taeko as my wife.”*

This was an immensely satisfying exchange for me. I had wanted to say that to Father for 18 years.

**Lunes, 27 de octubre de 1997 –**  
*This is the fourth anniversary of my mother’s passing into the spirit world.*

We fly out after breakfast, headed south to Montevideo. Father’s and Mother’s chairs are across the aisle from each other, facing forward in the narrow cabin. Mr. Joo sits in a chair facing Father and Mr. Park sits in a chair facing Mother. Father has his shoes off and his feet resting on Mr. Joo’s knees. Mr. Joo is massaging Father’s feet. Mother, likewise, has her shoes off and her feet on Mr. Park’s knees. Mr.

Park is massaging Mother’s feet. Everyone looks as contented as they can be.

As we pass over the headwaters of the Paraguay River near

Cuiabá in southern Brazil, the pilot takes the plane down to under a thousand feet and we coast along. Father, Mother, Mr. Joo and Mr. Park talk among themselves.

The landing in Uruguay was in particularly turbulent conditions, caused by a thunderstorm. A shroud of clouds reduced us to zero visibility. The plane not only bounced like a trailbike, but it slammed from side to side as crosswinds played ping-pong with us. I have been in turbulence before, even on commercial airlines where True Parents were on the same flight. One might assume that flying with them would eliminate all fear of harm – either angels would hold up the plane or, it if did go down, you would have one very excellent spokesman when the group arrived at St. Peter’s gate. But that’s not the case. In the moment it’s still scary as hell.

Mother looked concerned as we bounced along the sky, but Father grinned and laughed after the most severe jolts. I wondered if Father is just being macho or after a lifetime that has included torture, starvation, prisons and being stalked by Kim Il-Sung’s death squads, he simply doesn’t fear whatever might await him on the other side or whatever it might take to get him there. Father gives the middle finger to Mr. Death.

In Montevideo we are taken to our rooms at the Victoria Plaza Hotel. I spend some time going over my notes, listing things Father has asked me to do and assigning priorities to everything I can.

In the evening, we gathered for dinner in Father’s suite. Sitting around the big dining room table were Father, Mother, Mr. Joo, Mr. Park, Mr. Yoon, Vicki, two National Messiahs from Venezuela, the two

film guys, maybe one or two others.

*After dinner Mother whispered something into Father’s ear. Then Father pulled out his wallet, smiled and said in English, “Larry, come here.” Father opened his wallet and handed me everything in it. He didn’t even count it or look at it. He just pulled out whatever he had and gave it to me.*

This moment was an experience with Father I will remember for the rest of my life and beyond. Besides being a microcosm symbol of Father’s relationship with the world, it stunned me that someone could love me and invest in me this much. Gratitude, love, truth, judgment, acceptance, repentance, peace – all the emotions one can imagine, came over me and down upon my head. **Father gave me everything he had to give.**

*A few minutes later, Father asked me to share my impressions of the Amazon and what kinds of news stories I thought could come from the experience. I spoke about 10 minutes, with a certain amount of rambling. It ended well I thought, on a note of personal gratitude to Father and Mother. Then Vicki, Mr. Yoon, Mr. Park and Mr. Joo all gave their impressions of the trip.*

The next morning we went to the airport and waited awhile together in the private terminal waiting room. The Uruguayan members were standing around. Father called me over and I squatted on my haunches in front of him and Mother. He spoke for a bit urging me to work hard and be good. He ended with a big smile, a thumbs-up sign and a little click-click with his voice, the sound a rider makes to encourage his horse to keep moving. I smiled, thumbed-up and click-clicked back at my Father.

Shortly after, we parted ways as I left to walk over to the main terminal to get a commercial flight for the hop over to Buenos Aires. At the door I turned and we waved again. ❖



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# A Celebration of Thanksgiving in NJ

by Christine Libon—Clifton, NJ

Though adults were present, this evening was predominantly studded with Second Generation stars. Part I was a religious service; Part II was entertainment.

Part I opened with hymns of thanks and two Bible readings given by Jeremy and Mika Gagné. Deut. 8:7-18 urges us to remember that it is God who brings us out of the wilderness and into the land of eating bread with no scarcity, the land of wealth. Remember Him by keeping His commandments and ordinances, lest we say in our hearts that it is by the power of our own hands that we have attained wealth. II Corinthians 9:6-15 promotes cheerful and generous giving so that through us a heart of thanksgiving to God can be produced. By serving and giving we glorify God, and people will long for us because of the surpassing grace of God in us; thanks be to God. Sow bountifully and you will reap bountifully. Excerpts from Rev. Sun Myung Moon's speech, "God's Hope for America," focused on the dedication and the sacrifice which the Pilgrims manifested. (This speech was published and delivered in Washington, D.C. in 1973, originally.)

A smoothly harmonious hymn with significant lyrics pertinent to our life and times, "If My People Will Pray," by Owens, was sung by the New Hope Chorale. Following was Rev. John Hong's message with the key point, "Giving": "Even these young Second Generation want to get up here and GIVE something. In this regard, they are already like parents, because the parental position is the giving position." In the closing song of Part I, the Master of Ceremonies, Mr. George Allen, noted "that the words of this song need not only apply to the founders of the spiritual nation of believers, nor to Korea from where the song originated, but also to our nation of America."

FFWPU-NJ Senior Youth Choir opened the entertainment portion of the program. Their songs included:

"Giver of All, We Thank Thee" (Emerson)-Part I

"We Thank You" (Pinson)-Part I

"Moon River" (H. Mancini)-Part II

"Everything's Comin' Up Roses" (Sondheim-Styne)-Part II

Sunmarie Allen sang a solo in "Moon River." Last year she performed a ballet number, and she always lights up our lives with her bright sunny smile. The choir's last number showcased the youth-

ful energy and spirited personalities of the youth choir participants.

Half of the new "East & West" duo being ill compelled Mrs. Noriko Sprague to give a solo performance of "We've Only



Above, The New Hope Players. Below, the Youth Choir

Just Begun" (Williams-Nichols) and "The Impossible Dream" (Leigh-Darion). Her popularity with the audience was made obvious by the hoots, cheers and applause.

A major highlight of the program was an original play, written and directed by Diana Santelli, which lightheartedly blended historical facts in relation to modern views of our times. The performers were:

Celestine Compton, portraying a modern-day teenager; Sylvia Santelli, as Gov. William Bradford of Massachu-

setts; Mika Kuwahara, as Rebecca Holmquist (a Pilgrim mother); and Stephen Bien, portraying Squanto (a Native American).

Special commendations to these players for learning and delivering their lines dramatically.

About the playwright: Diana Santelli is a seventh-grader at the Woodrow Wilson Middle School in Clifton, NJ. She is the second-born of four siblings. Diana has acted in four or five plays, but this was her debut as writer-director-coordinator. Remembering Diana's essay on the Fourth of July last year, I asked her if she had a soft spot in her heart for immigrants to this country. Diana said that her favorite subject is the history of North America. Until recently, she was also a member of the Student Leadership Corps.

Research for dates and information, especially about William Bradford, was done on her computer. The final song of the play, "We Are One In The Spirit," was chosen because "the words made



sense" in accord with the theme of the play; the rhythm also added a Native American flavor. Diana also selected the costumes, rented from "At A Glance" in Butler, NJ, owned and operated by a wonderful lady (who made many of the costumes herself) on extremely reason-



Soloist, Il Hwa Yokporez

able terms.

Diana's dad is Francesco Santelli, longtime choir director, music minister, and assistant producer of this event.

We were also privileged to have a special guest performance by that tenor from across the Hudson, Robert Hall, who sang three Italian arias.

A new soloist just reaching her teenage years, Il Hwa Yokpore, truly graced our evening with beauty, clarity and maturity of voice. She delivered her songs "Amazing Grace" and "Beauty and the Beast" (Menken-Ashman) impressively if (understandably) a bit nervously. We in New Jersey are rooting for her as she pursues the development of her talent. All can see her great potential.

The evening concluded with the well-practiced New Hope Chorale of NJ presenting selections from "The Sound of

Music" and the congregation joining in "Let There Be Peace On Earth" (Miller). We then proceeded downstairs to a sumptuous turkey dinner prepared by Mrs. Hong and our loving and humble sisters serving behind the scenes. Special thanks to Rev. and Mrs. Hong for making such a lovely evening possible.

Seating was limited to the families and guests of the choir participants. Those interested in participating next year or in other upcoming events please inquire: Francesco Santelli at tel. (973)472-3755 or fax (973)472-8058.

More thanks go to many others who helped behind the scenes with preparations and decorations and program layout: Mrs. Y. Kono, Mrs. A. Hirose, Mrs. Sprague, Mrs. Muranaka, Mr. Roger S. Bantawan, Christine Libon. ♦

## FOR KIDS

by Françoise

Find the seven differences between these two drawings of putting on the school play

Help them find the costumes



by Konstantin Krylov, Moscow

On the 19th of November, 1998 the Dzerzhinsky Federal Court of St. Petersburg resumed the first stage hearing of the civil case initiated by the Interregional Committee for Salvation from Totalitarian Sects against the Collegiate Association for the Research of the Principle (CARP, a Unification Church affiliated organization) with the aim of liquidating this organization and receiving compensation for alleged moral distress.

The suit was submitted to the Court in 1995. At that time CARP's lawyers pointed out to the court that a public organization has no right to attempt in a court of law to liquidate another public organization. This can only be done either by the prosecutor or the Department of Justice as the registering organ. Claims for compensation for moral distress are acceptable only from the individuals who experienced moral damage and never from organizations. It means that when he accepted the suit, the judge violated the Law. Nevertheless, for more than three years the Court conducted hearings of the case. This case was specifically referred to as proof of the malevolence of the Unification Church in various official documents such as the Analytical Newsletter of the Federal Duma, informative materials of the Ministry of Health and guidelines issued by the Ministry of Internal Affairs. This investigation by the Dzerzhinsky Court was also given as a reason for refusing to register a branch of the Unification Church in St. Petersburg.

However, at no time during the hearings did the plaintiff provide any proof of illegal activities by this youth organization. On the contrary, a psychiatric examination of members of CARP proved their sanity. The criminologists who examined the doctrinal literature of the Unification Church found nothing of a criminal nature either in books by Rev. Moon, or in brochures and other literature. It became obvious to the court that the claims of the Interregional Committee for Salvation from Totalitarian Sects should be dismissed. And so it was reminded about the procedural norms regulating the processing of lawsuits submitted by an improper plaintiff. According to Art. 129-1 of the Civil Process Codex, the judge should refuse to accept such a suit. If the suit was accepted by mistake, then the process is to be stopped on discovering the mistake.

Another factor that should have been helpful in discovering such a "mistake" were the documents found by CARP of some of the sources of finance of the so-called public committee. As soon as the suit was accepted by the Court, the Interregional Committee started to receive financial support straight from the St. Petersburg City Budget. Its financing was fixed as a separate item in the city's expenditures. Thus the fight of Mrs. N. Russkikh and Mr. V. Babkin for "salvation from totalitarian sects" was directly paid from the city budget not counting the support received from the Prosecutor and the Justice Department.

It also became clear that the anti-cult activists constantly avoided actually participating in the court hearings under various pretexts. First they asked for more time to clearly specify their claims, although this was never done. In 1996 they solicited the court to con-

duct a psychiatric examination of members of CARP and postponed further hearings until the result was available. In their Statement No. 10253/20 the experts explained why the examination took so long: the third party in the court process and representative of the Interregional Committee, Mrs. N. Russkikh, did not provide the necessary material for a long time (13 January, 97 - 17 June, 97), and later "escaped from participating in the expert's work." The length of the court's psychiatric examination was also due to the Interregional Committee's failure to make the payments necessary for the expert examination. By law it is the soliciting party that should pay and even though the Committee produced in court letters of guaranteeing payment, the payments were not made. In the end the psychiatric examination was performed at the expense of the State. On the 19th of June, 1998 the plaintiffs made a statement in the court that as their lawyer was absent at the hearing they could not properly defend their supposedly violated rights. CARP then proved that the contract between the Interregional Committee and its lawyers had been discontinued since summer 1997. With the support of the court, the Committee for the Salvation from Totalitarian Sects used various pretexts to postpone the hearing. The reason was simple. The State financing might end.

In this way the Court had more than enough evidence of the absurdity of the suit. On the 19th of November 1998, CARP produced documentary evidence showing that the so-called "distress" of the parents who were demanding the forced psychiatric hospitalization of their mentally healthy adult children, "brain-washed" by the Unification Church, was being financed out of the budget of the city of St. Petersburg, a subject of the Russian Federation. Then, in order to save the Committee from losing to CARP, the Court used a technical device to declare that the case should not even have been started. Thus the case was dismissed as having been improperly brought.

Although the three year long court case was closed by the court, it was not highlighted by the State or the mass media. Nor has CARP received any compensation for its substantial legal expenses. Instead, the members of the anti-cult committee are still having their say as witnesses in the Prosecutor's case. He is demanding the liquidation of CARP although in fact his case has also been postponed for an indefinite period. Early in October 1998, the City Court of St. Petersburg almost heard the whole case but postponed it

because the Prosecutor was not properly prepared. So the court suggested to the Prosecutor that he prepare and produce evidence. On the 30th of November 1998, the case was taken off the Court schedule for no apparent reason and is now postponed indefinitely.

Thus the legal controversy between the State represented by the Prosecutor, the Justice Department, the Committee for the Salvation from Totalitarian Sects, and a student organization sharing the doctrine of the

Unification Church continues. It would be naive for Russia to expect that law will triumph. Even if one is critical of the religious doctrines and the practices of the Unification Church, it is hard not to see which forces are discriminating against the freedom of conscience. The fighters for authoritarian values and nationalism are supported by the State which has already abandoned its declared liberal-democratic principles. Xenophobia and religious intolerance prepare the way for totalitarianism. ❖

# Court Case Against CARP Dismissed in St. Petersburg

## IN MEMORIAM

### Dr. Osami Kuboki

Dr. Osami Kuboki, former president of HSA-UWC in Japan, passed peacefully into the spirit world on December 13, 1998, with many relatives and church leaders in attendance.

His Seung Hwa Ceremony was held on the morning of December 15 at the Church Headquarters at Shin-ju-ku, where the Japanese church had its origins.

When Osami Kuboki joined the Unification Church in August 1962, he was already the youth leader of a powerful Buddhist denomination, Risho Koseikai—which had three million members—and was expected to become its next president. Dr. Kuboki soon became the national leader of the fledgling Japanese church, a position he eventually held for 27 years. Under his leadership, it grew from a

tiny community to a vast nationwide movement through successful outreach programs to all levels of society, including its highest leadership. When-

ever it was needed, Dr. Kuboki sent members from Japan to support the church's expansion worldwide.

He is deservedly renowned for his unflinching determination to implement and accomplish the weighty tasks with which True Parents entrusted him as representative of the global Eve nation. In 1996, True Parents assigned Dr. Kuboki as Eve nation National Messiah to China.

Dr. Kuboki is fondly and respectfully remembered by members both in Japan and around the world. We honor his sacrifice as a pioneer and leader, and offer him our heartfelt support and love for his new life in the spirit world. ❖



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TRUE PARENTS' HISTORY FOR CHILDREN

An Encounter with the University

by Linna Rapkins

In Seoul, there were several universities where young students studied for their careers. One of these universities was for girls only. (Or we can call them women.) It's name was Ehwa University.

Mr. Eu was witnessing to everyone he knew; and one of these people was his relative, Mrs. Yang. She was a music teacher at Ehwa University.

When he first told her about Teacher Moon and the new revelation, she didn't want to go. After all, university professors are very important people. They have to think of their reputations. Still, she was curious about the changes in Mr. Eu 's life; and one day, her curiosity got the best of her. Mrs. Yang was a rather spiritual woman. She could sense what was going on around her spiritually , and she could often feel whether something was good or bad, whether it was from God or not.

She listened to Mr. Eu's lectures politely, but skeptically. As the minutes and hours passed, however, she felt a strange excitement growing inside her.

"I feel God in this place," she was thinking. "And the teaching makes a lot of sense."

When the last lecture came to an end, suddenly without warning, she jumped up before the little group and sang a song. She had never heard this song before, and neither had anyone else! Spirit world was singing through her.

It was like the room came to life. Everyone caught the feeling of joy and felt like dancing and laughing and singing. It was a great moment.

Mrs. Yang's life was changed that day. When she returned to the university, she

told many people about her experience. Even though she was a respected professor, she didn't care anymore what people thought of her.

The word soon got around at the university that a young fellow in a dilapidated house was teaching something interesting, and people were getting inspired. Students started investigating. They told others about it, and the numbers multiplied.

Those who came felt something spiritual happening in their lives, and it became hard for them to concentrate on their studies. They returned again and again when they should have been studying their lessons.

Soon, the teachers began to notice a change in their students.

"Why are so many of the girls absent lately?" they asked each other. "Is there a sickness going around?"

"I don't know of any sickness," said one. "Anyway, they never stay home just because they're sick."

"True, true," responded another. "Besides, their minds seem to be off somewhere else all the time."

"Yes, and their eyes sparkle," complained still another.

"One of them told me she is visiting a man who teaches new things about the Bible—and something about the Messiah coming to Korea—now."

"Sounds like some wild-eyed fanatic!"

"It certainly does," they all agreed. They decided to report it to the officials in charge of the university

The president and the administrators talked it over then. How much should they be worried? After a big discussion,

they decided they would take a wait-and-see attitude. Perhaps the students would get tired of going there, especially since many of them were in their final year and were looking forward to graduating.



The women who were expelled from Ewah University at a prayer meeting before the 36 Couples Blessing

Then, parents got word that their girls were spending time with a very strange man. It was a great privilege to attend a university. The parents had worked hard during all those years of war and had made many sacrifices in order to send their children there, so they didn't want anything to go wrong now. They were VERY upset and went straight to the university president to complain.

"We didn't send our girls here to run off with some crazy man," they stormed. "We want you to put a stop to it—and NOW!"

"Yes, yes, of course," agreed the president. "We'll take care of it right away." He certainly didn't want the university to get a bad reputation.

the same thing happened—the professor joined the church!

The frustrated administrators still didn't want to give up. What to do? What to do? They decided to send one of the most important people at the university—their respected Dean of Students.

Again, God worked. This lady's heart was moved, and she became one of the most devoted and most loved members ever. Her name was Mrs. Won Bok Choi!

The administrators just couldn't believe this was happening! They talked it over at length, and decided to try just one more time. They chose a professor who had studied the Christian religion and other religions. She had graduated from three seminaries and was very intelligent. She was also the type of person who was logical, and didn't get emotional about things. She was expected to become president of Ehwa some day. This woman would NEVER get swept off her feet by some crazy preacher. She was Miss Young Oon Kim.

At that time, she was quite ill from a kidney disease, but she agreed to check it out. She found the little church, and taking off her shoes, she entered without a word. Her face was serious as she sat down for the lectures. Father sat beside Mr. Eu, his eyes lowered in silent prayer.

In the next room, many of the members, especially the students and teachers from Ehwa, had gathered to pray for her. They had drilled a little hole in the wall, so they could take turns watching her. This would be a crucial set of lectures, because, if SHE went to the president with a negative report, that would be it for them. They would be forbidden to attend the church forever.

They prayed really hard all through Mr. Eu's lectures. She listened politely. What was she thinking? No one could tell. On and on went the lectures—one hour, two hours, three, four. Nothing happened. She just listened and took notes.

Then Mr. Eu came to the part about spirit world. As he described the spirit mind and spirit body, life after death, and so on, she looked a little more interested. No one knew that she had been trying for years to find out more about spirit world. She had been greatly inspired by a man named Swedenborg, who had written a book about the spirit world. It was a great book; yet it did not answer all the questions she had. In fact, she had found no one who could answer them.

Now, Mr. Eu was answering all her questions. On the outside, her face looked interested but calm. Inside, she was feeling growing excitement.

After the lecture, she hid her excitement and asked many questions, and even debated with Mr. Eu, trying to prove him wrong. But he had a good answer for every question. When Father spoke to her, she felt even more inspired.

As the three days went by, she noticed that, while she was at the church, the pain from her kidney disease disappeared. When she went home in the evening, however, the pain returned. In the days ahead, whenever she doubted the Divine

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The words in the word list are hidden in the diagram of letters. Find them by reading forward, backward, up, down and diagonally, always in a straight line. Some of the letters in the diagram are used in more than one word and some are not used in any words. If two forms of the same word (RICH and RICHEST, for example) are in the word list, they will be found in different places in the diagram. When you locate a word in the diagram, draw a loop around it. Cross out the word you found in the word list.

This month's topic  
Family Pledge Number One

Centering, Creation, Earth, Establish, Family, God,  
Heaven, Homeland, Ideal, Kingdom, Love,  
Original, Our, Perfect, Pledges, Seek, True.

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DIVINE PRINCIPLE STUDY

WHY CHRIST CAME AND WHY HE MUST COME AGAIN

Volume 3 • Part 2

Historically it has always been understood that Jesus came for the salvation of humankind. As Paul writes: “For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we wake or sleep we might live with him.” (1 Thess. 9:10).

Despite such understandings, the actual meaning of salvation has for many remained somewhat vague. Does salvation simply refer to the afterlife? Is it limited to individuals? What does it mean to be saved?

If someone who was dying were to be saved, we would understand that he was restored to life and health. The same is true of a person drowning; to save him would mean to pull him from the water and return him to the shore. In these instances, “saving” a person means restoring him to his prior state of well-being.

By the same token, Divine Principle teaches that spiritual salvation means restoring fallen man to his original state of goodness and wholeness—the state he enjoyed before the Fall. This means restoring him to the position where as an individual he can fulfill the original purpose of life.

Must be perfect

When Jesus came two thousand years ago, he unequivocally stated the goal of the individual life: “You therefore must be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect.” (Mt. 5:48)

In Greek, the language in which Matthew wrote his Gospel, the word “perfect” (Greek: telios) means “end” or “goal.” It may be thus understood as describing one who has reached the end, or has achieved maturity in the image of God. For Divine Principle, such an ideal, challenging though it may be, reflects God’s goal in His original creation and His goal in salvation. His first task is to create individual who are full reflections of Himself.

Let us recall, however, that the process of salvation is meant to go beyond individuals. When John writes in his Gospel that “For God so loved the world that He gave his only son” (Jn. 3:16), he was reflecting the ultimate extent of God’s goal. God is not just interested in indi-

being met. It would be in effect a Garden of Eden that had been restored on a global scale.

To Be Accomplished

Of course one may wonder if such a world could actually be realized. The

it to pass, I have purposed it and I will do it.” (Is. 46:11).

In the fullness of time, God will surely accomplish His purpose. As the God of love, He could never leave fallen man in his current state, for man was created as His child.

By what steps would a restored world have to be approached? If Adam and Eve originally had managed to become marriage partners who reflected God’s love, and if they had raised their children in this spirit, their family could have been the origin of an enlightened clan, society, nation and world.

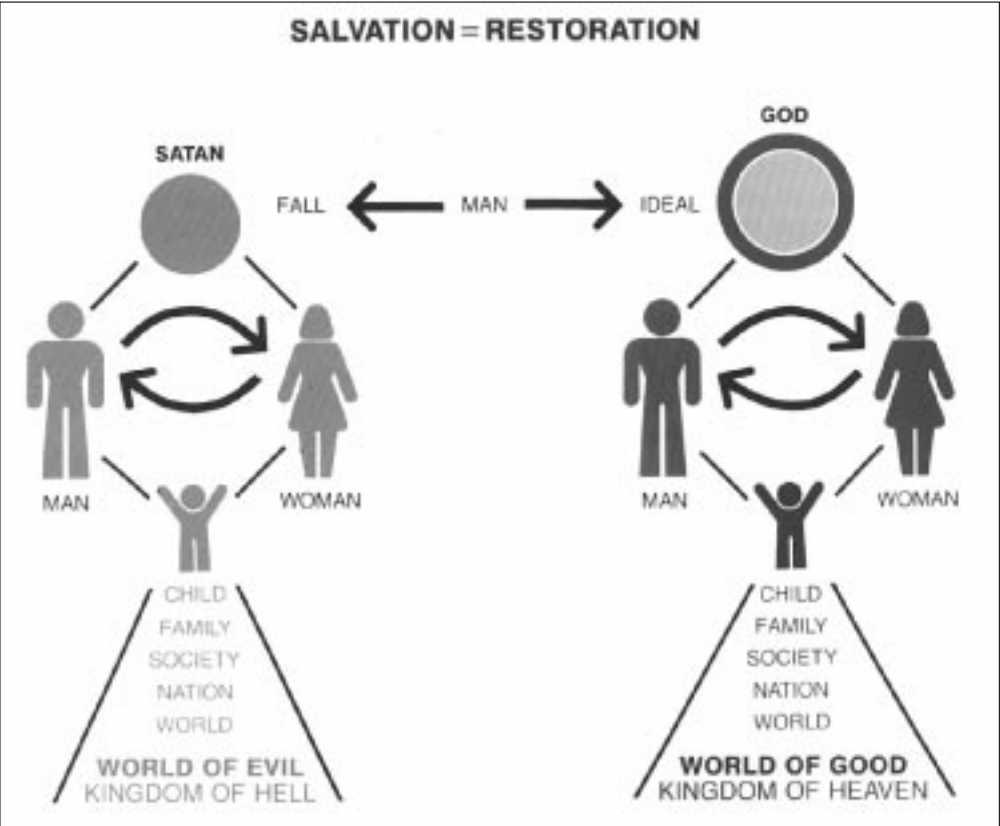
In other words, as the children of a perfected Adam and Eve matured and started their own families, their original family would have gradually expanded, finally developing into one world family. At the core of this global family would have been one set of true parents, perfected Adam and Eve, representing God’s parental love to all their descendants. Centered on this family, the Kingdom of Heaven on earth would have emerged.

Divine Principle teaches that throughout history God’s purpose and method are consistent. The goal of salvation is thus a restored world expressing God’s original ideal and centered on perfected man and woman. It is for this purpose that God sends the messiah. He comes to stand before God as the true individual and to establish a true family—a family that embodies and expresses God’s love. On this foundation the Messiah is to build an ideal nation and world, thus fulfilling the originally intended Kingdom of Heaven of earth.

For this reason Jesus came proclaiming the Kingdom of Heaven. Matthew writes: “And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom . . .” (Mt. 9:35).

In the next section we will look more specifically at what the Kingdom meant for Jesus.

Next Month • The Kingdom ♦



viduals; He also intends to save families, races, nations and the world.

If we think of what a saved world would be, we must think of a world free from what John F. Kennedy called the “common enemies of man—tyranny, poverty, disease and war itself.” Speaking positively, we may envision a world where the strong are generous and the weak secure, where, in the words of Amos: “. . . justice will roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.” (Amos 5:24).

It would be a world in which humanity’s ancient hope for peace was realized, and our desire for material well-

record of human history is not promising. Nevertheless, Divine Principle points out that such a vision relies not primarily on man—although man has his part to play—but on God. And for God to be God, He must one day realize His original ideal.

Those who have followed God have on occasion been blessed with insight as to His ultimate purposes. The apostle Paul, for example, wrote of the day when God would “unite all things in (Christ), things in heaven and things on earth.” (Eph 1:10). Similarly, the prophet Isaiah writes of the Lord’s proclamation: “I have spoken, and I will bring

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Principle and argued with Mr. Eu and Father, the pain got stronger; but whenever she believed, the pain went away.

Finally, she had to admit this was God’s answer to her lifelong prayers. She decided to join this little group of people who said they would change the world.

Meanwhile, the university president was anxiously awaiting her return. When she finally arrived with her report, it wasn’t what he wanted to hear at all.

“I have studied the Bible for many years and prayed for answers,” she began, “and now I know it was all for the purpose of finding this man, Moon Sun Myung. It was all preparation to follow him and help him. It has been made clear to me that he has been sent by God to do even greater things than Jesus.”

When he heard these words, he was greatly disappointed, to say the least!

You just didn’t say things like that in a Christian school. “Good-bye, Kim Sun Sengnim,” he was barely able to utter. “With you or without you, I will end this craziness.”

That very day, he summoned the students and professors who had joined Father’s group.

“Students and teachers at Ehwa are expected to conduct themselves in a respectable manner at all times,” he said. “And YOU are a disgrace to our university—the scum of the earth. I should just kick you out here and now, but; out of the kindness of my heart, I have decided to give you one more chance. I’m giving you a choice. Choice number one: if you stop going to Moon’s so-called church today, you may continue to attend the university. Choice number two: if you do not stop going, you will be expelled from school, effective immediately.”

Now, this was a most difficult choice. Attending a university in Korea meant earning lots of money and having a comfortable life. It was right after the war, and they knew what poverty was like. Some of these young ladies had studied

very, very hard for many years, just so they could attend university. Their parents had made big sacrifices for them.

They talked it over with each other, and many decided they couldn’t give up graduation, after all. Out of a 100 or so students, there were fourteen brave women who decided to stand by God and True Father.

“We love Heavenly Father, now. We love Moon Son-sengnim, and we believe the Divine Principle is true,” they affirmed. “And no university president can force us to give it up.” They were expelled from the university.

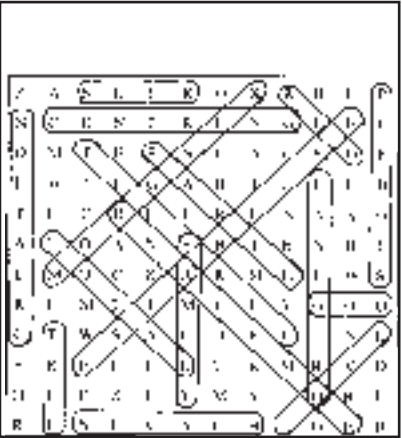
In the case of the five professors, they were fired. Their positions had paid well and gave them much respect, but now it was unlikely that they would ever have another chance to teach in a university.

As they walked out, their heads were held

high, and they smiled. They felt as if they were being decorated by heaven. A gold star from heaven is a million times more valuable than a diploma or job at Ehwa.

When they arrived back at the church, they were received as heroes. That night, there was a great prayer meeting, and God touched each one of those brave women. As they prayed, they were given the gift of speaking in tongues and prophesying about the future, just like the early Christians after the death of Jesus.

They could never fully explain to anyone else exactly how they felt; it was such a deep feeling. But whenever they looked into each other’s eyes, they understood each other. And whenever Heavenly Father and True Father looked at them, they understood—and loved them dearly. ♦



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# Hellenic History

In this article we'll discuss events in the distant past, far beyond living memory. These events have made a profound impact on our lives, much deeper than most people realize. We're not talking about the Bible here, or any other religious text. It's that "other" history, the legendary tales of the ancient Greeks and their neighbors.

For a long time these stories were regarded as "mythology," fascinating but having little to do with reality. However, for the past century or so, archaeologists have been uncovering evidence that many of the people, places and events described were quite real! This was first presented to the world by a German businessman named Schliemann, who in the late 1800s rediscovered the cities of Troy and its chief enemy Mycenae.

All this history was painted upon a remarkably small canvas. The region of the eastern Mediterranean is tiny by American standards, but during the Bronze Age it comprised its inhabitant's entire world.

This author once crossed the whole of Macedonia in just a few hours, by car. (I'm told that Israel is even smaller.) At the time I was deeply aware that if history itself were visible, that sparse landscape would have looked more crowded than Manhattan.

In their hand-made wooden ships, it often took ancient travelers many days to cross even a narrow band of water—

if the winds allowed them to move at all. Their world was small in other ways. When they reached another shore, chances were that the city-states they visited were ruled by a distant cousin, or perhaps a brother-in-law.

This rich tapestry underlies entire schools of scholarship. The Hellenic accounts emerge from sheer myth with the first "best seller" in world history: the Homeric epics of the Trojan War. They were probably written down by a poet named Homer, who lived around 700 BC. He recounts a series of events that took place around 1250 BC (some say 1150). These concern the abduction of Helen of Sparta by the Trojan prince Paris, and the resulting Greek siege that ended with the deaths of Achilles, Ajax, and so many other heroes—and the clever ruse of the Trojan Horse.

This history unfolded quite near Israel (and those other Old Testament players, Babylon and Egypt), yet for thousands of years their paths were relatively separate. Not until the time of Alexander the Great did they come into direct confrontation, culminating in the Greek/Macedonian conquest of Israel in 332 BC.

### History?

Students, both enrolled and self-taught, can no longer rely on "popular" accounts of history. The subject is hardly taught in America any more; a century ago the average eighth grader knew more about history than most college graduates do

today!

These days "historical revisionists" rule the roost, busily altering textbooks to fit their ideology, and dominating the scholastic associations. Their mental contortions can be astonishing. For instance, one of the most enigmatic figures in the Trojan legends, the prophetess Cassandra, has been recast as a archetypal feminist!

Another example is as close as a bumper sticker you may have seen; the one that says: "Love Your Mother" (printed next to a drawing of the Earth). The primitive, animistic religions that preceded the "patriarchal" Greek pantheon have been raised to the exalted status of a "universal Goddess religion." According to modern Goddess believers, all was peaceful between fellow humans -and nature- until the warlike, horse riding Aryans swept the original matriarchy from the lands of Eurasia.

Worse yet, tenured "moral relativists" are denying the writings of eminent historians, and even the objectivity of history itself. After they get through, many of their students are afraid to state the basic facts of past events, much less pass judgment upon the participants. In the most extreme reported instance, a group of college students refused to swear to the actuality of, or to "blame the bad guys" for, epochs ranging from slavery and the Civil War to the Holocaust and Nazi Germany.

### Cultures

Western European culture, for so long the focus of God's Providence, has two "internal" bases. The Principle refers to these as Hellenism and Hebraism. These descend from Greece and Israel respectively, and their thread runs through the entire Providence, culminating in the ideologies that dominate our modern world.

The Hellenic thread, while "playing Cain" to Hebraism's central pillar, has been very important to the spiritual progress of humanity. The Divine Principal names Socrates as a major Providential figure, even though he referred to God only dispassionately, and founded no religion.

Hellenism played a key role in the development of every major, western Providential nation. Often this influence was tied directly to the Trojan epics, which were well known.

The Greeks who fought at Troy were Mycenaean, differing in language and culture from their famous descendants like Socrates. Even so, the story of their victory in the Trojan War (which had, by Socrates' time, taken place over seven hundred years earlier) was the binding cultural tie of the rising Classical Greeks.

Aristotle's student Alexander the Great slept with a copy of Homer under his pillow, and as soon as he drove the Persians from the area of Troy (now in western Turkey) he bequeathed much wealth upon that city.

The Trojan epics were a founding theme of the Roman Empire. According to the Romans, a Trojan prince named Aeneas escaped the sack of his city and fled to Italy, where he established himself anew. All Roman school children learned of his (alleged) heroic deeds. Later, conquering Romans built their city of Novum Illium over the ruins of old Troy.

The Trojan legend seeped into the folks tales of many European and Near East-

ern peoples, as far away as Celtic Ireland. It inspired Charlemagne; in seeking to lift up his barbaric Frankish people, he "discovered" a Trojan prince named Frankus to match the Roman's Aeneas. The epics, newly translated and embellished, helped

build Europe's tradition of chivalry, and enriched Shakespeare's works.

The Ottoman Turks, who were defeated in World War One, proudly harked back to Troy. Their greatest early leader, Sultan Mehmet II, conducted ceremonies at Troy. After the fall of Constantinople in 1453, he drove westwards and conquered Greece. He proclaimed that, at long last, the Trojans were getting their revenge!

Decent historians (and Principle workshop graduates) know that the Greek, Roman, and Frankish (Holy Roman) empires stand at the very foundation of European history. Thanks to Alexander, not only European but Asian (from Asoka's India westwards) and north African history. Remember that the famous Cleopatra was a Ptolomaic Greek ruler.

As Europe rose to dominance it colonized many continents. Thus, in recent centuries, the children of Troy have shaped the entire world.

### Lessons

Every one of the nations named in this article once rose to greatness. Some flourished for many centuries. All have vanished. Troy was literally buried, so completely that it took Herculean efforts to identify and dig out its ruins.

Earlier we mentioned Cassandra, a young Trojan princess. According to the legend she had the gift of prophecy, and could accurately foretell the future of men and nations. Tragically, she was also cursed, so that no one would believe her predictions. Troy fell despite her strident warnings.

In 146 BC, after a long and tangled conflict, the Romans closed in on the once-mighty empire of Carthage. The illustrious Cato declared: *Carthago delenda est* . (Carthage must be destroyed.) This was done. As the Roman General Scipio Aemilianus viewed the smoking ruins of their capital city, and laid a symbolic furrow of salt across its formerly lush fields, he remarked that his own Rome was rising to greatness—but might someday lie in similar ruin. His observation was, eventually, proven correct.

Subsequent history records the dark predictions of numerous Cassandras. Today there are many, many American doomsayers. Some exaggerate or blunder enough to discredit themselves, within a few years if not immediately. However, a few are genuine Cassandras who, once again, are being ignored ....

The Principle says that the present day is a time of "intersection," when the Kingdom will arise just as the fallen world goes down all around it. We might assume that this process will not be entirely smooth. Worldwide, we Unificationists should remain united, and be as prepared as humanly (and Divinely!) possible. With God and True Parents in our hearts, let us build a better future, one that finally unites every culture.

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## Advice to Young People

by Ken Owens—NYC

If there is one piece of serious advice I can give you, it's this: Keep your purity (virginity). If there is one precious possession that you have, it is your purity. No one else has it. Everyone is born pure. But very few people know how precious it is. Because of their ignorance, they give it away without knowing its true worth.

Young people are no longer children and are looking more like adults. But they do not understand the full responsibility of adulthood. Therefore, they do things on a whim without understanding the full weight (consequences) of their actions, and they spend the rest of their lives suffering because of it.

Your purity is something that only you possess. Once you give it away, you can never get it back. It's gone forever. So, who do you want to possess your virginity? Do you want to give it to a complete stranger who would add you as a conquest to his long list and never see you again? Or do you want to give it to a relative whom you think you can trust and wants to start you off right? Or do you want to give your purity to the person whom you most cherish and love and who you know would carry your precious treasure always, never letting it go, even for an instant? Who is this special person? This person is none other than your spouse. Before you marry, you always want to keep your most precious things hidden. But after you marry, you happily give your treasure to this most precious person. For you know your spouse

is the one who most appreciates and values your treasure and will guard it well.

When my wife and I were married, we were both virgins. I was 39, she 35. Why did we wait so long? Because we didn't meet each other until we were in our thirties. It is not easy for people to wait for marriage, because it is natural to want to give and receive love. For man, who is the one who initiates love, is looking for beauty to give his love to. Woman is the one who is ready to receive love by giving her beauty. When man and woman meet, they instantly want to give and receive each other's love and beauty. But young people don't understand the preciousness of this, of what happens in a marriage between a husband and wife. By not fully realizing this point, they only count on the physical aspect of a relationship. By concentrating only on physical love, they lost the value of the purity, and can easily give it away. So many young people have regretted it afterwards, having realized how precious their virginity was and that they should have waited.

So please understand that your virginity is priceless. You cannot exchange it for anything. Once it is gone, it's gone forever. I gave my virginity to my wife. She possesses it and values it deeply. My wife gave her virginity to me. I treasure it in the deepest recesses of my heart. We are very happy because we know who possesses each other's virginity. It is our most beloved spouse.

So, please wait. If my wife and I could wait till our late thirties, you can wait a little longer. ❖





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# Lessons from the Bible



I beg the reader's indulgence of me as I put forth some reflections on the Bible. I am not a theologian, but I love the Bible and I feel that God has more light to break forth from His word that we have seen heretofore.

I would like to develop the "one flesh" theology I wrote about last month. God told Adam and Eve to become one flesh. Love is made substantial in the one flesh of Adam and Eve, which incarnates God and procreates the image of God. The Bible has a lot of interesting things to say about flesh. God says man and woman should become one flesh. Jesus said that his flesh is the bread of life. He said we should eat his flesh, the bread of life. It means to become his children, offspring of his flesh. God told Adam and Eve also to multiply, to multiply their flesh by having offspring. One flesh is one loaf. We are called by Jesus to be the leaven that leavens the loaf-the seed that purifies the flesh of all humankind.

God prepared to send us His flesh, Jesus, through Moses and Israel. The bread in the wilderness was the manna-"you shall be filled with bread." (Ex 17:12) The one flesh is also symbolized by the Ten Commandments, God's word made flesh-here, made stone. Moses called God "the Rock that begat thee," (Ex 32:18) and Jesus is referred to as the rock also. The apostle John said that we are created by the Word of God. The rock, the tablets of stone, held the Word of God and the Rock begat us. Thus the rock can be said to represent Adam and Eve, or, a true husband and wife, true parents.

The bread of life is also God's word. Jesus said man does not live by (physical) bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. God's word first took substantial form on the stone in the Ten Commandments. God could have written them on one tablet. But God used two tablets. Why? There were two for a deep and eternal purpose: because the one flesh is two being made one. The two tablets represent man and woman, heaven and earth, husband and wife. The two tablets represent the recreation of Adam and Eve, the living word of God, the two who were to be perfectly one with Him. They were to have been Christ-like, breaking down the barrier and making the two one.

The tablets of stone were placed, with the manna and "bread of the presence," into the ark of the covenant in the holy of holies. The bread of the presence, or showbread, refers to the presence of God Himself. There were twelve loaves of this bread, one for each tribe. It was an offering of the first fruits of their labor. This means that the fruit of our labor is actually God's possession.

So, bread with the tablets of stone, representing the word of God with husband and wife, were placed in the most holy place. And this was within the tabernacle. It was where God came down to speak to Israel. When Jesus said, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up;" he was referring to himself as the living temple. The

temple is the image of the true man and woman.

When Jesus was crucified, the curtain between the holy place and most holy place was rent in two, opening the gate between spirit and flesh, earth and heaven. Thus, Jesus could send the Holy Spirit to the earth as his bride, that we all might become one body-one flesh-within the bride, his church, children preparing for his Second Coming.

Then what is his Second Coming? It makes perfect sense that it is the coming of a true husband and wife. Paul excoriates the flesh as being irredeemably corrupt: "They that have Christ have crucified the flesh with its affections as lusts." (Gal 5:24) Paul, the greatest of apostles, complained of a "thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan" (2 Cor 12:7). He makes the best of it, treating it as a means to keep himself from being puffed up with pride. So be it, but I'm sure he would have preferred that Satan not be dwelling in his flesh. True parents who are one with God have nothing to do with Satan, and Satan has no claim on their children. Satan is not "couching at the door" for such children as he was at Cain's door.

Adam and Eve were placed on the earth. Jesus was sent to the earth; all the prophets, sages and saints were sent to the earth. God's will is done first on earth, for what is bound on earth, is bound in heaven. It is on earth because the Lord is the one flesh of Adam and Eve, which incarnates God and procreates the image of God.

## Faith, Unity and Prosperity

Now I want to just review the preparation to receive the Lord, the preparation for the Tabernacle in the 35th through 36th chapters of Exodus. I will deal just with one aspect of it-the creation of Israel as one body through a voluntary spirit, and the abundant blessings to which this led. God had given Moses a challenging task, to build a fine altar, a veritable temple, laden with gold, jewels, silver and fine fabrics and woods, out in the middle of the desert. Where was Moses to find such wealth? Through faith and the voluntary spirit of offering, it was done.

"And Moses spake unto all the congregations of the children of Israel, say-

ing, This is the thing which the Lord commanded, saying, Take ye from among you an offering unto the Lord: whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the Lord; gold, and silver, and brass, And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair,... (Ex 35:4-6 and following) The key point here is that Moses called upon those with a willing heart. And the people responded in kind: "And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, and they brought the Lord's offering to the work of the tabernacle of the congregations, and for all his service, and for the holy garments, And they came, both men and women, as many as were willing hearted, and brought bracelets, and earrings, and rings, and tablets, all jewels of god: and every man that offered offered an offering of gold unto the Lord." (Ex 35:21-22)

And what did this nomadic band of ex-slaves do with these things? "And all the women whose heart stirred them up in wisdom spun goats' hair . . . The children of Israel brought a willing offering unto the Lord, every man and woman, whose heart made them willing to bring for all manner of work, which the Lord had commanded to be made by the hand of Moses. . . . Them hath he filled with wisdom of heart, to work all manner of work, of the engraver, and of the cunning workman, and of the embroiderer, in blue, and in purple, in scarlet, and in one linen, and of the weaver, even of them that do any work, and of those that devise cunning work." (Ex 35:26, 28-31, 35; here "cunning" means skilled)

Thus we see that by their faith in God and their hearts that were willing to what God commanded, each of them found the work to do-all manner of work. Thus they became as a solid community, one body. We are reminded of Paul's summons to Christians in 1 Corinthians 12, to serve as parts of one body, each person offering the unique gift that God has given them, one with wisdom, another with knowledge, another faith, another healing, another working miracles, another prophecy, another discerning of spirits, another speaking in tongues, another interpreting the tongues, but all manifesting one spirit in one body.

If each person does everything, then we do not compose one body. Does the stomach walk? Do the eyes speak? Does the mouth type? Do the feet brush your teeth? The world in which everyone tries to do everything is a lonely world of individualism. By one spirit, we are called each to play a part in the body, and to appreciate the parts that others are playing. And this is what God wrought in the wilderness among the children of Israel.

The clincher comes in Ex 36:5-7: "And they spake unto Moses, saying, The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work, which the Lord commanded to make. And Moses gave commandments, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, Let neither man nor woman make any more work for

the offering of the sanctuary. So the people were restrained from bringing. For the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much."

The point is that there was this band of ex-slave nomads out in the wilderness being told to create a magnificent tabernacle laden with gold, silver, jewels and fine wood. All the materials they found, and even too much. Moses had to tell the people to stop making their offerings. But the key was that they all were willing, their hearts were moved by God's spirit, and they freely gave. Also, they freely gave of their skills. God taught them all how to do the fine craftsmanship necessary for the building of the tabernacle. Each had different jobs-they were one body, and made up of many teams.

As a side point here, consider the Israelite who did not feel moved in his or her heart to contribute to the work. Such a person viewed everyone else taking their precious possessions and offering them, and giving of their labors instead of taking care of their own tent. Maybe after a few days, this recalcitrant individual or family comes around to decide to offer something. But on their way to the site of the tabernacle, they hear that it is too late, that Moses will not receive anything more. They realize that they have missed an opportunity that will never come again.

## The lessons:

- \* God's work meets success by our freedom in the Lord, led by the spirit of God, moving people's hearts.

- \* Each of us has a personal ministry, a unique contribution to make to building the Kingdom of God.

- \* We work best in small groups, teams focusing on one aspect of the overall task.

- \* We have within us the resources for material prosperity, indeed for an over-abundance of wealth. The same lesson is seen twice when Jesus multiplied the loaves and fish, and was able to feed thousands.

But this grace did not come easy for Israel nor for Christianity. They went through a suffering course to reach the point of building the tabernacle. The Christians endured persecution and internal strife. It was not easy for the Israelites to believe in Moses. They constantly provoked his wrath by their murmuring and disobedience. Moses meted out punishment, and then took everything upon himself-for instance, by ascending Mount Sinai a second time and fasting 40 days. When he returned from that fast on the mountain, his face was so bright that he had to cover it with a veil when he spoke to the children of Israel. (Ex 34:29-35)

Then they believed him and all of these things could happen. Also with the Christians, the disciples did not unite as one body through the Holy Spirit until Jesus literally died for them and returned from the grave. Then they believed him and could create the body of Christ on the earth. Let us consider this when we reflect upon our relationship with God and our True Parents. ♦





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I like Christmas, because in some places it snows.  
But in some places, like Brazil, it is very hot!  
I like the blinking lights on the Christmas tree  
And the wonderful snowflakes I can see!  
I like the jingling of the bells on Santa's sled  
And the snow falling on my head.  
I like the mango tree swaying in the wind.  
I like sledding on the snowy hill  
And I like running on the grass in Brazil!  
I like looking at the nice Christmas cards friends send  
But like every birthday, Christmas always comes to an end.

Rosemary Shaffo

Rosemary is 8 years old. She was born in Scotland and lived a few years in England. For two years she enjoyed the beautiful countryside around Barrytown, New York. Now she lives in Rio Brilhante, one of the 33 towns around New Hope Farm in Brazil, to which her father was assigned as a 1996 graduate from UTS. This is what she wrote when she was asked to write "My Story about Christmas" in her school notebook.



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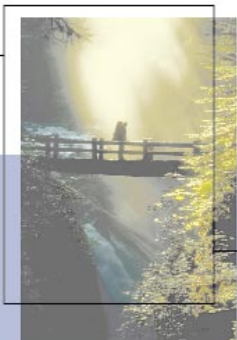


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