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45TH TRUE CHILDREN'S

This is not a complete or exact translation of his speech and prayer, and should be taken only as an outline to convey the spirit of the content that was given.

November 12, 2004 (October 1 by the lunar calendar) 8 AM: Five thousand members and leaders gathered at Cheongyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center to celebrate the 45th True Children's Day (44th anniversary) with True Parents. The following is an outline of True Father's prayer and speech on that occasion.

TRUE FATHER'S PRAYER

Beloved Heavenly Father, today is November 12 in the fourth year of Cheon Il Guk, and the 44th anniversary of Children's Day. Today, under the watchful gaze of heaven and earth, in which God and True Parents' realm of heart can be established, and with all the children blessed in the spirit world and the children blessed on this earth gathered around heaven, we stand above the interreligious and international realm. We are aware of the toils You suffered throughout this history of anguish (han), this history of indemnity that began when you lost Your family from the time of Adam's family in which the father fell away, and the mother and Cain and Abel fell away from this earth. If there had been a day in which we could cel-

brate True Children's day before You, God's Day would have been automatically established. The origin for the start of the true parent, true children, true creation and true family, could begin centering on Adam and Eve by blessing them as the owners of love to perfect the son born in the subjective position of the ideal of love. On that day of Your son and daughter's blessing, the family of heaven and earth — the family of Adam and Eve and the family of

heaven — could have been created centering on the perfection of Eve raised in accordance with the relative standard; centering on the substantial realm on earth, and centering on God, the father, the invisible subject partner, the harmonized being of dual characteristics who stands in the position of masculinity. From this family of two worlds, from Adam's family on earth, the substantial fruit of the children could have began anew and sprouted forth on this

earth. Yet this new beginning did not appear, and to this day You lived in solitude without a chance to love Your children and creation.

Adam and Eve's failure to unite and love the creation left behind a history of sorrow and anguish. Because of this Adam and Eve, the ancestors of fallen humanity could not find the position of the mother on this earth. Eve lost the position needed in laying the victorious foundation from the individual, family, race, tribe, nation, world and cosmos. Because of this, Satan acquired Eve and the birthright of the eldest son in regards to all those positions along with this earth. At this current stage, marred by the diversion of the lineage, we know of Your sorrow and anguish as the God of heaven; the One who puts all things in order; and king who resides over the family ideal, for being unable to visit and related to this position in which the lineage was reversed. Thus, 130 years after the fall of Adam and Eve, You raised Seth to initiate a new beginning for restoration in anguish. Yet this was not the path for restoration. Jesus came to this earth in order to return to the position of heaven and rise above the sorrow of the heart com-



D E C E M B E R

Ahn Shi Il • 7th, 15th, 23rd, 31st

- 1 Declaration of the Opening of the Gate for the Blessing of the Spiritual World (1997)
- 4 Heung Jin Nim's Birthday (10/23/66)
Opening of Columbia Road Church (1977)
- 7 Supra-denominational Christian Association Established (1966)
- 17 Yeon Ah Nim's Birthday (11/6/78)
- 18 Summit Council for World Peace Inaugurated (1981)
- 22 Shin Pyung Nim's Birthday (11/11/96)
35 Previously Married Couples' Blessing (1976)

J A N U A R Y 2 0 0 5

Ahn Shi Il • 8th, 16th, 24th

- 1 True God's Day (1968)
Yun Ah Nim's Birthday (11/21/?)
Sekai Nippo Established (1975)
- 2 Day of Victory of Love (1984)
Heung Jin Nim's Ascension (1984)
- 3 Un Jin Nim's Birthday (11/23/67)
- 10 Kook Jin Nim & Soon Ju Nim's Blessing (1989)
- 11 Shin Choon Nim's Birthday (12/2/90)
72 Couples of the Second Generation Blessing (1989)
- 12 Hyo Jin Nim's Birthday (12/3/62)
1275 Couples' Blessing (1989)
- 13 Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God (2001)
International Federation Victory Over Communism (1968)
- 20 Ye Jin Nim's Birthday (12/11/60)
- 27 WCSF Blessing Ceremony (2001)
- 28 Shin Yul Nim's Birthday (12/19/92)

F E B R U A R Y 2 0 0 5

Ahn Shi Il • 1st, 9th, 17th, 25th

- 1 Day of the Opening of Heaven (1985)
Segye Ilbo Established (1989)
- 2 Jun Sook Nim's Birthday (12/24/67)
- 4 Shin Gil Nim's Birthday (12/26/87)
- 5 Hyo Jin Nim & Yun Ah Nim's Blessing (1999)
- 6 IIFWP Established (1999)
- 7 360 Million Couples' Blessing (1999)
- 8 1800 Couples' Blessing (1975)
- 9 Hoon Sook Nim's Birthday (1/1/63)
Lunar New Year
- 11 Yeon Jin Nim's Birthday (1/3/81)
16 Couples' Blessing (1978)
- 13 First International Blessing of 400 Million Couples (2000)
Cosmic True Parents' Federation Established (2000)
Family Center for Universal Peace and Unification (2000)
- 14 Father's Birthday (1/6/20)
Mother's Birthday (1/6/43)
- 15 Shin Heung Nim's Birthday (1/7/01)
Choongmo-nim's Ascension (1/7/68)
- 16 4000 Couples' Blessing (2002)
- 17 International Security Council Established (1985)
- 20 In Jin Nim & Jin Sung Nim's Blessing (1984)
Heung Jin Nim & Hoon Sook Nim's Blessing (1984)
- 21 74 Couples' Blessing (1977)
Montevideo Declaration World University Federation (1996)
- 22 430 Couples' Blessing (1968)
- 23 Day of the Victory of Earth (1977)
- 24 Shin Jung Nim's Birthday (1/16/83)
- 25 Shin Man Nim's Birthday (1/17/00)
- 27 Declaration of Parents of Heaven and Earth (1998)
- 28 Kwon Jin Nim's Birthday (1/20/75)
One World Crusade Established (1972)
43 Couples' Blessing (1969)

C A L E N D A R

Due to the manner in which the lunar calendar corresponds with the solar calendar, Un Jin Nim's and Yun Ah Nim's birthdays are celebrated twice in 2005. If there are discrepancies, please feel free to contact me. A lot of work and effort goes into this calendar's creation (annually for the past ten years)-including learning Japanese to be able to read an accurate lunar-solar calendar source, and gaining an understanding of the workings of the lunar calendar-Kathryn Coman [KathrynComan@worldnet.att.net]

DAY SPEECH

ing from the course of recreation. Yet he was unable to attain the position of the father and mother with victorious authority of the Israel nation and the realm of Israel on this earth. I know very well of the urgency and intense pain of Your heart as you had to wait while mankind self-destructed during the prolongation and extension of the providence.

On the 44th anniversary of Children's Day today, we have entered a time in which we should offer all the providential fruits along with the fruits of this harvest. The number 44 becomes the position for the mother in terms of mother and child when this number is reversed and put together. The president of America is the 44th president, and today is also the 44th anniversary of Children's Day. With the sons and daughters today is a good day. The memories of such days in which our appreciation can be expressed in writing in Asia — the meaning of the letters from the Asia culture sphere centering on this internal and external content must be unraveled centering on heaven in the Last Days. All that True Parents have said in the Last Days are the letters written during God's providence.

In traditional history there were many complications. The reason the Asian races were able to occupy over half this world amidst strife was because of the principle that there must more true olive trees than false olive trees within Your works. For four thousand years of the realm of Israel from the individual, family, tribe, and nation centering on the interreligious and international realm, You promised to send the Messiah. But the nation that received this promise failed to uphold the standard of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience, and lost everything, thus prolonging history for two thousand years. The Lord of the Second Coming who comes to indemnify all this, had to reveal and indemnify all the hidden truths in this historical age. Thus he brought together all the mistakes from Adam's family, Jesus and the mistake of Buddhists who drove away the family of the True Parents, and built Cheon Il Guk, the heavenly nation that goes beyond the fourth Israel, the realm of Adam's heart centering on the victory of the kingship of good, the victory of the kingship of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd Israel. Looking back to this, all these achievements were part of the path of anguish. Though You were hidden amidst clouds of sorrow and pain, and amidst a mist, unfailingly You drove me towards Your direction and goal, enabling me to participate here today. I am truly, truly, truly grateful for Your grace.

Today, on this Children's Day, I stand in the position of Your son, and Mother stands in the position of Your daughter.

Let this day be one in which we can celebrate a day of victory that can substitute Children's Day. With the historical fact that overcomes this pass, I have conditionally installed, indemnified and placed everything in order to enable us to move into the victorious time of God's kingship centering on the era before heaven and the era after the coming of heaven along with the new heaven and new earth. From this day forth, with Your authority, all the events that promise a new beginning now stand true on this foundation. The realm of unity — where Jochongryeon (the pro-North Pyongyang Residents' League in Japan) and Mindan (the pro-Seoul Federation of Korean Residents in Japan) have become one, Gyeongsang Province and Jeolla Province [two regions of South Korea] have become one, and this nation and the Unification have become one — must be supported. Thus everything can be put to order centering on this new resolution of the Youngnam and Honam a rea (of Korea). Let the audience gathered here go forth confirming the fact that the fruits will be promised to them from the victory gained based on this logic. In order to unite heaven and earth centering on the direct sons and daughters in the spirit world around the four great saints and commander in chief, Heung-jin nim, we must unite centering on the blessing of love, attain the relationship of brotherhood that can guide the spirit world and this earth, finally letting Eve and Asia find their positions. In the position of the Eve nation, Japan can give



birth to two twins and offer them to the Father — by doing so the suzerain authority as the mother to the Eve nation and Protestant nation can be established. The suzerain authority of the Cain world can be established by connecting to the coronation ceremony centering on the realm of the Mongolian Peoples' Federation for World Peace. All things prepared for the events on the 30th of this month, and December 1 — all things carried out for the perfection

of the final overhaul of denominations should make rapid progress amidst Your presence. I fervently pray that Children's Day can be commemorated in a way that enables us to unite with the king of heaven, the king of earth who is the owner of the new heaven and new earth in the era before heaven, the era after the coming of heaven with the liberation and complete release of heaven, and the victorious authority. All this I sincerely, sincerely, sincerely, report and declare this in the name of the True Parents.



On Faith

The Chinese character shin from shinang, the Korean word for faith, consists of two Chinese characters that mean "man" and "words". The words are in the position of the mind, man is in the position of the body. The mind and body must be united. Which has greater value, the mind-body unity of a young person or the mind-body unity of an old person? Growth rings can be found on the path of faith. They can also be found in human life. The passage of years is not the reason a tree is large or small in relation to the number of its growth rings. Growth rings are created during the four seasons. The tree stands strong with the increase of its rings.

People with a long history of faith would have a desire for God, who established the standard of absolute faith. When people with a high standard of faith toward God have a lofty ambition, and if the foundation of their family ideals, and the foundation of faith, connected to the perfected standard of the individual's value established for the purpose of completing that standard of faith instead of their personal desires, covers a span of ten, twenty and thirty years, how great will their growth rings be? Their growth rings must be of a size and value that can create a sphere of influence that reaches from the family standard to the global standard.

However, we cannot find a religion that can do that. How many growth rings has Christianity--or even Islam--developed over the course of six thousand years? Yet, can the ideal of an

individual find happiness within that ring of growth? It cannot. The standards for all races and nations are like that. It is the same for all religions. The reason is that their origins were not clear. The standard of religion was based on the purpose of perfecting one's character centering on God. Faith [shinang], containing "believe" [shin], is needed to unite the mind and body. This is another way of expressing the concept about the necessity of "words" and "man." "Ang" means to revere and attend heaven within the relationship of subject partner to object partner. In terms of having faith in, and attending God, that standard should endure for thousands, ten of thousands—actually billions of years. Still the size of the growth rings of faith must represent that individual; if it represents anything else, a person cannot become God's child.

Is there anyone who would display his faith, as it is, with confidence? Only God could do that. Why is that so? Even in Christian history, with regard to its origin, it was not known whether the growth rings were round, square or long. Growth rings must grow in all directions to a balanced degree. When this is placed in the dimensions connecting the eight stages, it should establish a realm of unity for the growth rings so that they can be round, as they should be.

Lineage

What is blood? The blood of life cannot be made with love alone; that is, blood cannot be made with just a man's love or a woman's love. A man's love and a woman's love must begin to come together. Their unity brings life together with life, and must align with it through all 360. This cannot be done with just love alone. Even if a man unites his body and mind in love, he cannot make a lineage, which is the substance of life. The lineage is what remains from the union of a man, compounded with the impact that mobilizes his blood around the man's love and life, and a woman who says, "Let's come together and mix; my life is your life."

Christians take pride in Jesus' blood. Blood arises from the source of the male lineage, which comes from the place where mind and body come together and unite centered on love. Men and women meet on this foundation. A lineage emerges from their union, assimilation and the unity of their bodies, their flesh, in love. The lineage must remain, even if the life and love of the man and woman are sacrificed. Woman absolutely needs man; and man absolutely needs woman.

God

What is the bone of all bones, the flesh of all flesh, the skin of all skins? It is God. Love can cover everything from the source of heaven and earth to the purpose of heaven and earth. This is not possible without the power of love, which has a subjective and horizontal force of activity. That kind of being of character that can be the source of that power of love is God. Is the being whom man calls God and whom woman calls God called Dul-nim ["dul" is the Korean for "two"] or Hana-nim ["hana" is Korean for "one"]? It is Hananim. ("Hananim" is the Korean term for "God").

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45th True Children's Day

On Nov. 12, around 5000 members gathered at the Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center to join Cosmic Parent, Parents of Heaven and Earth, and the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind to celebrate the 45th True Children's Day.

Rev. Kwak Chung-hwan as the master of ceremonies prepared every one with holy songs before True Parents entered the main.

True Parents entered the main hall at 8:00 a.m and after lighting the candles, offered a prayer and a full bow to God. Then True family members, family members of the 5 saints, representatives of 6 continents, representatives of the providential religions, representatives of the National Messiahs, members of the True Parents' tribes, representatives of the Able side of the world, representatives of the Cain side of the world, and representatives of the spirit world offered their bows to True Parents of Heaven and Earth in turn.

Rev. Kwak guided all the participants in reciting the family pledge and then together with his wife they offered the representative report prayer. After cake cutting by True Parents, Rev. Yu Jongkwan lead the three cheers of eug mansei. Rev. Kwak lead the hoondokhae from the cheonson-gyung --rue Filial Piety--which was followed by True Father's heavenly word of love.

Before begin the hoondok speech, Rev. Kwak explained about the time

period after the establishment of the True Children's day in the year 1960 and the way True Parents have walked through out their life as a true son and daughter of God. He added that we too have to become the true sons and daughters of God and True Parents, fulfilling our responsibility ...

In the commemorative speech, Father said that you have to become the kind of children capable of leaving behind the pure lineage centering on True Par-

ents' love. Emphasizing the importance of the Blood Lineage, father said that even though you may lose our life but you have to be able to inherit God's blood lineage.

Father said that centering on Korea and Japan, Mongolian peoples of the world must be united ... You should go beyond the family level filial sons and daughters and become the true filial sons and daughters of God and True Parents, and as an authorized family fulfill your responsibility in the future...

The pledge and the commemorative service on this holy day, ended with True Father's prayer.

The commemorative entertainment was held in the afternoon at the gymnasium of the cheongshim youth training center, which at the same time was a dedication ceremony for the Youth Training Center itself. With the vision of a challenge of dream and hope, the youth center is a training center which was established centering on Father's dream for the development of the education of the second generation in age of Cheon Il Guk. ❖



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Do you like Dul-nim or Hana-nim? [Hananim] The word "hana" suggests the unity of mind and body. It is not a noun used to express a divided mind and body, bone or skin. The Korean word "Hananim" is a grand expression for God.

In Korea we say "Hananim" for God. There is no other word that can express greater respect. What is the relationship between God and me? Relationships develop only where an affinity exists. Is the father-son relationship a close one? How about the relationship between brothers? What comes first? Establishing a relationship through the affinity of a father and son is accepted by the way of heavenly law. That is why that relationship is considered a matter of destiny rather than one of fortune. This cannot be replaced even if the four directions were to change. This position is right in the middle. It is eternally unchanging.

God is the subject of affinity. God is the father and our vertical elder brother. Christians have called God "Father" beginning a thousand years ago. God has been called "Father" for ten thousand years. Thus, God is the father and the elder brother at the same time. How close is this relationship?

God exists in a relationship of a subject partner and an object partner in love. This refers to the reciprocal relationship between a husband and wife. Because a feminine mind exists in God, God's sons and daughters can be born when the masculine mind and feminine mind establish a relationship and unite. In relation to an individual as a son or daughter, God is the father and elder brother. He also maintains the relative realm of a husband that can support the relative realm of the feminine world that exists inside of an individual. Since it is difficult for a relative condition to establish ties with an individual, however, God made Eve out of Adam's rib. He took the rib—belonging to the external entity of the dual characteristics—for the female sphere, so that Eve could be in a subject-object relationship with Adam based on her having a similar form. Eve also has

plus aspects to her internal character and could naturally establish a relationship—that of wife to her husband.

In light of this, what are children? They are expressions of God's desire to perfect Himself. In order for God to be happy, He had to invest. He had to invest and create something big, the exact nature of which He was unsure of. That single ideal of God's desire cannot establish a unified relationship of love without the process of creation. Thus, God had to conduct the providence of investing and forgetting. He had to invest in a top-down relationship, in a sibling relationship and in a husband-wife relationship. For that reason, Children's Day will come to represent the liberation of God, liberation of parents, elder brothers and the sphere of partners.

Liberation of Cain and Abel

The problem is that there is no owner. Who is the owner of the Unification Church? I do not want to be its owner. Did the Unification Church headquarters disappear? Who is in charge of Korea? The king of the clan should appear and become the king of the nation. To make this king of the clan, we are making preparations for the crown and the coronation ceremony based on the family names.

In order to become the leader of the headquarters, under the supervision of Rev. Kwak, who has taken on a global responsibility, with the crown of a family clan, you have to unite North and South Korea to represent the nation, establish kingship in God's name on the basis of a plain devoid of any depression and connect the path for the king of the world's nations. Christianity failed to do this, as did all other religions. Thus, the victorious person who quickly succeeds in holding a coronation that brings order to the nation will bring peace to the world's nations.

Cain killed Abel. After that, when Adam became 130 years old, he chose Seth to take his place. During those 130 years, that family passed through a period that had no relationship to

their past. Seth on his own had to know the secrets of the battle for the heavenly fortune that Satan and God waged in heaven and on earth. Without knowing this, he couldn't pacify the Cain-Abel relationship; nor could he lay the position of the mother and father. The Cain-Abel relationship was absolutely necessary because of the Fall. The providence progressed within the context of this relationship. Israel emerged as the representative nation of Seth after 4,000 years. It should have planted and nurtured the seed of Abel within



the Cain-type world, come as the king of that nation and finally subdue Rome. Thus, Abel, who was killed by his elder brother, could even have digested the world of the elder brother and placed him under his command. You must know that only then could the path have been made to save the mother and father, which could have become the origin of liberating the history of struggle between Cain and Abel. For that reason, the messiah to come must revolutionize all of the history of restoration through indemnity. From the smallest place, he and his wife must become the victorious prince and princess that everybody can bow down in submission to.

Will you become the family of the children of divine sons and daughters? Or will you become the family of children of a patriot? Will you become a family of the children of a devoted son? The person who claims to have a family of children of a devoted son is a fool. You have to go beyond the devoted son, the patriot, the saint and complete the path of a divine son and daughter in an instant, liberate God, completely bring a revolution of total indemnity to all of heaven and earth and be able to say that you are the owner and representative of Korea. You have to go through eight stages. Have you ever tried to become a devoted son? Have you ever tried to become a divine son or daughter that Jesus failed to become? Does Father need a devoted son? I do not. A person who can become the king

of a nation does not need a devoted son. He needs a patriot's family.

In the resolutions from the spiritual world it states that "Rev. Moon is the Savior, Messiah, Second Coming and True Parent." What does this mean? What does the Messiah, Second Coming and True Parent mean? The establishment of God's kingship of peace can happen in a new heaven and new earth in the liberated time before and after the coming of heaven, only when everything becomes one, Cain and Abel become one based on the ideal of the unity of True Parents' perfected heaven and earth when this reverts to the position of attending the parents with their kingship. Only by the name "True Parents" can it be united. What should this be based on? It should not be based on money, knowledge or power. The bloodline must be changed. It must be reversed based on True Parents' love and life. The satanic world cannot be revived, and there is no path for the unity of the religious circles in the satanic world without leaving behind a bloodline with the heavenly standard, whose contents are higher than the love and life from the satanic world. Since Israel could not go beyond the nation from the perspective of an interreligious standard and could not enter the family and become one, they must change the bloodline of heaven and earth, centering on the True Parents, based on the foundation of the family and standing within the realm of liberation and complete release in absolute unity between "you" and "I." They must become such representatives and heirs.

Will you then become an heir to the position of the prince of the kingdom of heaven? Will you become the representative and heir to the position of the devoted son and daughter of the family? In order to become an heir to and a representative of the position of the prince of the kingdom of heaven, you have to take your place among the ranks of the saints. Only then can you enter into Father's sphere of management. If you have a house and ownership, you have sinned.

If you put the number 44 upside down it will look like the Chinese Character mo, meaning mother. Thus, America must attend the mother during the

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WORLD PEACE PILGRIMAGES TO THE MIDDLE EAST

ON PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

by Rev. Tom Cutts

Rev. Cutts is the Regional Director of the American Family Coalition in five southeastern states. He is also the Co-chairman of the American Clergy Leadership Conference of Georgia. He and his wife, Angelika, reside in Marietta, Georgia with their three sons and daughter. He recently served as the Continental Coordinator for the Seventh IIFWP Pilgrimage to Israel from September 9-13, 2004.

Have you ever wondered how John the Baptist survived in the desert eating locusts and honey? I bet you thought he ate insects and lived on honey comb. Well, I thought so too, until the Seventh IIFWP (Inter-religious and International Federation for World Peace) pilgrimage to Israel in September, 2004. On that trip I learned that his honey was date honey crushed from dates, and that the flour for his bread came from grinding the bean of the locust tree. Yes, a personal visit to the Holy Land can dispel misconceptions.

And there are many false ideas about Israel. For example, I visited a church

last year in Georgia where the sermon was about Jesus speaking to his disciples on the Mount of Olives. The preacher knew that the Mount of Olives was well over a mile from the Temple Mount, so he suggested that Jesus and the Disciples could not see the Temple. If Jesus were speaking in Georgia, the preacher would have been correct: There you generally cannot see anything a mile away from you, because hills and trees block your view. But in Jerusalem, a deep alley, known as the Cedron, runs between the Mount of Olives and the Temple Mount. With no large trees to block their view, Jesus and the Twelve could have easily seen the Second Temple. A visit to the Holy Land and would have dispelled the preacher's misconception.

Five hundred North American Ambassadors for Peace did visit Israel in September 2004. Their two week trip was a time of wonder and discovery. We represented the faiths of Christianity, Judaism, Islam and Sikhism and included clergy, elected officials, representatives from fifteen Native American tribes, and community activists. This was the IIFWP's seventh pilgrimage since May 2003. The earlier pilgrimages generally lasted a week and included approximately one hundred twenty participants. For this seventh pilgrimage, though, Rev. Sun Myung Moon, the founder of the IIFWP, instructed every continent to bring 500 Ambassadors for Peace to the Israel for two weeks. Every continent was assigned its own two-week period between August and November, 2004.

North America's first week, overlapped with Europe's last week. When

the 500 North Americans were joined by the 500 Europeans we represented over 40 nations. With our national flags unfurled, the Native Americans dressed in their full regalia, and the clergy in the clerical vestments, we made quite a spectacle. Through our activities with both Jews and Muslims, barriers between people were broken down, and misconceptions and distrust were scattered.

Our Middle East Peace Initiative has become well known throughout Israel. Total strangers often greeted members of our group with, "Peace, Shalom, 'Salaam Aliakum, Pray for Peace in the Middle East". This is our trademark song. In one village, two buses were slowed to a standstill by a Muslim wedding procession. The celebrants waved to us, inviting us to join the festivities. Rev. Mike Jenkins, the U.S. President of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification joined the dancing, and one of the Palestinians lifted Rev. Jenkins up and carried him on his shoulders. It was amazing to see him being carried alongside the bride and the groom. In



Elder Don and Sister Carma Watts (LDS missionaries), Senator Donzella James, the author, and Mrs. Rena Marroquin (Presbyterian lay leader)

another incident, a Jewish wedding was being held in our own hotel. Several of us were invited to attend. When the Marriage Blessing was explained to the host family, they invited us to pour the Holy Wine into the punch bowl, so that everyone in the wedding party could receive the Blessing.

The mainstream media in America has created the image that Israel is a dangerous place with suicide bombings and anti-American sentiment among the Arabs. Can you imagine the apprehension several Ambassadors for Peace felt one afternoon when they were walking in Jerusalem? A small car came screeching to a halt in front them, and several Palestinian men piled out of the car and ran toward them. The startled Ambassadors were pleasantly surprised when the men bowed to the ground, and exclaimed, "Thank you, thank you, thank you, for coming to Israel." In one small village, our group was recognized, and the driver of



On Mt. Carmel overlooking the Haifa harbor with Greg Jones, the author, Rev. Levi Daugherty, Rev. Laura Lea, Rev. Greg Odlin, and Rev. John Morris

a passing car asked hopefully, "Is Rev. Michael Jenkins here, in my town?"

Rev. Moon's vision of bringing thousands of people from all over the world to Israel is having a profound effect on the country. Not only are we helping the economy, but the people are no longer feeling isolated. During each pilgrimage an IIFWP delegation goes into the Gaza Strip. We do this against the dire warnings from the U.S. Consulate. Both Muslims and Jews recognize that we are willing to risk our lives to bring peace to the Middle East.

We reach out to people on both sides of the conflict. Israelis and Palestinians know that they have friends outside Israel who genuinely care about them. On each pilgrimage we meet with top officials in the Israeli Knesset, and with top officials in the Palestinian Authority. And we bring old enemies together. The growing level of trust and compassion was demonstrated at a

recent banquet. At one of the tables, a Palestinian leader expressed his anguish for the plight of the people of Gaza. The Jewish leader sitting beside him, said he, too, wanted to bring an end to that suffering. In that moment these two men realized that they had come to trust each other, and were genuinely brothers. The imam remarked, "This is the only movement that can heal the hearts between enemies." As a token of this new level of friendship and trust, the Muslim embraced two Jewish members

of the Knesset and took them to the stage where they lifted each other's hand in a sign of victory.

Our September pilgrimage consisted of three separate activities. We went sightseeing all over Israel, and to the Palestinian West Bank. We held six huge reconciliation events. And we visited Israeli and Palestinian homes in our "outreach" project.

Sightseeing included visits to Bethlehem, Nazareth and Jerusalem where we recalled the birth, the life, the death and the resurrection of Jesus the Christ. We used as many as 22 buses for the 1,000 North Americans and Europeans. Each person was assigned to a bus, and generally stayed with that same group of people, driver and tour guide for the entire two weeks. Our mornings began at 5 am with prayer and readings from Rev. Moon's speeches. After breakfast each bus departed for a different place in Israel. Frequently a number of buses would gather for lunch, and then continue with their separate tours in the afternoon.

Some of us were baptized in the Jordan River, others offered prayers at the site where Jesus gave his Sermon on the Mount, and we viewed the desolate ruins of Capernaum, the town Jesus cursed. From atop Mount Carmel we overlooked the sparkling harbor of Haifa. We also strolled through the ancient Arab seaport of Akko. We floated on the Dead Sea, buoyed by its salty waters, and smeared our bodies with its healing, black mud. We also frolicked in the surf of the Mediterranean. We dined in Jericho, and sailed on the Sea of Galilee. We prayed at the Western Wall, the most sacred site for Jews, and at the Al Aqsa Mosque, the third most holy site for Muslims.

Whenever the North American, European and Israeli Ambassadors for Peace gathered together, we had a ready-made rally of over 1,200 people. Together we conducted six major events. The first was a Candle Light Vigil in the heart of Jerusalem on the anniversary of September 11, 2001. This spectacular event, with flags from 40 nations, was held

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2,000 Ambassadors for Peace rally at the "Security Wall"

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FIVE LESSONS I LEARNED ON THE WORLD PEACE PILGRIMAGES

by William Selig

Bill served as the Director of Communications & Logistics for the World Peace Pilgrimage which brought thousands of ambassadors for peace from 191 nations to the Middle East. He lived in Jerusalem from early July to late November 2004. Bill and his wife, Donna were blessed in Madison Square Garden in 1982.

I Kings 3:25-27: "And the king said, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other. Then spake the woman whose the living child was unto the king, for her bowels yearned upon her son, and she said, O my lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor thine, but divide it. Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: she is the mother thereof."

First, the Power of God. God is most definitely alive (and well), and He lives in the Holy Land. I use the word "Holy Land" intentionally. In developing the language for the banner, at first we printed "Israel," but that irritated our Palestinian friends. Then we used "Israel & Palestine," but that meant we were taking a stand, that we prefer a two state solution to the conflict. Our mission is to tear down walls, not add bricks to existing walls. Abraham's descendants should co-exist and co-harmonize, therefore the best answer is to say "Holy Land."

Remember in "Raiders of the Lost Ark," when talking about the Ark of the Covenant, they said it was a radio to God. That's what everyone unanimously feels when they come to the Holy Land. The power of God can be felt in the historic sites and archeological ruins, the Western Wall, the Al Aksa Mosque, etc. God is here, and He's just waiting to talk to us.

Some of the historic sites are controversial, for example, they don't know precisely where Jesus was crucified, but it really doesn't matter because for hundreds of years faithful pilgrims have shed tears, prayed, and experienced miracles at these sites, so all the sites are overflowing with holy spirit!

Second, the Power Struggle between God & Satan. Traditionally, the West deals with problems in two ways - money and military, and the quicker the solution the better.

The Principle explains the problem in the Middle East not in political, economic, or military terms. The root cause is spiritual. Restoration has to take place between the descendants of Abraham, the two estranged half brothers.

Americans, in general, are inclined to support Israel, but when I got here, I discovered there exists another side of the story. The truth is that if you spend the day with an Israeli Jew, then after awhile, you would say, "You are right, the Arabs are wrong." And if you then spend the day with the Israeli Arabs, after awhile, you would say, "you are right, the Israeli Jews are wrong." The issues are very complex and both

sides have legitimate grievances. Both sides are right AND both sides are wrong. There is so much emotion, and so much blood has been shed that neither side can see the issues clearly.

They've forgotten what's the benchmark or the standard of right and wrong. For example, in the middle east there is a delicate mechanism that allows us to maintain our balance. The first American into space was Alan Shephard in 1961. Two years later he had an accident in his own bathroom where he slipped, hit his head and upset the middle ear. He could no longer maintain his balance. Corrective surgery was needed. Just as our bodies need a balance mechanism, so does our mind and spirit. Presently, the Middle East has no such balance. That's where the Divine Principle comes in. DP is the framework, and the only paradigm to make any sense out of the situation.

Third, the answer is reconciliation. On one level it's very complicated but on another it's very simple. It's complicated because on September 11, 2001, the descendants of Ishmael murdered over 3,000 Americans and people from over 80 other countries in the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

I got to know some Palestinians very well. One fellow in particular, Asaad from the travel agency, has 3 beautiful children. Everyday he has to drive them 1 hour to school not because the facility is far away, but because they have to pass through a check point. The Wall was constructed only 3 blocks from his home. He's angry as hell, he told me, but he and his wife try not to show it in front of the children. This is the parents' heart. He doesn't want them to grow up with resentment. They plan to relocate to Australia so the children can grow up without feeling like second-class citizens.



New York Times reporter interviews Rev. Jenkins at the funeral for the late president Arafat in Ramallah

A new strategy of peace must emerge. We promote restoration, but restoration doesn't mean compromise, indifference, or tolerance. Reconciliation is starting from scratch and re-creating.

I had an experience that brought that lesson home. There was one brother on the staff who frankly I had some difficulty with. His character was very prickly and difficult to work with. After a few weeks he was ready to go home. I said, "fine, I'll drive you to the airport." But to my surprise, one of the leaders brought

him on board as his assistant, and in the end, he did a great job. It was a total win-win situation. This is the meaning of reconciliation.

Once I dropped my concept about this brother, the wall that I myself had built, and viewed him from God's point of view, I "discovered" his value. This was the beginning of reconciliation. This is what the Arabs and the Jews have to do. They have to drop their concepts, tear down the wall, and see each other from Heaven's point of view. The Arabs have to realize the Jews have value, and the Jews have to realize that the Arabs have value. This is reconciliation. Both cultures can offer enormous contributions for the betterment of the WHOLE society.

It's the classic King Solomon situation where two women claimed the same child. The King ordered the baby be cut in half. It was the true birth mother who gave up her claim so the baby might live no matter who got the credit as the mother. What's important is not the survival of the Jewish culture or the Muslim culture or even the Christian culture. What's important is the survival and prosperity of God's culture. It's time to let go.

Fourth, the power of True Love. News came of Pres. Arafat's passing early Nov. 11. Our group drove to Ramallah (30-minutes from Jerusalem) and arrived midday, including: Rev. Michael Jenkins, Israel NM Dr. Masatoshi Abe, Africa Continental Director Rev. Sang Jin Lee, Antonio Betancourt, myself, the film crew, Philip Schanker, Simon Kinney and Peter Lewis, and photographer Ken Owens.

We were allowed to enter the central headquarters because we were guests of a member of the executive committee of the PLO and key advisor to the late President. His son was our guide. It was a difficult journey through a mass of people trying to get in. In total, more than a half a million people assembled and if it wasn't for the fact that the check-point gates were closed by the Israelis, probably 2 million would've been present which this place would have been impossible to accommodate.

Because Dr. Yang and Rev. Jenkins have invested so much love into our contacts we were allowed into the inner chambers. At the funeral, we passed through the receiving line and met the "who's who" of Palestine and Israel. We were even interviewed by a reporter from the New York Times! Rev. Jenkins told the report, "We're here to pray for the president, for the people of Palestine, for the Jewish people and for unity." He explained that the IIFWP was founded by Rev. & Mrs. Sun Myung Moon.

Out of the most wildest experience I could've imagined, an article appeared the next day in the NY Times quoting Rev. Jenkins. The U.S. administration and the entire world want access to the new Palestinian administration, yet



Donna and Bill after receiving the Holy Wine Blessing in Nazareth with Ambassadors for Peace from North America and Europe.

heaven put us right smack on the front line and printed the story in the most widely read newspaper in the world!!

Under the most unexpected circumstances, we made heartistic contact with the interim president, the prime minister, and all of the leaders of the provisional government. We met all the patriarchs of the different Christian religions in Jerusalem. Many were crying and sobbing. There was one European government official who cried openly on Antonio's shoulders.

We really didn't have credentials like the ambassadors or government ministers, but what we did have was a heartistic connection and bond with Pres. Arafat and his people. It was through the power of true love that the doors opened wide.

Fifth, the power of a kiss. In Ramallah with guns blasting, I watched Rev. Jenkins and Antonio open doors and pass guards by smiling and embracing each one with a kiss. Middle Eastern men kiss each other on the cheeks several times. It is the great equalizer between an ordinary taxi driver and an educated statesmen. The guards never questioned us. How could you doubt someone who comes up and kisses you on both cheeks? When Jacob offered up all his possessions to Esau, surely his brother's heart was touched, but what really won his soul was his total unconditional love. With Rev. Jenkins and Antonio leading the way, I just followed along kissing everyone one by one.

Conclusion: Father gave direction for each continent to send high-level delegations to the Holy Land, and upon the successful completion of that condition, the president of Palestine was invited into the spirit world and given the mission as, "Spiritual Ambassador for Peace." As we've heard Father say, "America belongs to the one who loves it the most." It's the same with the Holy Land. If we continue to bring our best contacts, the ambassadors for peace, if we show the Jews and Palestinians that we unconditionally love this land beyond politics, race, and religion, then heaven will work and ultimately bring peace to the Holy Land. ❖

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in front of the U.S. Consulate. As a finale doves of peace were released. A Jerusalem newspaper published a photograph of our rally, and our event was the lead story in an article about four or five 9/11 programs.

The next day we held a repentance ceremony at the Jerusalem Holocaust Museum, "Yad Vashem". During this solemn occasion, a thousand European and American Christians and Muslims repented to representatives of Judaism. "If we Christians had demonstrated the love of Jesus to our Jewish brothers and sisters, the murder of Jews in Nazi Germany would never have occurred."

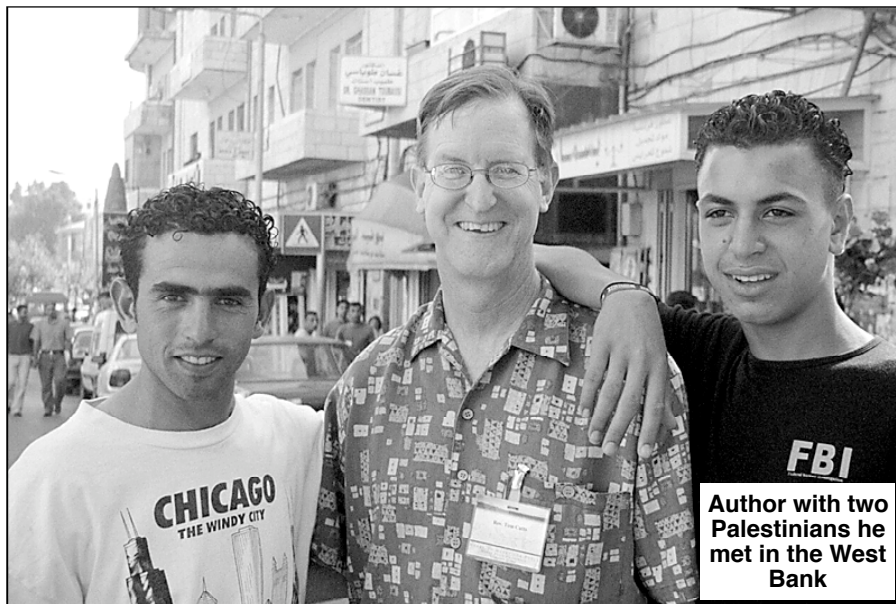
Our third big event was a rally in a Palestinian town being divided by the "Security Wall." We prayed that mistrust and hatred would be resolved, and that the barriers that divided people, not only this physical wall, would tumble down. The fourth event was a Peace March through the Old City of Jerusalem. We offered prayers at Christian shrines, at the Western Wall, and at the Al Aqsa Mosque. At the Mosque, or more correctly, the Masjid, the Grand Mufti came out to greet us.

The fifth event was conducted by the Women's Federation for World Peace. A beautiful Bridge of Peace Ceremony was held at a site overlooking the Walled City of Jerusalem and the golden Dome of the Rock. With this backdrop, Muslim, Jewish and Christian women were joined in bonds of sisterhood. Tears were shed in this joyous celebration of life. Our final combined program was a Cultural Event at the Jerusalem center for performing arts. Over three thousand Christians, Muslims and Jews celebrated the Jewish New Year with a toast, and a bite of apple dipped in honey. The event featured the singer, David D'Or, who awed the audience with his incredible range of voice. We

were so thoroughly enjoying each other that the singer and the audience did not want the concert to end. He sang three encores: The last one after his orchestra had left the stage.

Walking in the footsteps of Jesus, making new friends and participating in the rallies made the pilgrimage a rich experience. But our "outreach" project, made this tour exceptional. We went door to door in Muslim and Jewish neighborhoods, and shared our interfaith message of peace and hope.

Each pilgrimage had its own special feature. In May 2003, the ACLC held



Author with two Palestinians he met in the West Bank

its first pilgrimage. I was privileged to participate in that landmark event when the Jerusalem Declaration was signed. On the first day of the tour, we visited the Jerusalem Holocaust Museum, Yad Vashem. I left the museum very disturbed, because I was beginning to understand the involvement of Christians throughout history in the systematic persecution of Jews.

At the end of the May tour, we held an interfaith conference where five Christians and five Jews sat at each table. During a discussion, I apologized to the Jewish leaders at my table for the way Christians have treated Jews. Imagine my surprise when the Jewish attorney sitting next to me at first said in jest, "Tom, I accept your repentance." But then more seriously

admitted, "History would have been very different if Jesus had not been mistrusted by the Jewish authorities of his day. They never should have handed him over to the Romans to be killed." What an incredible admission. We were beginning to engage in a very profound dialogue.

During my second trip to Israel in December 2003, I led the first Peace Task Force of 120 Peace Ambassadors from America, and Europe. Along with 120 Japanese volunteers we were preparing for the December 22nd Interfaith Peace Rally. In teams of four and five,

we visited nearly every mosque, synagogue, kibbutz, and community center in Israel. We met with the imams and rabbis inviting them to the rally. We had many powerful experiences where we felt God's presence and His guidance, and we were touched by His longing to embrace every person with His love.

We also felt a profound sense of urgency with our mission. While five million Jews suffered torture and annihilation during the Holocaust, we sensed that if we failed our mission in this time of the Second Coming, perhaps five hundred million people would suffer due to our failure. Can you imagine our joy on the day of the rally, when 20,000 Christian, Muslims and Jews gathered in the heart of Jerusalem and pledged to work together for peace? We really felt that Heaven had accepted our offering.

During the December 2003 rally, we conducted an unprecedented ceremony of reconciliation. Muslim imams respectfully presented a Menorah to Jewish leaders. And Christian and Jewish leaders presented the imams a robe of Authority for Muhammad. And finally, Jewish leaders placed a crown on a chair for Jesus, recognizing him as the King of Peace. Many of us were in tears as Jesus was publicly acknowledged among his own people, and finally welcomed home. "Welcome home, Jesus."

The six earlier pilgrimages laid an incredible foundation for the September tour, when we visited people right in their homes. One bus load of Ambassadors for Peace celebrated the Jewish New Year in the home of the Chief Rabbi of Haifa. He and his wife were wonderfully gracious. Both have worked tirelessly for interfaith cooperation and peace. Another bus load visited the Jerusalem home of Sheik Bukhari. He is the descendant of the world renowned Islamic scholar who compiled some of the Islamic texts. The Bukhari house is in the Old City of Jerusalem and dates back fourteen hundred years. It has been in their family for four hundred years.

Another bus visited the home of Abu Hatoum, an Eastern Catholic priest,

who lives in Nazareth with his wife and family. He has been persecuted for his involvement with IIFWP, but he has stood strong, and the climate is now changing. Something really extraordinary happened to this minister at the end of 2003 while our Task Force was preparing for the December 22nd rally. He reported that, "This morning at 3:00 am, Rev. Moon came to my bed and woke me up. Rev. Moon told me, 'The Peace Task Force members have come from America and Europe to help save your country. Why are you sleeping while they work?'" Immediately, Father Hatoum got out of his bed, and left his house in Nazareth without waking his wife. He made the two hour drive to Jerusalem, in time to join us for our 5:00 am prayer and reading.

On another day, two bus loads of Ambassadors went north to Mount Carmel to visit the home of Sheik Ali Barani. He is a leader of the Druze faith. This same group visited the masjid of Imam Kiwan outside Haifa. Parts of his mosque are a thousand years old. Inside the beautifully carpeted worship area, the Imam instructed us in the meaning of Islamic ritual and prayer. This same group of Ambassadors also visited the church established by Christian peace activist Abu Chacour in Ibillin. He is a Palestinian Christian Israeli who, with international support, founded a University for Muslims, Jews and Christians. Today, he provides instruction for three thousand students. Two other buses went south to Dimona in the Negev Desert to visit the African Hebrew Israelites. Many of the African American pastors were encouraged to see this self-sufficient community established by blacks who had come from America. Earlier this year Rabbi ben Ami and the African Hebrew Israelites celebrated receiving their permanent residence status.

These group visits were exciting, but a real highlight of the tour was going door to door in both Muslim and Jewish neighborhoods. We went in groups of three or four. Our unannounced visits were met with unexpected hospitality. Our hosts were eager to share their food, their drink, and their lives with us. In one Jewish home, the son gave us a piano recital. And in a Muslim home, several Ambassadors had the opportunity to help prepare lamb stuffing for an Arab dish. On another day, two bus loads of Ambassadors went to Bethlehem and in groups of four or five, had lunch in Palestinian homes. Barriers came down, and understanding and trust blossomed.

This September tour was the seventh IIFWP pilgrimage. We felt like Joshua and his army as he circled Jericho seven times. When those ancient Hebrews blew their trumpets, the walls of the city came tumbling down. This was our seventh pilgrimage to "circle" Israel, and truly walls were coming down. Many of the misconceptions we had before we came to Israel were corrected. We forged relationships of genuine trust and compassion, and with sadness we had to leave Israel. When we first arrived, we were greeted with "welcome home," and in a very real sense, the people and the land had become like our second home. Many of us left knowing that we would soon return, and continue in the effort to bring peace to the Middle East. ❖

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way if you are asked, "Do you want to suffer again?": You have to say, "Yes, I want to go through that suffering again!" Even though you might be old, if your heart is young, I'd say you are a young person. Whether you are a young person or an old person, in my definition, has nothing to do with age. Young people are people who like to dream, who like to grow through challenge, and so forth, because that is how you grow. Old people are those who do not like challenge, who do not want to grow, who do not want to be stimulated. I know many people young in age whom I would classify as old.

So to only the young people out there if I put you through a challenge, would you want to go and face that challenge over and over again? Yes or no? I cannot hear you. (Yes!) Really? You want to face challenge again? That is why I like young people.

I've deviated from my subject. What were we talking about? One world, one Korea, and transforming the world through the culture of heart. What have we accomplished to this point? We've established that to dream, to have passion and conviction for something greater than one's self, is something that one should aspire to. In essence, this is what CARP is about. Yet, CARP is not an organization that is merely inspirational. No, no, no. We have a purpose. We want to aspire to fulfill the greatest dream of all, yes or no? What is that greatest dream? To build one world under God. How do we build that one world under God? Through the power of true love. How do we harness the power of true love? Through the individual transformation of all of you, where you become true subjects that inspire true objects, be it an individual, group, campus or the world. And you will harness the power of true love through living for the sake of others. ❖

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DARK NIGHT OF THE SOUL • AN OPEN LETTER TO ISRAEL

by Lloyd Howell

My dearest Israel, This morning I awoke before the dawn hour with worry and concern about what will become of you and your children. I live in the relative safety and comfort of Long Island, New York, but I think of you constantly. In fact I, as a Peace Volunteer, have made three trips to visit you over the past 12 months and now feel compelled to write! May a friend share his thoughts with you?

I perceive that you are now in a dark hour of the soul – a time when haunting memories and undefined fears press in on all sides, a time when one can lose his way. At this time I am drawn to your side and stand with you.

You now have your own country and I rejoice with you and sing 'alleluia'. I have seen some of your dream cities rising out of desolate places – you are to be applauded. I have seen your synagogues standing tall and your Star of David flying unabashedly. I have seen the lions of Judah in their prayer shawls. I yearn to dance the 'hora' with you in your green & voluptuous fields and revel in the beauty of life. I want to walk in your still and silent desert and listen for the quiet voice of YHVH. I have tasted the tahini and unforgettable hummus. But all is not well; the fears and baggage of the past, yours and mine, do not easily dissipate and all too often they remain to impinge on the present simultaneously giving shape to the future. I have recognized your suspicion of strangers and in so doing I confess I have, at times, hesitated to reach out and unflinchingly hug your black-coated rabbis.



Oh Israel, your name stirs something deep in my soul; a forgotten Jew [past ancestor] who has not forgotten you. I tremble in anticipation of the thought of returning again to your & my beloved Jerusalem. I want so much to drink a toast to your future, to shout "le chayim" but again there is a demon at the door threatening that glorious new day. One preying upon your soul wanting to take what the Holocaust

couldn't. I talk of your humanity, your G-d given sense of justice and mercy. I fear it is being imperceptibly eaten away by the demons that haunt you.

You know of what I talk. I talk of the unspeakable tragedy, the undigested and unforgetten pain that is at the root of your rebirth. Yes you were utterly betrayed by humanity



their land into the very ghetto you once despised, slowly, little by little, hardly noticing the callousness that is taking root in your soul. I wonder how far this will go?

Yes you have enemies but you imagine many more than there are. And the demons in your soul press you hard, the result being policies and actions that often create more enemies. Please try to imagine friends! I know that among many of you such a call is heresy, appearing to be a siren song lulling you into letting your guard down.

Yes, you are stuck in a hard place. You are not asked to do an easy thing. It is hard to imagine friends when so many pray for your downfall. But you do have undiscovered, potential and actual friends – they too pray for you and peace. Search them out and cultivate them with even more vigor than you pursue and defend against your enemies.

But standing in the way are these demons that tear at your soul whispering thoughts to remove the 'unwanted' and 'subhuman Arab'

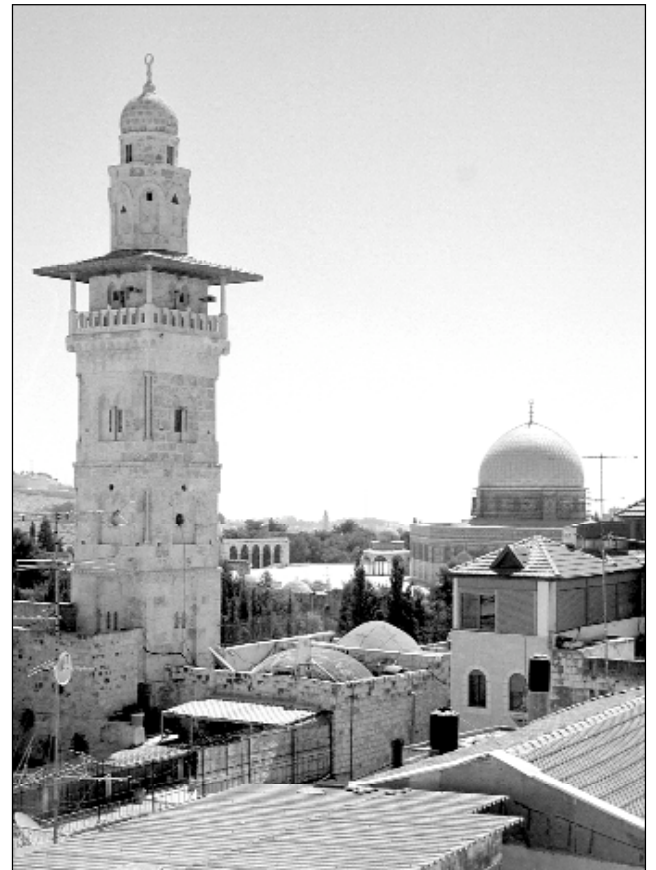
and most of all Christianity [with the exception of all too few righteous ones]. But now in some bizarre twist of fate you are building [and not without reason] a wall similar to the one others once built around you. And now you require IDs by which you can tell the race and religion of another – not unlike the 'badges' that others had you wear. And you setup checkpoints and sometimes round them up in the middle of the night and search their homes. Almost unconsciously you're making

from your midst, to drive them out or simply continue to keep them apart as you were kept apart in that dark 2,000 year time in Christian Europe.

The above-mentioned failed history that culminated in the Holocaust was indeed a dark & dastardly period but still you had not become like them; the persecutors, the anti-Semites. You were better; you held on to your humanity, your Torah and your hope for Zion and a new day.

Oh Israel I can not forget you and if I should may my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth and may I be struck down by thirst in the wilderness. Oh Israel I beseech you to reach out for that promised day. Cover yourself in your prayer shawl and call upon your Redeemer to wash, with His holy light, the fears that lurk in the hills and valleys of your soul. In this way I know you can prevail and be victorious once again. ❖

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term of the 44th president. Those who have come here today for this 44th anniversary, should be aware that perfecting the path of a devoted son, patriot, saint and divine son or daughter constitutes restoring and offering a throne to heaven, on which the mother and father can sit in the kingdom of heaven on earth, which unites heaven and earth as declared by Jesus—and which was his last wish.

Know the importance of the duties of children. On this 44th anniversary, the position of the mother should be brought to Japan. The family was divided through the struggle between Cain and Abel, and the mother was driven out of the family. Thus, you should

attend the mother as the queen of the universe within your family, which represents families at the national and worldwide standard. Devoted sons and patriots can enter heaven only when they find the position of the children of the direct lineage, who inherit the united realm of God's bloodline, life and love, untainted by the fall.

Father's benediction

God, we have now come to realize what the place for the settlement of the family ideal that you defend is. Not as a devoted son only within the family—the problem is not in becoming a representative of the family of a patriot to the clan, tribe or nation, but the world goes beyond the family of the divine son or daughter, and representing the family of a divine son or daughter, it is important to become a family that inher-

its a united heaven and earth, and represent you.

We know that in order to raise a representative, he must be better than me; and in order to raise an heir he must be chosen from numerous representatives. Consequently, in order for our family to remain in that position, we need to go through a revolution of indemnity as a course of digesting oneself. By creating an expressway for a revolution of conscience and a revolution of the heart, we fervently pray that with your bountiful heart, you bless these family members that can become princes or princesses who represent and inherit the liberated heaven and earth, which can connect the physical world with the spiritual world in an hour and fulfill your command.

True Parents declared things in that

way, centering on such a standard. As we promise to bless a being with that value, with two hands held high, we stand and make our pledge, shake our hands in the air, and become liberated sons and daughters of heaven on earth and in heaven, who can put into action all that we said we would offer to heaven and become people who can raise the liberated kingdom of heaven on earth. Please bless them, so that they can become the clan and family that can be within the mainstream of the realm of the royal family of the kingdom of heaven. That path has already opened. In accordance with each of their efforts, please allow them to enter the ranks of the historical ancestors by placing their feet in that position. This we sincerely, sincerely, sincerely report in the name of True Parents. ❖

Crown of Peace Ceremony, Argentina

by Andres Melgarejo

On Friday, November 26th, the King of Peace Coronation Ceremony for our True Parents was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The event was held in the main hall of the Peace Embassy with an audience, that filled the room completely, even to the point of overflowing the facilities, with more than 150 guests.

We were honored with the presence of society leaders and different professionals, most importantly the Senator for the Province of Buenos Aires Julio Rubén Ledesma, who as one of the assessors of President Néstor Kirchner, has been given the title Subsecretary of the National Government. Since he had a trip abroad scheduled, he gave a short, but heartfelt testimony at the beginning of the Ceremony about his experiences with True Parents, whom he called "Father" and "Mother", expressing in this way not only as a Peace Ambassador, but also as a brother to all present and all who are working for the cause of peace.

He also offered special regards and best wishes of the President of Argentina, Nestor Kirchner, for a successful outcome of the event. He was awarded the Crown of Peace for his prolific work as a Senator for the Province of Buenos Aires, advancing many laws to improve the living conditions of citizens in most need. Since we had the pleasure of his presence at the beginning of the program, expectations were very high.

On the diplomatic side, there was the Ambassador of the State of Palestine, His Excellency Suhail Daher Akel, who was



also awarded the Crown of Peace award for this steadfast conciliatory voice, even though there is the constant tension with the people of Israel, whom he calls his "partners of peace" for the Middle East.

On the academic-cultural side there was Peace Ambassador José Touriño, Ph.D. in Law and Social Sciences, who came directly from Cordoba with his wife to the event and, together with four other couples, received the Holy Blessing as part of the Ceremony. This, in fact, was one of the more emotional moments of the evening. Apart from that, he gave his strong and con-



vincing testimony about True Parents with a strong emphasis on the defense of life from the moment of conception.

The Crown of Peace award was also given to Mahatma Sergio Griffa, who is the Leader of Hinduism in Latin America, to Mr. Fausto Duran, co-founder of the Movement to

Dr. Jesús Blasnik was responsible to share the contents of the Declaration of the Federation of People from Mongolia and together with the General Director of the Unification Movement in Argentina, Prof. Gustavo Giuliano, he was handing out the Crown of Peace prizes.

The Blessing Ceremony included the Holy Wine and Holy Water ceremonies, the Marriage Vows and the Prayer with a short explanation beforehand, allowing the present to understand the significance of rebirth and change of bloodlineage, which are given as part of this significant Ceremony. All was held in a spirit of profound emotion.

The crowing moment, literally, was the Ceremony of Coronation itself, where Gustavo Giuliano, together with his wife Rosi, as National Leaders and in representation of True Parents were receiving the Crowns for True Parents from the hands of Alberto Ramos and José Bilbao Richter, which were collocated in the arm-chairs prepared for the occasion. Sergio Castellón, who represented all of the Blessed Families and Pastora Marta Pereyra, who represented the religious field, where handing over the Ceremonial Robes destined for the Kings of Peace.

All of this was handsomely embellished through the Choir of the Family Federation under the guidance of Carlos Varga and Alfredo Corales, constituted of Blessed Family Federation members and adolescents of the Second Generation. The wording of the song "Un Mundo de Paz" (A World Of Peace), sung towards the end of the program, reflected very well the hearts of all present, who could see this dream within reach at this very moment and who stayed on for about two more hours, sharing and exchanging impressions of this unforgettable night.

Finally, we would like to give a special mention to all the different letters and salutations, for example from the Embassies of Haiti and Island, his Beatitud Viktor Ivan 1st (Orthodox Church of Bielorusa) and Ricardo Hugo Cassino, the Counseling Diplomatic Senator of the International State Department for Security and Peace.

Last but not least, we would like to thank all brothers and sisters on Earth and in Heaven; for the guidance of our National Messiahs Rev. Song (Korea), Dr. Furuta (Japan), Rev. Lowen (United States) and Rev. Schneider (Germany). Masters of Ceremony for the event were Gloria Dantas, Vice-President of the Women's Federation in Argentina and the author of this report, Andrés Melgarejo, General Secretary of the Interreligious Federation in Argentina. ❖

Reinvindicate the Culture of the Original Inhabitants of this part of the globe, who will represent Argentina in the Second Annual Assembly of the Federation of People from Mongolia, which will be held on November 30th in Korea. Furthermore awarded was Prof. Inés Palomeque, the President of the Foundation Thousand Millennia of Peace and the couple of Roque and Elia de Ramos, who are married since 52 years, united and loyal, and who represent a living example of the family values we are sharing.

Before the prizes were awarded, the poem "Crown of Glory", which was written by Dr. Sun Myung Moon at the age of 16, was read by Licenciada Elena Faggionato, niece of the already defunct ex President Arturo Frondizi.

Among the invited guests was also Prof. Boleslao Sawicki Sabomir, who is President of Worldwide Pro-Humanitarian Solidarity; a beautiful testimony was given as well by Licenciado José Bilbao Richter, who had a short, but intense experience with True Parents on the occasion of the Inauguration of the Interreligious and International Council for Peace in New York last year. Despite of her years and frail condition, Dra. María Arsenia Tula gave a testimony about the values that will eventually reconstruct humanity and are made known by our True Parents.

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Mongolian Peoples' Federation for World Peace 2nd World Assembly

Sponsored by IIFWP and MPFWP, the Second Assembly of the Mongolian Peoples' Federation for World Peace was held on Nov. 30 to Dec. 3rd in Korea under the theme In search of the origins of human civilization and the roots of our lineage: The significance of Mongolian history and culture for world peace.

Three hundred and fifty leaders from around the world discussed the relationship between the roots of the human



civilization on the one hand and the history and cultural heritage of the Mongolian people on the other hand. And they explored practical ways to apply the core values of Mongolian culture to the cause of world peace.

Opening Plenary had Dr. Jong-youll Yoo as the MC. This included a video presentation, welcoming address, congratulatory remarks (by KangYoung-hoon, a former prime minister). After-Introducing the chairman of the conference, Dr. Chung-hwan Kwak gave the keynote address.

Session II: Exploring the Roots of Human Civilization and Innovative Approaches

Session III: "Working on Historical Consideration of the Exchange and influence between the Mongolian Civilization and the Major World Civilization," which included three groups discussions on: 1- The formation of the Asian Civilization Sphere and Mongolian History. 2- Mongolian History and its Relationship to Civilization Spheres in the Middle East, Europe, and the American Continent 3- The Origins of the Major World Religions and the Source of their Universal Vision

Session IV: [Special Session] World History and the Unfolding and Interaction of Civilizations from Perspective of the Providence of Restoration (Unification View of History).

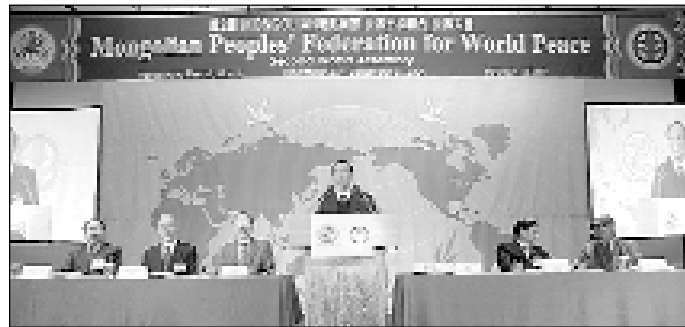
The third day was the Closing Session: [Plenary Symposium and Discussion] Considering Fundamental Principles for Peace in the Global Village: Toward Partnership and Cooperation of Mongolian People Worldwide

Dr. Kwak said in his Keynote address:

"...True love alone can bring an end to the strife, struggles, confrontation and misfortunes of this world and usher in an age of everlasting peace and unification. Historically, there have been visionaries and pioneers who advocated everlasting peace and non-violence. Because of our undying desire for eternal peace, mankind will achieve peace, despite the conflict experienced during the world wars and the Cold War era. International conventions, the League of Nations and the United Nations are manifestations of the human thirst for peace. Yet mankind has begun to realize how fragile these foundations are that were created for global peace, security and national and international accord..."

At the congratulatory banquet on the third day of the conference, Rev. Byung-woo Kim, the continental director of Asia, was the MC. Following were a video presentation, the entrance of True Parents, a prayer by Geoge Glay Akeen, greetings by Dr. Chung-hwan Kwak, a congratulatory speech by Hon. Subash Chanadra Nembang (a former lawyer of the supreme court and congressman in Nepal) and Mr. Tseveemjab, a former congressman from Mongolia. Then True Father spoke. The banquet came to an end following the presentation of flowers, the cutting of a cake and three cheers of mansei.

Father said in his address: "...In the Bible there is a verse that says, 'But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins.' (Luke 5:38) Even before you realized it, the era before the coming of heaven--the old wineskin--has passed



away, and already the time after the coming of heaven--the new wineskin--has opened its gates to us. With the advent of the True Parents, heavenly fortune has arrived here on earth. With the beginning of the twenty-first century, the destined, absolute providence

to establish the kingdom of heaven on earth--which is God's ideal of creation--is being actively advanced. For all of you, who have received Heaven's call, there is only one path to follow, and only one task to perform: to establish the peace kingdom here on earth.

The spirit world has its gates wide open, and not only the four great saints but also millions of good ancestors are pouring down like a great storm. They are coming to watch over everything you do, and are eager to break down the thousands of barriers and national boundaries throughout the world. They are coming to establish God's kingdom of "Cheon Il Guk," as we say in Korean, the era of the liberation of true heart. All of you reborn as true olive trees should receive your good ancestors with new eyes, new ears and new hearts, and become front runners in putting into practice the True Family Principle..."

The second Assembly of the Mongolian People's Federation was a great success, offer-

ing a great hope to make an end to the world of war, destruction and suffering ❖

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Coronation Ceremony for the Yang Clan

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

To extend the grace of August 20th to the nations of the world, religious and civic leaders came to Seoul representing their nations to join in the Coronation. Now we are to connect this grace and spirit of the Coronation to all of our families and tribes.

It was with this understanding that Rev. Eu was the first to conduct a Blessing and Coronation for the Eu tribe. Rev. Kwak and many key leaders in the Fatherland have followed this path. On Foundation Day for the Nation of the Unified World True Parents held a special Holy Wine Ceremony for 12 Families (Tribes) from the Fatherland – Kim, Pak, Lee and many others. Most had completed their Tribal Blessing and Coronation.

I was privileged to attend this event for the Yang family in Korea. Recently, an amazing development has occurred with this clan, which numbers around 400,000 people in Korea. The head of the Yang clan called our continental director, Dr. Chang Shik Yang, and proposed to bring to the US a delegation of the top Yang clan representatives. Hosted by Dr. Yang, they toured New York and Wash-



ington and were shown the massive influence of the movement of our True Parents for faith, family and freedom that has been established in America. They were very excited. Mr. Joo, with tremendous grace, gave them a great tour of the media foundation and testified to them concerning their kinsman – Dr. Yang. The Yang family has produced top generals and members of parliament and is known to be a family of integrity. The root of the family goes all the way back to Cheju Island, where the Yang clan patriarch of many centuries ago was the king. The clan came to settle in Namwon, the area of one of the most famous Korean legacies in which all Koreans take pride, the story of Cheong Yang. Cheong Yang was betrothed to a young man, but the evil magistrate tried to make her his wife instead. He used many devious and evil tactics to break her, ultimately throwing her in prison and threatening to take her life. She refused to lose her purity and did not bow, preferring to die rather than lose the love, which she was keeping pure for the one to whom she was betrothed.

The young man became a high official within the dynasty, and knowing of the capture of his bride-to-be, he came into the community disguised as a commoner. Only the seal of the King could reveal his true identity, which he kept hidden in his beggar's clothes. He visited the families of the community and found that the evil magistrate had severely abused his position and caused the people great suffering. In a dramatic public confrontation in front of the whole village, he courageously challenged the magistrate saying, "The wine you enjoy is taken from the blood of the people and the food you enjoy is taken from their flesh. You are evil and must be brought to justice!!" As he was about to be killed, he showed the seal, which only a true representative of the King could possibly possess, and he saved the community and ultimately saved

his bride. This is the pride of Namwon, and it is the pride of the Yang clan, which makes up the majority of residents in the area.

After Hoon Dok Hae with Abonim we arrived and were greeted by the head of the Yang clan for the area, whose face showed a profound look of joy as Dr. Yang arrived. This was a major event in the Yang association's history. Someone who had worked so much internationally and was doing such important work in America had come home to honor the family!!!

We immediately went to the traditional gravesite of the key families of the Yang clan. There, 33 generations could be traced. As we approached the Won Jeon another elder came forth wearing a yellow windbreaker, excited and overwhelmed with expectation. Somehow he thought Dr. Yang would get out of the passenger side of the car (actually Dr. Yang was driving and I was on the passenger side). But I emerged from the car, and he came running up and bowed without looking at me. "Yang Chang Shik Moksu Nim!" he proclaimed. Such a look of bewildering

ment and shock as he took my hand for a hand shake and gazed upon my face!!! He looked at my western face and was totally stunned: "Yang Chang Shik??" Then the other elder of the Yang clan said, "No, here he is," and brought him to Dr. Yang. What relief!!! Then the euphoria and excitement exploded. "Yang Chang Shik!!! Yes. Yes."

Dr. Yang's sister Yong Shil (who is the Korean counterpart of Mrs. Won Ju McDevitt and personal assistant to True Mother) accompanied our party. Also, our local Namwon Church leader (a former Regional Director) who had moved back to his hometown upon Father's Tong Ban Kyok Pa providence, led the way.

We climbed a small mountain to the beautiful Won Jeon area of the Yang Family. A stainless steel engraved sign commemorates the family's history. Then we went to the Won Jeon, which has rows of symmetrical, grass-covered, meticulously manicured mounds which are established on a circle of fine white stone. The grave markers were outstanding with black marble columns with white marble tops. Engraved in white is the name of the ancestor and other history. (This is very similar to the distinguished Won Jeon for Unification saints in our International Won Jeon.)

Before the hillside stretching upward with row after row of ancestors was a huge marble altar which is used to show

respect to the ancestors. Dr. Yang, his sister and the Yang elders as well as our church leader opened bags of candy and cookies and placed rice and fruit on the altar. They poured drink, and then the elder of the Yang family led us in kyung beh on the grass (we took off our shoes). Such respect for the ancestors!! How



beautiful is this tradition, which certainly comes from heaven! Dr. Yang led us in prayer. Then the Elder took the drink and poured it out of the cup to the right and the left of the altar. Then we all shared the cookies and ate with the ancestors. Next, the elder with the yellow windbreaker went to the four corners and threw out pieces of the food to give to the ancestors. Dr. Yang and his sister did the same. We then joined for photos. We became one in heart.

Actually the elders cannot express enough their appreciation for True Parents because of this. Many youth these days are losing touch with these traditions and are even rejecting these ceremonies of respect for the ancestors, which have preserved Korea's family spirit for thousands of years. To see a young person like Dr. Yang and his sister come forward with such respect is the greatest testimony of the work of True Parents to preserve and protect the spirit of the nation.

From this holy experience we went to the Yang Clan headquarters for the area, a well-kept two-story building. In it are the offices for the Yang clan and extensive records of their history. There we met more elders, who again showed great



respect and love for Dr. Yang.

Dr. Yang mentioned that I needed a memory stick for the laptop, and the elder Yang (with the cream-colored windbreaker) who didn't have much experience with computers, was determined to get what we needed. Dr. Yang got on the phone and explained that we needed a 128 MB memory stick. Then the elder Yang went off in a flash. He came back in ten min-

utes with exactly what we needed. (Korea's IT development is most advanced.) He insisted on paying for it himself. He would have it no other way. He had honor and he was ready to sacrifice anything for this great occasion.

We arrived at the place where the Yang family Crown of Peace awards would occur.

It was a wedding hall, traditional throughout Korea. As we arrived we noticed a giant banner that said, "Yang Chang Shik Dr. Professor – Crown of Peace Awards." One beautiful aspect was to see the cooperation of all the local leaders of our church and family members. Not only Yang clan members from the Family Federation, but also the local leadership as well as some well-known international leaders under True Parents came. These included Rev. Yang Oh Seuk, pastor of the Family

Church of Namwon and former regional director, as well as Rev. Moon Pyung Rae (430 couple), vice chairman of the Moon Family Association. Elder Yang Ki Soon greeted us; he is the 82-year-old former chairman of the Yang Family Association. Rev. Kim Seuk Jin, one of the Seoul regional directors, whose wife is a member of the Yang clan, was emcee.

The program began with Rev. Kim giving introductions, followed by a welcome from Elder Yang Ki Soon (now chairman of the Yang association for that region) to Dr. and Mrs. Yang; he fervently thanked the Family movement for this occasion of respecting the ancestors. Elder Yang is very dignified and really gave beautiful support to us throughout our time there. I was asked to speak, and Dr. Yang translated. I gave testimony concerning Father Moon's work in America and how he had chosen Dr. Yang to be the continental director, and especially concerning the interreligious work with the 14,000 churches of ACLC, work in the nation's capitol, and also the work for peace in the Middle East.

Following that, Rev. Moon Pyung Rae spoke very powerfully, stirring the soul of the audience of over 400 young family members. Then Dr. Yang was introduced and was welcomed with such a warm feeling of respect and love from all the Yang Association. You could see in the expressions on people's faces a great deal of excitement along with some curiosity as to what this was all about.

Dr. Yang gave a summary lecture of our work with the United Nations, 191 countries, the United States and the Holy Land. He gave some of Rev. Kwak's special presentation at our international leaders conference, which went into depth about the Principle and about the True Parents' work for blessing marriages and unifying all religions. It concluded with the work to unify North and South Korea done by our True Parents, Father's extensive foundation in North Korea, and the work for reconciliation, peace and understanding that is going on there. This deeply moved the audience, and at a certain point we could feel the spiritual atmosphere got very, very excited. By the time Dr. Yang concluded, the audience was totally won over and they were excited about every aspect of the program that followed. Dr. Yang's presentation concluded with pictures that

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REV. MICHAEL JENKINS

Rev. Jenkins is the President of the American Church

TTrue Parents are guiding us directly through each step of the dispensation. Father's all night prayers and speaking tour directly impacted the atmosphere of our nation. God is now seeking to bless and raise America into the role of the True Elder Son Nation, which will bring peace and reconciliation in each continent.

To do this God always needs a key condition on our part to unlock the fortune and providence of heaven. When we fulfill our portion of responsibility, God absolutely will take the result and bring the nation to the next level.

The key condition at this time is the Eight Million Couple Blessing. This is where our efforts should really be concentrated. Each family is asked to be responsible to bless 4,000 couples. Please focus on your neighborhood and the churches of ACLC. Also expand into your community and the shops in the area. The more we conduct the blessing in ways in which we can follow up, the more clearly will be the growth of our movement as a result.

Please continue, America. Your reputation is growing in that True Parents are gaining more and more confidence that the goal you are given will be fulfilled. We must fulfill for the sake of the nation and the world.

The candles of our blessed families burn late into the night as they sincerely pray that God will guide America. We are united as one and all of our leadership is working with one heart and one mind. The level of cooperative effort is the best in our history. We will bring the fulfillment of the Will of Heaven for America and the World. How grateful we are for our blessed families, for the Clergy and the Ambassadors for Peace who have maintained and developed their faith in God and trust in True Parents through many trials and tests.

With one providence after another we are gaining greater strength and power to advance God's Kingdom. Through the fulfillment of the two million blessing and the success of True Parents speaking tour a new spirit came over America. Many who witnessed this tour saw that it brought a substantive change to the spirit and direction of this nation. Now the the condition of the 8 million blessing will allow America to bring this new spirit of faith and family to the whole

world.

The rise of the issue of Morality and True Family Values was a direct result of God's work and the unity of people of faith. The seriousness of American people concerning faith and family was exhibited in the last week before the election. Yet we must be vigilant at this time to see this nation through to a new level of faith and reliance upon God. We must now transcend all boundaries and divisions and become one people for the sake of saving all the nations of the world. America has been blessed by God as the Second Israel.

America is now on a new path in history. America's role as the Peacemaker will fully emerge now if we fulfill our responsibility at this time. Through the Pilgrimages the ACLC Clergy could initiate repentance among Rabbis, Imams and Pastors and the reconciliation that resulted allowed True Parents to form a New Israel - the fourth Israel - a Universal Israel that is composed of Muslims, Christians and Jews. All people of the Book who have engaged in a new "Covenant" through the blessing of grace and the change of blood lineage. America was at the center of the historic World Peace Pilgrimages of all nations. Calling on all to repent before God and unite the sons of Abraham. This time America and the nations of the world joined as one family with a firm reliance on the faith that there is one God of all humanity and that He is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He is the God of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. He is the God of love. True American's who are touched deeply by the love of Jesus do not judge others but rather march to the beat of the voice of God that says we must win the world with spirit of the Lord, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts." (Zechariah 4:6)

Please continue to fast and pray and to speak out that the day of the Lord has now come. Please be encouraged that God has seen fit to guide America based on your prayers. Your prayers and your sacrifice as well as the sincere prayers and efforts by the ACLC Clergy and the Ambassadors for Peace can and will determine the destiny of our nation at this time.

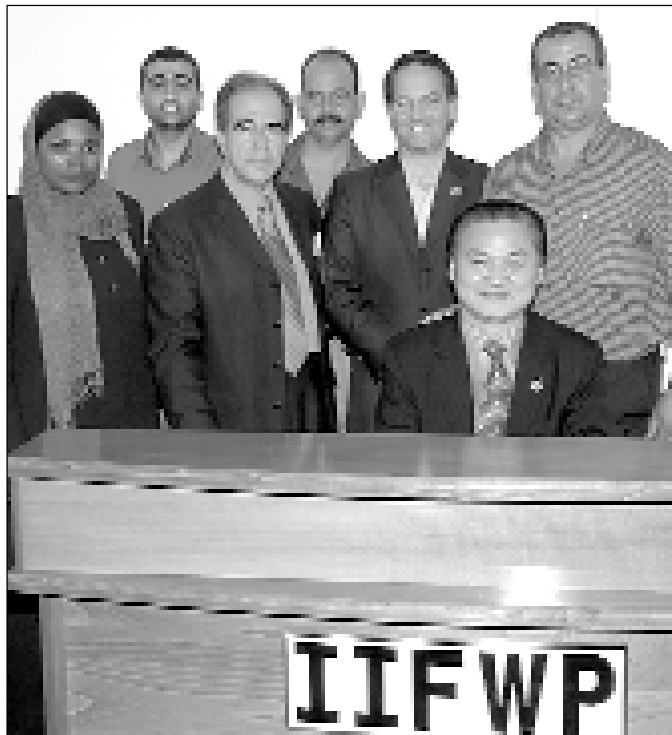
When George Washington prayed dur-

ing the trials facing the founding of our nation God heard his prayers. I believe that God is now about to answer the prayers of our families, clergy and Ambassadors for Peace that are being offered earnestly for this nation and our leaders.

In 1973, Father spoke of such prayers in his speech entitled, "God's Hope for America.":

"George Washington, Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army, tasted the bitterness of defeat in many, many battles. When he finally faced the last heart-breaking winter at Valley Forge, he was

power, authority, tradition, and equipment. They were proud of their military strength. The American Continental Army had no ammunition and few soldiers. George Washington finally had one weapon only: faith in God. I believe that George Washington's position paralleled David's in his fight against the giant Goliath. David won his battle in the name of God. They both let God vanquish their foe. Each of them put his whole heart, his whole being, his whole sacrificial spirit into the battle, and won. Now it is a significant fact that throughout history, God's people could never be blessed on their own homeland. God moves them out of their homeland and settles them on foreign soil, and there they can become a people and a nation of God. According to the pattern, the American people journeyed in faith out of their homelands, came across the ocean to the New World, and here they received God's blessing. God had a definite plan for America. He needed to have this nation prosper as one nation under God. With God, nothing is impossible. So out of the realm of impossibility the independence of America became a fact, and upon its foundation, great prosperity came. The British army fought for their king. For them, the British crown was supreme. The American army fought for their king. God was their only King, and He alone was supreme. The New World was pioneered in the name of God. America is called "the land of opportunity". Here is the soil on which people find opportunity in God.



serious. I am sure George Washington prayed like this: "God, it is You who led our people out of Europe and brought us over here to the New World. You don't want us to repeat the dull, gray history of Europe. You liberated us and gave us freedom. You don't want to see the mistakes in Europe repeated in this land. Let me give you my pledge. I will build one nation under God."

Thus George Washington made his battle God's battle, and therefore the victory won was a victory for God. I know that this victory and the independence of America came because God accepted George Washington's prayer, along with the prayers of many other Americans.

God knew that His champions would work for His new nation. But George Washington had nothing to work with, and the British army had everything —

Brothers and Sisters as we thank God for his grace and blessing, be assured without question that your prayers and sacrifice at this time will lead to victory, because we are not fighting for ourselves and our battle is God's battle and the victory we will win will be God's victory. God has all power and authority if we unite in heart to fulfill his will. Our battle is one that is fought in the spirit, it will be one not by the flesh but by the spirit. It is the battle to tear down all boundaries and barriers and allow the people of God to become one in heart. In II Cor:10: 3 - 4: *For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;* ❖

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were just taken hours before of our visit to the Won Jeon and the importance of honoring the ancestors and making strong families that don't divorce. This is certainly a major concern in Korea at this time, as modernization is taking its toll on Korean families. This really won the hearts of the audience. It was amazing to see how True Parents are taking the central role to strengthen the backbone of the Korean tradition of strong families. This was deeply appreciated by the Yang clan and was a testimony of the real spirit of 50 years of the Unification move-

ment in Korea.

Immediately following this, Dr. and Mrs. Yang led the Blessing ceremony with the Cheon Il Guk holy wine, which people joyfully supported. Approximately 450 people drank the holy wine, led by the Yang family members together with Dr. and Mrs. Yang. It is amazing what trust was already there. Then representatives of the Yang clan brought forth beautiful crowns handmade by one of the famous crown makers in Korea. They were traditional Korean crowns in gold, decorated with jade, encased in glass. They had been personally selected and approved by Dr. Yang just two days before. In fact, the whole event was first announced 48 hours before it occurred, and yet 450

people came.

The Yang clan representatives carried the crowns forward, and Dr. and Mrs. Yang stood to receive them, representing True Parents. Although the ceremony of the Crown of Peace awards was very simple, it was one of great magnificence, and we could feel that the Yang clan officially welcomed and honored True Parents as the King and Queen of Peace. It is our understanding that this secures a condition of enormous grace and protection for the Yang clan from heaven.

Then flowers were presented and final pictures were taken with the clan members and other family church leaders surrounding the crowns, which were placed on an altar. Final prayers concluded the

program, and everyone joined for a celebration banquet afterwards. The atmosphere was full of inspiration and joy.

We expect that great advancement will occur through the Yang clan for the unification of the Fatherland and for the strengthening of the great families of Korea.

We sincerely thank Dr. Yang for taking this faithful and courageous stand with his limited time in Korea to fulfill Father's hope and dream that every clan of Korea will come together with the anointing and blessing of God to receive the grace of heaven and become part of True Parents' family. This has been secured forever with the Yang clan and it can never be erased. ❖

Region 21 Blessing Workshop

by Rev. Timothy L. Henning

Saturday, November 20, was the first day of a two-day seminar preparing candidates for the Clergy Blessing on December 18 at the Pasadena Headquarters. Seventeen clergy attended a Divine Principle overview that day, starting from 9:00 am and ending just after 5:00 pm. The presentations were given by Rev. T. L. Henning. The Unification Worldview Seminar, a 14-week study course of 3-hour lessons, was condensed into a shortened version of just 300 slides for this 2-day seminar covering the chapters of the Principle from "Creation" through the "Second Advent". Each of the two days is broken up into four sessions with a lunch being served and some breaks for refreshments and a short discussion period.



Clergy Blessing in Region 21 of 2004 attended. Those who could not attend the session are being followed-up at their homes by special appointments during the upcoming weeks.

The reaction to the presentations was very encouraging. Several ministers mentioned that they could understand the lectures better as a systematic whole when presented together. Detailed questions of how the fallen nature and original sin are transferred through the relationships between Adam, Eve and the Serpent were discussed.

A follow-up course specifically on the Life and Mission of the True Parents and the Meaning and Value of the Blessing and Change of Blood Lineage will be offered on the Saturday following the seminar, December 4. The Clergy Blessing is open to candidates who recognize the mission of the True Parents through



a thorough study of the Principle and receive guidance from our regional director, Rev. Ku. Our goal this year is 36 blessed couples at the Clergy Blessing and 12 new Peace Family Churches. ❖

North Carolina Crown of Peace Awards & Leadership Summit

Rev. Burgi Hutcherson

On Saturday, October 30, North Carolina's FFWPU presented a Crown of Peace Award Ceremony at the Christ Rescue Temple Christian Farm in Winston-Salem. Attending the program were 22 guests, 24 FFWPU members, and 24 second generation, which made a total of 70 people.

It was only two weeks prior that we learned about the providential significance of honoring True Parents with the Crown of Peace. Every state in America was asked to hold this event by the end of the month of October. Our families decided to hold the event in Winston-Salem, where there is a strong foundation with ACLC.

Mrs. Sharon Pace, president of the American Family Coalition of North Carolina, was the Master of Ceremonies. She introduced Bishop Willie Davis, Jr., pastor of the Christ Rescue Temple Apostolic Church in Winston-Salem and Chairman of ACLC in North Carolina, who gave the invocation and opening remarks. He shared his appreciation for the work of True Parents and expressed his joy to gather in the privacy of his farm for such a worthy occasion. He understood that history was being made.

Then Rev. Byung Seok Cho and his beautiful wife Yasuyo touched the audience with a wonderful musical presentation. All hearts were brought together into one accord with a beautiful duet.

Rev. Tim Davis from the Raleigh FFWPU led all of us in a special marriage rededication.

With joy and deep gratitude we welcomed the keynote speaker of the evening, Rev. Phillip Schanker, vice president of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, from Washington, D.C. He had just arrived by plane from Miami, Florida, where he had delivered a keynote address for the Florida Crown of Peace Award Ceremony at lunchtime. Rev. Schanker was able to convey deeply to our ACLC clergy and members the his-



torical significance of this event. He did a great job teaching the truth hidden in the Bible by sharing the Divine Principle.

I saw the smiles and appreciation in the faces of our ministers and Ambassadors for Peace.

A special video presentation followed. Rev. Schanker had brought with him a new video: "The Crown of Peace." It conveyed the work of reconciliation and peace

Making done by Father and Mother Moon, especially in the Middle East.

Mrs. Sharon Pace called her husband, John Pace, and myself on stage to give the Crown of Peace Awards to three leaders who have done exceptional work in the community in peace making and leadership. We recognized Bishop Willie Davis, Jr., Rev. Fermin Bocanegra, pastor of the Spanish Christian Wesleyan Church, and Evangelist Cynthia Hill. All had been Ambassadors for Peace and did their assignments well.

The highlight of the evening arrived when True Parents were recognized as "King and Queen of Peace." Bishop Legrant from the Progressive Apostolic Church in Winston-Salem and Mrs. Janette Millner, wife of Rev. Harry Millner from the St. John

Apostle Church, offered the crowns to Rev. and Mrs. Cho, representing True Parents. With prayerful hearts, Rev. and Mrs. Cho put the beautiful crowns on a special prepared table. Then our newest blessed central family, Donnie and Sun Niles, presented flowers to True Parents.

Evangelist Cynthia Hill offered the song "The Lord's Prayer," which touched our hearts. Then Rev. Fermin Bocanegra gave congratulatory remarks. He pointed out that we have to be peacemakers in our daily lives. There are always opportunities that come up and challenge us to give the best of ourselves. It is good to work for peace in the world, but peace begins with us.

Rev. Byung Seok Cho gathered everybody in a large circle and offered the benediction with a sincere heart. The spirit was warm and filled with love.

We cut a beautiful victory cake and shared fellowship with all the participants while enjoying the nice snacks and refreshments that our families had brought.

In reflection I would like to say that this event was difficult to organize. I was challenged with uncertainties up to the

final moment, even to the point of offering the crowns. The giving of the crowns, as imperfect as it was done, represented today's humanity with its ignorance and shortcomings. Rev. and Mrs. Cho, in the role of True Parents, performed a great task. Their hearts were peaceful and calm in the midst of problems, which helped put me at ease. I felt so grateful for heavenly Father's abundance of love, forgiveness, and grace, which cover all the shortcomings and imperfections on the side of humanity. Through True Parents, Heavenly Father could receive our efforts.

I want to express my deepest gratitude for the successful completion of this ceremony, especially for Rev. and Mrs. Cho, Rev. Schanker, and the ACLC clergy. I thank all blessed central families for their support, especially Sharon Pace for organizing under difficult circumstances and Mrs. Gail Davis for handcrafting the two beautiful crowns.

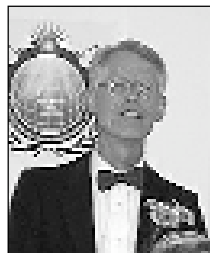
Witnessing & Education

On October 31st the North Carolina Family Church of Peace gathered for a summit on Witnessing and Education at the Christ Rescue Temple Christian Farm under the leadership of Rev. Phillip Schanker, vice president of the FFWPU for education, and Dr. Tyler Hendricks, president of the Unification Theological Seminary. The all-day program was attended by 34 adults and 37 children.

Rev. Schanker was the emcee of the workshop. In the opening session I gave some short welcoming remarks, expressing my gratitude that renowned educators had come to help us learn more about church growth. Then Rev. Schanker passed out some personal evaluation sheets, which helped us to recognize where we were in terms of witnessing.

In the first training session we shared local reports. Rev. Tim Davis reported about the Raleigh church, Mamuru Uyama powerfully shared about his vision of the Japanese Church in Raleigh, Elise Tape spoke about the Charlotte Church, and I

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Northern California Church Community News

The Northern California Church Community held its first Community Of Faith Breakfast in Sacramento on November 20th. Imam Mumtaz Qasmi gave a wonderful speech about the real meaning of being a Moslem and testified to Father's work to bring together different religions. He spoke of his heartache after September 11th when the media seemed to fuel the hatred against Islam and he wanted to point out that the term jihad has many meanings and mostly means a Holy War within oneself.

Kevin Thompson gave an introduction to ACLC and our work in Israel, pointing out that the Democrats or Republicans cannot solve spiritual problems, that is the task of the spiritual leaders.

November 27th Community Of Faith Breakfast at the Bay Area Family Church (BAFC) featured Mrs. Donner Lane who, together with her husband the late Rev. John Lane, were early supporters of our church going back to the mid 1970's. Mrs. Lane told everyone assembled that she and her husband predicted in 1975 that the Unification Church would be the church of the 21st century and that she was glad to see that that prediction was now coming true. Kevin Thompson spoke about the efforts to bring Democrats and Republicans together centered upon True Family Values. A beautiful spirit was in the room, and many of the guests testified that they look forward to this monthly gathering.

INTERNATIONAL CHOIR

The BAFC International Choir (with

ten nationalities) sang with great power and professionalism at the ceremony to give Mother Wright her honorary doctorate degree. They also sang at a revival at Gospel Harvest Church. Under the direction of Zita Peruffo, the international choir has quickly built up a reputation and is in constant demand. Reverend Leland of

Gospel Harvest came to the Bay Area Family Church to offer his thanks to the choir and testified that through knowing our movement he has been able to find deeper faith.

IL SHIM CEREMONY & WORKSHOP

Sixty 2nd Generation participated in the Il Shim ceremony and pledged their lives to purity and the ideals of our True Parents. They each fulfilled many conditions to be able to accomplish the requirements of receiving their Il Shim "True Love Waits" ring. At the closing ceremony where the parents bestowed the ring upon their children, Dr Mose Durst said that he was so moved by the youth and Blessed Families and that is what gives him hope for the future. During the Il Shim workshop the participants marched through the local streets and displayed their commitment to purity. They also went witnessing and inspired local residents with their spirit. The staff for

the workshop testified to the seriousness of the 2nd Generation and how the elders took great responsibility for their younger brothers and sisters.

YOUTH MINISTER INSTALLED

Kenritsu Yamamoto was installed as the youth minister for the Bay Area Family Church. He has set up 10 team leaders for the high school students. In his

address, Kenritsu shared his vision of the future and thanked the parents who have invested so much into their children. Many parents were very comforted to hear Kenritsu share that even though he was often rebellious, it was his parents' unchanging love and attention that kept him on track.

PRINCIPLED ACADEMY MULTI-CULTURAL NIGHT

Over 100 guests attended the multi-cultural night at Principled Academy. Everyone was treated to Mexican dancing, a Japanese dance and a Tong Il Moo Do demonstration and wonderful food from many countries. The Principled Academy is the character education school of the Bay Area, promoting harmony, cooperation, and understanding.

TONG IL MOO DO

Tong Il Moo Do school was opened at BAFC and classes started also at Principled Academy. Mr. Shimizu of IEF, working together with Thomas Sagayo, have caught Father's vision for the martial arts and a reactively recruiting and promoting this special cultural art form.

WFWP ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

WFWP held its annual fundraising event for Sun Of Mozambique school at Marina Community Center, raising \$6,000.

Mr. Harvey Bosler, a photographer specializing in non-profit organizations,

told us that our event was the best he had ever seen. As proof of that, WFWP-SFBA Chapter has been developing to reach out to other religious groups through the interfaith activities.

DIVINE PRINCIPLE WORKSHOP

On November 13th a one-day workshop was held at BAFC. Five guests, including one imam, attended. They heard Principles Of Creation, Fall of Man, and an introduction to Father and the Bless-

ing. One of the guests was so inspired that she went home and asked her live-in boyfriend to move out after she understood the Fall. With lectures taking place after church each Sunday Service, there will be many workshops in the future.

Ongoing Spanish Divine Principle workshops and lectures are taking place. The Hispanic church recently bought translation equipment for their guests to be able to participate in Sunday Service and other events.

Many guests have heard the Divine Principle and are currently preparing for membership.

Soccer

The Bay Area family Church Soccer team held its one-year anniversary with a commemorative game. Recently the soccer team held a PEACE CUP tournament with STF, CARP and 2nd Generation teams. The team has competed against other church teams and remains unbeaten.

SERVICE FOR PEACE

BAFC 2nd Generation participated with CARP and STF members to do a service project of planting daffodils with the city of Oakland councilwoman Nancy Nadel. Many of the Il Shim participants were able to help out and fulfill their service requirements.

Under the capable direction of Markus VonEuw, Service For Peace has been able to build bridges with the local city governments and especially with the office of the mayor of Oakland. ❖



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concluded by speaking about the birth of the Triad Church. Dr. Tyler Hendricks addressed us with a great PowerPoint presentation on the issue of effectively defining our church. It truly broadened our horizon about who we are.

After a short break we began the second session, called Heart of Witnessing: Open the Gate!, which was about getting excited about our faith, creating gates, and becoming gate openers. Mr. Bob Huneycutt gave a testimony, speaking from his heart about his own challenge in witnessing and his desire to be united with God's providence despite personal obstacles. Dr. Hendricks concluded the session with another great PowerPoint presentation, inspiring us to develop our own gifts and talents to offer to the heavenly providence.

Although a working lunch was on the schedule, most families decided to mingle freely and catch up with old friends.

In the afternoon Mr. Takamitsu Sakuwa and Bruce Hutcherson led the youth in sports and games, and Rev. Schanker had a session with them.

The third session dealt with the Heart of Witnessing- Sharing our Faith, which was about developing introductory programs and witnessing through worship. Dr. Hendricks led that session.

In the break we celebrated all the October birthdays, which included those of Bruce Hutcherson and Dr. Hendricks, with cake and ice cream.

The final session dealt with community building and family-based outreach, as well as integrating new members. Our

dear brother Hiroshi Goto, pastor of the Northern Virginia Family Church, led the whole session. He had just arrived that very afternoon in order to give us some very practical understanding of his growing community in Virginia. Pastor Goto did a good job answering all of our many questions.

Time was moving forward so quickly; we had to come to the conclusion. Rev. Byung Seok Cho, our regional leader (Region # 8) shared his appreciation and gratitude for the workshop. Then Rev. Schanker challenged us to write personal evaluations and take at least three action steps.

I would like to say thank-you to all who made this seminar possible. I thank Rev. and Mrs. Cho for their consistent effort to guide our witnessing outreach. Because of their vision, we have a consistent witnessing program on campus. I thank Rev.

Schanker for coming to our region and sharing his love, compassion, and heart with our families, and for inviting Dr. Tyler Hendricks and Pastor Hiroshi Goto. Thanks also to the North Carolina leaders who helped to organize the event, Sharon Pace for organizing the meals and snacks, Donnie Niles for working hard as a taxi service, Takamitsu and Bruce for helping with the youth, and all the volunteers for child care.

I appreciated the workshop. It was good for us to expand our horizon about the role and mission of Tribal Messiahship. We want to do our assignment well. Witnessing overall is a big challenge for many families. In order to truly be successful, we need to resolve all family issues and marriage matters. I am planning to have another workshop that will address marriage and family issues, and Rev. Schanker told me that he would like to come back to support our families. ❖



SFP Global PeaceMakers

by Norbert Szolnok

Twenty-one students from eight countries—including Jews and Arabs from Israel—participated in this Service for Peace pilot project in Israel from July 30 and August 11, 2004. The program aimed to understand the Arab-Jewish conflict first-hand, engage in community service, and become leaders capable of helping to solve this conflict. The group visited Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Beit Shemesh, Haifa, and also had the chance to experience the Dead Sea and the Negev Desert.

Participants worked with children in summer camps and in an orphanage, visited with the elderly in a senior home, planted vegetables, cleaned up archaeological sites, a beach and a park on Mt. Carmel. The project combined service and learning in a unique way through community service and visits to various local neighborhoods and ethnic groups to experience life as the locals do.

managed to finish the project successfully. The participants started out as strangers and became a family by the end. Many of the local students wanted to continue similar projects and started to create an action plan to engage Arab and Jewish students together in service activities creating more Peacemakers. We have agreed to hold the next project early next year.

TESTIMONIES

Zvi Raviv - Israel

Each and every culture has its own moral system. What Christians regard as moral might not be seen as that by Muslims, and we are well aware of the basic differences between religions. But some values are universal, and shared by all people: we all want the best for our siblings, maintain our way of life and live in a clean environment.

Now I'm 25 years old. In the army I served in an infantry unit, and since I finished my army service my social involvement has been growing constantly. The subjects that interested me the most are those concerning peace between people, and peace between people and their environment.

When I first saw the advertisement for the program, I thought it's going to be some sort of summer camp for grown-up people from all over the world; but when the lectures and the activities began, I understood how the principles of the program are closely related to the subjects I find interesting.

The first day in Beit-Shemesh included work with children. Usually children don't internalize prejudices - while working with them I felt how I left the world

values, we should act together against prejudice and intolerance.

While working with children I noticed how curious they are about other cultures - they showed great interest in the Japanese culture, and since there is a great influence of the Latin-American culture in Israel, seeing how much the Arab and Jewish children wanted to learn Spanish was fascinating.

During the following days I met very special people: Gil, a local environment teacher in Beit-Shemesh, who works with his students in order to preserve archeological sites around Beit-Shemesh. We can see how the students are committed to the things he teaches them by the fact that even during the summer holiday they came, and helped him to protect the sites, and organize the meal he made for the visiting groups. While we were visiting the desert, a monk called Jaques joined us - he works for humanitarian causes in Palestine. He showed us what real commitment to a goal is, and explained us the philosophical meaning of life in the desert. In the desert we had a presentation of the main characteristics of the monotheistic religions which started in the Middle East, and it made me feel great respect towards other religions. My university is located near Mount Carmel. As a biology student, who has great concern regarding my environment, seeing the condition of the park in the Carmelite Monastery makes me furious. I felt as if someone came to my backyard and threw there his garbage. When we decided that the last activity of the group would be to clean-up the park, I felt as if I were cleaning my own house. Seeing the group working for a common goal, and the way the place looked when we finished made me very proud.

Making the children part of the activities in the program, and presenting the daily cause showed the best in the people of the group.

I believe that the group should learn some language together, even if it's only a few words. For example, we could have learned some words and phrases in Arabic, in order to break the ice between the Israelis who have different native tongues, and people of the international community.

The Service for Peace organization made this program in a way that enabled everyone, regardless of culture and religion, to make a contribution - if you would like to see the seashore clean, the side roads free of garbage, or see a smiling child, and you are willing to work hard in order to achieve it, we would like your help.

Tareq Ghaith - Palestine

I will try to express my feelings about this camp because it's important for me to tell my feelings, and what happened to me in 10 days to my friends and to the world.

It's very necessary to change the sit-



uation in this land - the holy land, and try to find the solution and fix the complications between the Palestinians and Israelis, and try to change the bloody-way, killing-way to a peace-way and love-way. All of this encouraged me to participate and to be peacemaker in this



The Service for Peace approach of conflict resolution and transformation, already proven in the US, was brought to Israel and tested with our four Israeli Jewish and four Palestinian Arab participants, who came with very different viewpoints and a lot of skepticism, but also with an open mind that helped to change their hearts and look at service as a way of healing relationships and bringing peace to this troubled land. They could also see their situation differently through the eyes of the international participants.

We managed to break some new ground. We were officially hosted by the cities of Beit Shemesh and Haifa, who arranged many of the programs for us. Beit Shemesh organized home stays for our group, and this was the first time residents welcomed Palestinian youth into their own houses in this very conservative Jewish city.

We also had our share of difficulties starting from the cultural differences between the United States and Israel. Volunteer service is viewed differently here and quite often we had a hard time convincing our hosts that we really wanted to get our hands dirty and not just do traditional tours! The logistics were also more difficult to organize here.

But in the end, we learned a lot and



of grown-ups, in which I have to constantly care about things as image, and cover myself with cynicism. Working with the children helped me. Later on that day, when we went to the holocaust museum, "Yad Vashem", I tried to explain to the participants of my group that the Nazis weren't only against Jewish people, but against universal values as civil and religious rights- if we believe in those



Global PeaceMakers Camp, and to help myself and everyone around me to get out from the pains and suffering, which all of us are living in, and to live in freedom, equality and peace like other people.

On the first day of camp, I felt it is my responsibility to show this group the Palestinian and Arabic side. This feeling came after a lesson was presented to me when a doctor came to the hotel in Jerusalem and told us about the situation between Israel and Palestine. Then I said to myself, "Where is the Arabic side, where is the Palestinians vision?" He was talking about many things, but I didn't agree with him and I think many Palestinians people like me feel the same way. Here I've said to myself, I must talk and show this group our side, our vision for peace and the future.

Now I want to write just one special experience. In the first night in Beit-Shemesh, when the families - we were about to stay with - were talking about themselves, a mother mentioned that her son was a soldier in the army. I said to myself: "Please God not with this family, not with this mother." But against my wishes, I was chosen to stay with this family. In the same night, I talked with this family all night about the occupation in Palestine, the wall, bombs and

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in Israel & Palestine

many things, and then I felt better. We grew very close to each other and this mother called me "my son" at the farewell party.

Finally, I left Beit-Shemesh with love for this family, and hope to see them again.

Jarka Antlova - Czech Republic

First of all I'd like to express my deepest gratitude that I was given a chance to participate in this Global PeaceMakers project in Israel. I most appreciated meeting the local people because this helped me to understand their situation which I would never be able to grasp just by watching TV and listening to the news. Still there are so many things to learn about this country, its people, culture and historical background but definitely my stay in Israel made me a loser to this country and more aware of the Middle East issue of Israel and Palestine. I'm grateful that we had a chance to meet many different people such as a hotel manager, waiters, a film director, a member of the parliament, students, representatives of local authorities, businessmen, shopkeepers, soldiers, security guards, a previous advisor of the Israeli ex-prime minister, a political science professor and a priest, Father Jaques, who was our guide in the Negev desert, people in the streets etc. We even had the opportunity to stay at the homes of Israeli families for a few days.

I'm sure that it's very good that we made something substantial for the country e.g. cleaning the sea shore in Haifa, visiting an orphanage in Bethlehem and performing a cultural program for them, playing with kids at camp, making sandwiches for them, farming and gardening at one ecological farm at Emilio's, cleaning the park near Druze village or visiting a house for elderly people and spending time with them. Somebody might say we haven't done that much, but I think just to be such a colorful group of 4 continents counting 24 people of different culture, language, color, religious background (Christians, Muslims, Jews, atheists, Buddhists...), mentality; being able to become friends and overcome all this diversity, and being able to overcome these differences together for two weeks was a great victory we all experienced at the end of the project. We hadn't known each other at the beginning but at the end it was so difficult to say goodbye. We made new friends, with some more, with some less, but in the end we became one big family knowing that we are going to miss each other hoping to meet again at another opportunity of serving this country which became my new home. I really gained the desire in my heart to help this country and its people - bringing peace through serving and I strongly believe that people who are in charge of important political decisions will feel inspired to really serve this country by having a deep desire to find a good compromise to live together in peace. Because I realized very strong-



ly that if Israeli people will keep their policy of resentment, pain and emotional involvement there is no solution at all. I'm looking forward to other projects in Israel hoping that I'll be able to take part. In the end I'm honored that I've become a small ambassador for Israel promoting the country, how beautiful and attractive it is. I think that everybody in the world should visit this very special country because it has so much to offer.

Katherine Andrews - USA

The Global PeaceMakers Camp in Israel and Palestine did not aim to find a solution to the complicated political problems of the region. We participants did not spend time delineating new borders that could be acceptable to both Israelis and Palestinians; we did not try to stage negotiations between the two sides; and we never spoke with extremists from either side to discuss ways of compromising on key issues. This was not the purpose of the camp.

The camp was working for a different kind of peace. Each of us who came to the camp got to know somebody different from anyone else we had ever met. We each learned about one another's culture and heritage and returned home with new friends from all parts of the world. This all may seem rather clichéd and trivial compared to the problems plaguing Israel and Palestine. But I can tell you why this kind of cross-cultural exchange matters.

Because the camp included both Arabs and Jews, it brought together people who had had little interaction with one another despite the fact that they are virtually neighbors. Several of the participants attended universities in which both Arabs and Jews studied together, but the level of contact each group had with the other prior to the camp was generally low. Through their shared experiences in touring, performing service, and enduring long bus rides, Arab and Jewish participants had deep conversations, developed friendships, and exchanged email addresses at the end of the camp in order to stay in touch in the future.

I saw the most poignant example of new relationships established between one Arab camp member and the Jewish household in which he home-stayed for four nights in Beit Shemesh. His Jewish "mother" introduced herself to the group the first night and mentioned that she had a son in the Israeli army,



a fact that made this young Arab male visibly distressed. He told me how uncomfortable he was to be going to a house see **SFP** on page 18

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where one of its members, under different circumstances, could possibly be pointing a gun in his direction. On our last night in Beit Shemesh, I could see how well the Arab had managed to bond with his Jewish family despite their underlying political differences. I stood next to the Arab in a circle in the community center as we prepared to

learn traditional local dances. As his host mother approached us and motioned for me to let her stand beside him, she pointed toward him as said, "My son," as the two reached for one another's hand. This friendship epitomizes how personal attachments among humans can supersede divisions along ideological lines.

The camp also helped to break down common stereotypes regarding Arabs and non-Arabs, particularly Americans. There was frustration from Arab participants about the way Arabs and Middle Easterners are often portrayed in Western media—either as violent terrorists, or as "towel-headed", camel-herding misogynists. This is unfair to Arabs and demonstrates how irresponsible the media can be in what it promotes as entertainment. The Arab camp members were proud, and possibly relieved, that they could share with the rest of us the depth and multiplicity of their culture.

To complement this cultural diffusion, Arab participants, and other non-American participants for that matter, came to know some individual Americans and could see us as separate entities from the U.S. policies for which they may have disapproval. It was valuable to hear Arabs say, "The Arab world is not against Americans as a people,"

and to hear their sympathies expressed over 9/11. I was particularly comforted to hear one Arab participant say that getting to know us had shattered his perception of all Americans as living spoiled, extravagant lives and as being uninterested and unaware of the world outside America.

Being a part of the Global PeaceMakers Camp was a lesson in history and international politics that could never be rivaled in any classroom or newspaper article. Most people outside of Israel and Palestine are aware of the ongoing conflict there and may have basic understanding of the facts and events related to that conflict. By hearing firsthand perspectives on the situation from the people whose lives are most affected by it, however, we foreigners had our eyes opened to the complexity and emotional connectedness that underlies this decades-old dispute.

The Israeli-Palestine conflict can never feel as distant to us camp members as it might have before visiting the region and getting to know its people. We have memories of real conversations, real accounts, and real images from which to draw upon in any future discussion of the Middle East struggle for peace. And the increased understanding we gained about this particular conflict is valuable towards grasping other global conflicts. If those of us who have never before been close to such conflict can



recognize how political problems in Israel and Palestine impact the lives of real individuals, we may be more likely to remember that problems in seemingly far-away places are also have consequences for the real people who live there. ❖



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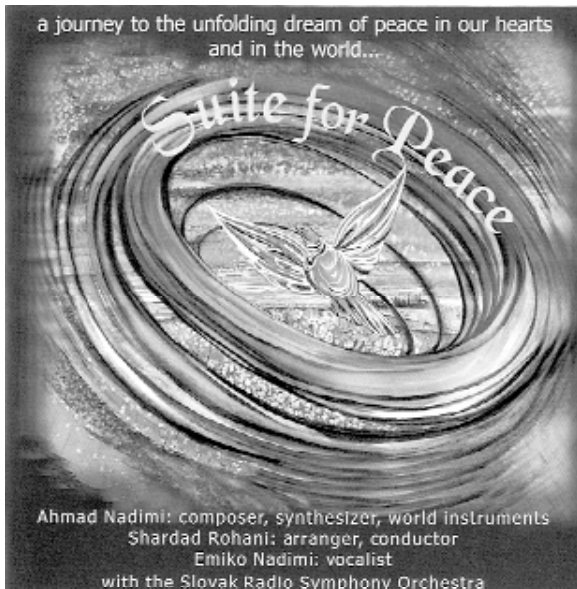
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by Rev. Michael Hentrich

Guaranteed Result Witnessing

Many of us have had the chance to experience a variety of witnessing methods. Of course, the standard which Father has described to us is not dependent as much upon an external method as upon our internal heart to witness.

Unfortunately, that burning heart of love for our fellow man is less than constant in most of us, and more than slightly out of reach in others of us—and you can't fake it. Whether we have the proper heart to witness or not, all of us know we must do so.

The local bus station has often been designated as "the place" to meet new people. However, in our community of Casper, Wyoming, the 12-seat bus carries more packages than passengers (that is, when it finally comes through town). Of course there are alternatives to the bus station—for instance the junior college, where the dorms are three tiny apartment-style structures, and everyone else drives to and from classes.

We enrolled in social clubs and spent lots of time meeting very few people. We tried service-style home church, and found that middle-class neighborhoods can make service-style witnessing quite challenging.

When it comes right down to it, we only need one person to successfully witness, so there are no good excuses. And, if we are serious at the price of our lives, we would break through in any situation, as Father did.

What Is the Best Approach

Unfortunately, however, when we look at the reality of ourselves and our movement—plus our track record for the past dozen years—we see the need to take stock of ourselves and re-think our direction. There is likely nothing wrong with our purpose and motivation. This is what prompted my husband and I to seriously analyze our traditional witnessing strategies.

On a practical note, I am Japanese, so I have my own challenges on top of those of native-born Americans. My husband spends a lot of time as editor of a newspaper, and we have two small children to care for, which is naturally a major responsibility which falls mainly on me. Perhaps our situation is not unlike many others of you.

Three years ago, I began to go around our home church area with our daughter, Misun, during the few hours her older brother, Michael, was in kindergarten. I met lots of people, but I wasn't always clear about my reason for meeting them or about my relationship with Father. Afterwards, I would often feel bad about that. I thought I would bake cookies for them and make friends—gradually getting to know them.

To my surprise, however, I found that people—especially the good people—kept moving away. Often, too much time would pass between my initial and subsequent visits. My spiritual energy level was not the highest either at that time. I was losing power.

Then we decided to try what my husband had begun doing with members earlier in Nebraska—taking a portable video player door-to-door with the tape "Faith and Reality," and very directly offering to show it to people in their homes. ("Rev. Sun Myung Moon: Peacemaker and Unifier" is also good for many viewers.)

This began one of the most invigorating and revitalizing experiences in witnessing I could have imagined. I found

even better.

Sometimes I would leave a copy of the tape with people who were repeatedly too busy to invite me in, or who seemed to be more receptive to watching it by themselves.

Upon viewing it, many young people would comment that they had heard very little about Father, and could not understand how such a historic person would not have been part of their studies at school. Some would ask if Father is still

contacts after reaching a disagreement within a few short

moments of theological conversation, you find yourself catapulting each viewer up to a greatly resurrected relationship with True Parents—in only 45 minutes time. It is precisely direct and to the point, like jumping into the deep end of a swimming pool. With the providence of God being so far ahead of us, there appear few viable alternatives to being as direct with people as possible.

Mastery of English? While it is not a problem for me, it is not even a factor with this method. Even a person holding a paper sign at the door, introducing themselves and the video, would be perfectly sufficient with this method.

Just as beneficial as the witnessing effect is the impact that watching Father's life over and over again has on me and on my children as we visit people's houses together. It is so valuable for my five-year-old and seven-year-old to be participating so actively and consciously with me in my home church work.

It is not a service-oriented home church approach, but rather a media-oriented home church method of introduction. We find it to be perfectly appropriate in even the fanciest of neighborhoods. You just dress up a little more, that is all.

We have not brought lots of spiritual children who have signed membership, yet. But without a shadow of a doubt, as I now pass the eighty mark in home showings, the impact on this small community is becoming pronounced. Long ago, I became the talk of the town, especially in the Christian churches.

We need to be out there, publicly telling people about Father. We need to be resurrecting Father's name, effectively. We need to be resurrecting people's spirits, including our own. We need to be fulfilling our home church mission, effectively. We need to give the spirit world a substantial foundation through which it can work. We need to start bringing real

results and resurrect our movement.

In our experience, door-to-door home church video introductions do all of these

things, without fail. You know when you go out the door that you will soon have substantial results to feel good about and build upon. There is literally no way to lose.

Make a plan and try it yourself. We pray that such an effective way to witness might be just the shot in the arm the American movement needs now.

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it was not so difficult to introduce myself and ask people at their door if they would like to see a video about Reverend Moon. Witnessing only about two hours a day, it became a regular occurrence for people to invite me and my daughter (or son, on weekends) inside for a showing. Some weeks I would show the tape to several new people. Within a few months, I had shown Father's life to forty people in our small community.

We shortened the video to a 37-minute version, omitting some portions which were not essential to the introductory purpose of my visits. People responded

in jail. A growing number have not even heard about Father.

We have found this method of witnessing to be great—and to produce, in a very real sense, one hundred percent guaranteed results.

For one thing, while people do not automatically join the Church after seeing Father's life, still, the spiritual impact on their individual lives, as well as on the spirit world of the entire community, is readily apparent. Also, Father's name is being resurrected with each and every showing.

And, rather than bouncing off street

9/11 Memorial Gathering in Sumner, WA

by Gerhard Wiesinger, photos by Melissa Risk

Three-year-old Miss Paige Aimi Wiesinger, daughter of Gerhard and Paulette Wiesinger, was the hostess at the 9/11 Memorial Gathering in Sumner, WA to honor and remember the victims of September 11, 2001.

Mr. Randolph Rimmel came from Portland, Oregon to serve as emcee. After breakfast, prayers of various faith traditions (Buddhist, Jewish, Muslim, Native American, Sikh, Christian) were offered. Background music was provided by Mrs. Leah Rei on the harp. Mayor Barbara Skinner of Sumner gave an inspiring and thought-provoking keynote address. She was then presented with a World Scripture book. A Bridge of Peace Reconciliation Ceremony was guided by the Women's Federation for World Peace. Miss Paige Aimi then cut and shared her third birthday cake. Two other participants in the ceremony celebrated their birthday. Throughout the ceremony, water was poured over a rock in honor of the departed.

The day started out with rain, scaring some of the confirmed guests from coming to this outdoor event. By the time the event started, the rain was over and sunshine broke through.

The Tacoma News Tribune wrote about the event (brief excerpt): "More than 50 people came to Windmill Gardens to hear messages of peace and prayers from different faiths presented by The Paige Aimi World Peace Foundation."



"Her parents, Gerhard and Paulette Wiesinger, created a peace foundation in her honor as a way to help heal the wounds of Sept. 11. The girl was born in Japan in the hours following the terrorist attacks and adopted by the Wiesingers."

"Take the love we have here today and spread it in our communities and our families," Paulette Wiesinger told the crowd.

Paige Aimi Wiesinger was born in the hours following the terrorist attack on our country. In prayer, Paulette received the vision

that Paige Aimi, because of her very special birth date, should have a peace mission, initially giving away the book "World Scripture - A Comparative Anthology of Sacred Texts" to religious and community leaders. The motto of The Paige Aimi World Peace foundation is "Building a world of peace through understanding others' spiritual beliefs." Future projects of the PAWPF include seminars promoting reconciliation and

understanding between leaders and followers of different faith traditions. Education is the long-term vision is the founding of the Paige Aimi World Peace Institute.

Paige Aimi enjoys her "work" as she calls it. It teaches her to bring joy to others. It is also an excellent way to get out into the



community and share our message of peace.

The Wiesinger family is grateful to Rev. & Mrs. Lee, Regional Directors of the Seattle Region, for their support and encouragement as well as to the many brothers and sisters who helped promote the event or helped with the many tasks surrounding the event. ♦

WANGO: Play Soccer Make Peace

by Julu M. Johnson, Jr.

Eight youth, community based and voluntary groups have completed a series of Play Soccer Make Peace! in Liberia. The tournament was held from

24-26 September 2004 at the Youth Soccer Field on Lynch Street and the Stephen Tolbert Estate Sports Field in Gardnersville, utilizing under-nineteen teams.

In the final match on Sunday, the Perfect Gentlemen of Stephen Tolbert Estate defeated an under-19 selection of the Press Union of Liberia two goals to zero.

In the Third Place Match played earlier that day, the Center for Media Studies and Peace Building (CEMESP) defeated the Liberian Ex-combatants Anxious for

Development (LEAD) 6-4 in post-match penalty kicks. Other participants in the tournament were the J.J. Roberts Scholarship Students Association (JJRSSA), Youth Movement Against the Proliferation of Small Arms, Optimist Youths of Sinkor and the Sea Pro Under-17.



Later in the closing program, Play Soccer Make Peace! badges were issued to players and officials of the participating teams, game officials, and special guests.

Participating teams earned awards of US\$500

each, while the fourth, third, second and first place winners took cash prizes of one, two, three and five thousand United States dollars, respectively. The participating organizations are expected to utilize their prizes in developing peace related projects.

Guests at the occasion included Youth & Sports Minister Wheatonia Dixon Barnes, Dr. Oumar Ndongo of the Mano River Peace Forum, Sidi Diawara of the National Democratic Institute, UNMIL Media Consultant Dr. Abiodun Onadipe, officials of the participating organizations and thousands of residents from the Gardnersville area.

Other personalities who graced the tournament were the Ministers of Education and Gender and Development, as well as the Secretary General of the Liberia Football Association, and the Secretary General of the Liberia Women Initiative.

Play Soccer Make Peace! is a project of the World Association of Non Governmental Organizations (WANGO), with funding from the Sun Moon Foundation to help encourage and develop youth soccer in 44 different countries around the world.

It is a model to teach youth of various cultures the basic skills in sport along with a foundation of ethical behavior and sportsmanship. An emphasis is placed on creating a culture of peace through teaching the principles of shared vision, discipline, teamwork, and respect for the opponent.

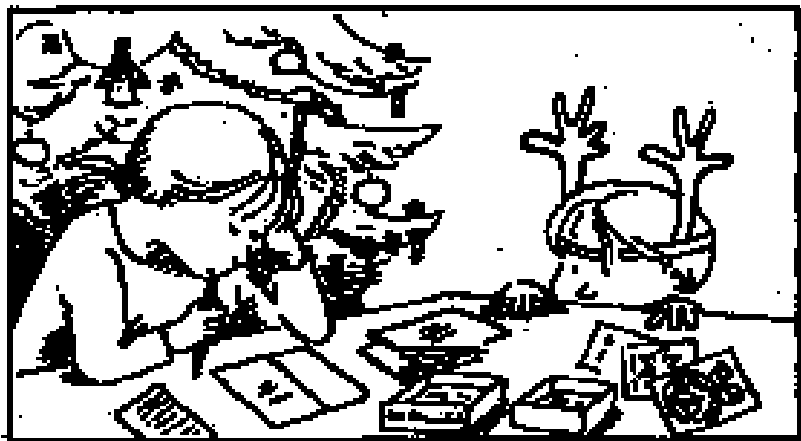
Brazilian soccer legend Pele is a supporter of the initiatives of the Sun Moon Soccer Foundation, and supports their work to develop youth soccer.

The goal of Play Soccer Make Peace! is to hold tournaments in 44 different countries using established youth soccer teams and associations. All partici-

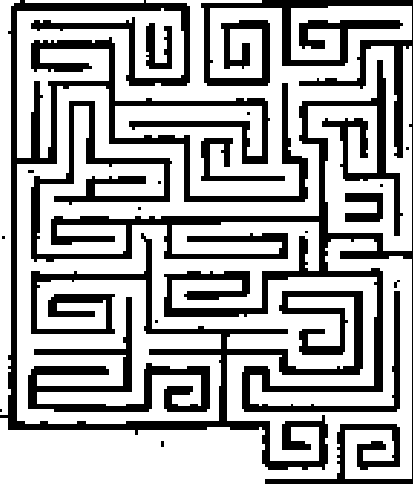
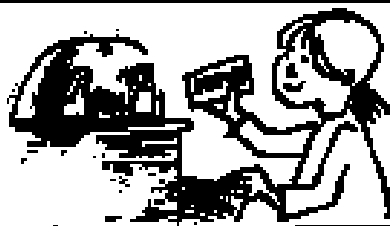
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FOR KIDS

by Priscilla



Find the seven differences between these two drawings of writing Christmas cards



Help them find the stars

China: Art Festival for World Peace

by Benny H.V. Andersson

The second Art Festival for World Peace was held at Liu Hai Su Art Museum in Shanghai, Nov. 11-17, 2004. One hundred eighty artists from 16 countries participated (11 from USA); among them were Jan Parker, Shigeyoshi Watanabe (Wabe), Benny H.V. Andersson, Cynthia Toffey, and Dennis Holcomb. Also, Julia Moon, from Universal Ballet, participated in the opening ceremony at the museum.

The first Art Festival for World Peace was held at the Seoul Art Center in 2000.

The 2004 event was organized and sponsored by Bijutsu Sekai, founded by Rev. Moon in 1984 in Japan. This also marks the 20-year anniversary for Bijutsu Sekai which has organized numerous exhibits in Asia, most notably the Art Fair for Asian Peace, the Korean Art Fair, and a New World of Art. In spite of political difficulties, Bijutsu Sekai has also been able to include and invite artists from North Korea and China.

This festival was part of the 6th China Shanghai International Art Festival which held shows at several art museums and



Left: Artists Benny Andersson (USA), Julia Moon (Korea), Shigeyoshi Watanabe (USA), and Teruyuki Matsuura (Japan). Right, the opening ceremony; below, the Chinese Children's Choir



exhibition halls in the city during the month of November. Shanghai Biennale could be seen at the Shanghai Art Museum. The Shanghai Art Association, a professional academic community of artists in Shanghai with 1251 artists-members, also supported the

Art Festival for World Peace.

Under the theme "World Peace," this exhibition showcased artists with many different styles and from different cultural backgrounds. Nevertheless, one can feel that each artist carries the fire of creativity in his/her soul and a burning desire to share their art, and their thoughts regarding peace, harmony and beauty. This affords the viewer an opportunity to see tendencies and varieties of art developed in different parts of the world.

Another important aspect of this festival is that many artists came

to the exhibition site and participated in a 3-day program, including the opening ceremony, a banquet, a 2-day tour to historical sites, and a visit to an art school. This helps to provide a platform for exchange among artists from different backgrounds, to learn and understand each other's art, compare thoughts and progress together. It is not about unity in terms of artistic styles and aesthetic criteria; rather, one could call it a celebration of diversity in fine art, and that is one of the unique aspects of exhibition projects sponsored by Bijutsu Sekai. The world of fine art does not know any borders.

It was also agreed that the third Art Festival for World Peace would be held in Tokyo in 2008. ♦



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participating teams agree to the principles and code of conduct, and after the tournament are encouraged to participate with the other teams from the 44 countries in a worldwide community network to spread the vision.

By promoting soccer and teaching the principles of teamwork, self-control and respect for opponents to the youth of the world--- Play Soccer Make Peace! seeks to create a foundation for true world peace.

At the close of the project in Monrovia, a special statement by the Secretary General of WANGO, Taj Hamad, was read by Press Union of Liberia Vice President Malcolm Joseph.

In the statement, Mr. Hamad said the future world would be a God-centered one of love and heart. "This culture cannot be achieved by military force or politics. The culture of love and heart will result from the arts, from hobbies and from sports, and especially soccer."

Mr. Hamad noted that young people can be most productive and meaningful when they concentrate on sports, adding that this makes them single-minded and truly exhilarated. He however regretted that "many youngsters focus on drugs, drink and sex which are destructive."

He added that Play Soccer Make Peace! is constructive, and is based on the ideals of faith, discipline, self control, teamwork and harmony which, he said, are also similar to the ideals of WANGO.

The WANGO Secretary General then called upon the participants to take Play Soccer Make Peace! with them and to share it with others, and "grow together with it." We all like to win, he said, and added that "under the Play Soccer

Make Peace! banner we can all be winners!"

Football festival in Goa

Football is one of the most popular sports worldwide. And, to spread the message of peace there can be no other medium better than sports and that too football, which is a game for all castes, creed, rich or poor alike.

The World Association for Non Government Organisation (WANGO) recently organized World Peace Football Festival in Goa in association with Sadguru Parwadeshwar Maharaj Sanskriti Mahasamiti.

"We have been doing this work for almost 20 years. We have been affiliated to WANGO, which is the world organisation and an association of non-governmental organisation. Their main aim is to spread the message of love and peace through culture and sports. Recently in Seoul in South Korea, one such program was held in a large scale where in it was decided that similar programs will be held in different parts of the World," said Dilip Salgaonkar, Organizer of World Peace Football Festival.

Sadguru Parwadeshwar Maharaj of Sanskriti Mahasamiti expressed eagerness to spread the message of peace throughout the world and at the same time explained the reason for organizing the event. "There is no caste

and creed differentiation in games. There is only love that exists. And for bringing peace to this world, we have organized this sports festival," said Parwadeshwar Maharaj, Organizer of World Peace Football Festival.

According to Taj Hamad, Secretary General of WANGO, peace cannot be created by people waiting but by the people acting. He also said that peace

is a process, which starts from every individual and is a responsibility of every individual, which requires energy and effort.

"The sports festival is to help people think about peace and how together they can create peace among themselves as players and among community as a whole and ultimately in the world," said Taj Hamad. ♦

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CIG Holy Wine ceremony in Antelope Valley

by Isabelle S. Davati

I find National Parents Day as an excellent tool to reach out to my community, Christian pastors, Synagogues and even the City officials. This year, I planed for the NPD event six months in advance. Because I was new in the Antelope valley/Kern county area, I needed more time to get to know my way around.

Every week I visited different Christian churches and I get to know the pastors of each church. When I attended the Ministerial Alliances in my city. Soon I became a member of Ministerial Alliances, using NPD as my ministry!

Then I was asked by the president of the Ministerial Association to give a talk about NPD. I presented Parents Day as a project of American Family Coalition, but I read a summary of True parents sermons to them!

In April, I had an opportunity to meet Mayor Frank Roberts, the mayor of the city of Lancaster. He was invited to my art show because he was the friend of the gallery owner. As Mayor came to talk to me-I was the artist; I introduced him to my NPD event, asking him to be the honorary chairman for the next year. Mayor Roberts was delighted to be our honorary chairman for NPD 2005.

Soon I met Helen Denis a dedicated Christian at California City Art commission. She loved my art works and became a supporter of my art. She has been Mayor Larry Adams secretary for many years. I introduced her to NPD. She put me in, for the next City council meeting to present Parents Day and ask Mayor Larry Adams to be the chairman for NPD 2004. Mayor accepted it with pleasure and he also recognized Parents Day publicly, by issuing a proclamation.

Also we received public recognition of Parents Day through proclamations and resolution from the other major cities of Palmdale, Tehachapi, Senator Bill Maze, Senator Barbara Boxer, Roy Ashburn and etc.

In May I started to travel across the antelope valley. It took me two hours and half around trip to go from one city to the next to visit churches and invite their participation for the Parents Day. I needed church choir, piano player, singer, performances and Master of ceremony, in addition to the nomination committee and etc.

I was hoping to get few other Christian church's involve in assisting me for the event. Since I was all alone and pioneering this project single handedly.

I continue visiting churches in Bak-

ersfield, Quarts hill, Mojave, Lancaster, Palmdale, Rosamond, California City and etc. It was very expensive to travel for hours and gas also was very expensive. But I knew that this is God's will and He would provide for His projects. Besides, God had already provided me everything I needed.

In June, I got five churches to participate but still they could not lend me their Minister of Music. So I had to find



a piano player and a choir. I continued visiting more churches in other cities. Weather was very hot and my car had no air condition. Every evening after I return from my church visitation. I would be sick due to heat.

But I would not give up. Often at night God would give me dreams to communicate with me or direct me. I came to be very close to God and learn how to be led by the Holy Spirit in this pioneering season of my life.

Antelope valley and Kern County is very spread out and far out there. It is less populated than La county and crime rate is way lower, and less noise and pollution. But it takes longer to travel because the cities are larger. It took me hours to travel across from Bakersfield to Calcity and to Lancaster and etc. Therefore, I had to rely upon God to give me a pioneering spirit of faith and endurance.

Eventually, I met a very dedicated nice music Minister, Jacqueline Frost, from the church of Nazarene in Mojave who accepted to travel to Calcity and lead the music in NPD event. And the Solid Rock Baptist church would send some of her teen choir.

The director of Parks and recreations of Cal City agreed to wave the fee for the use of the facilities for NPD event. California City sports arena is located

at the heart of the beautiful and calm golf course, sitting at the edge of the lake. That's where 2004 national Parent Day award ceremony was held. Parents /grandparents/Great grandparents/ teachers/students/ model businesses and best employee of the year was held in Antelope Valley on July 25 this year.

My efforts were to get every one in the community involved not just those who are parents. My main agenda was to inform the public about the True Parenthood of God and God centered families. For that reason, This year Parent's Day was different from every other year. Because, I wanted to share True Parents blessings with my community. So NPD was a golden opportunity for this high cause. So I planned a Chun Il Guk holy wine ceremony for all the participants in the end of the program. I had the CIG

seed wine I got the pure grape juice and multiplied the wine and bought the small cups to pour the Holy wine them. Still I did not have any family member confirmed to help me for the CIG ceremony. But One thing I knew absolutely.

That this event and the wine ceremony was God' will and I knew He would bring me helpers.

Mayor Larry Adams (who has a big family of 22, including his children and grandchildren) was the honorary chairman. Master of Ceremony was Pastor Clifford Carter from the church of Emmanuel who is also a chaplain in La County. The National anthem was sung by Sergeant Ceressiah Rahe, a sergeant from North Edward Air force. The pledged of Allegiance was recited by Sr. Master Robert Price.

We had the children's martial Arts demonstration that melted every one's heart. A good combination of children of different ethnicity grades 4 to eight. Their demonstration was a drug and alcohol awareness for the school & middle school age group. It was an awesome choreography well disciplined worthy of recognition. Their teacher Katy O'Brien who was a recipient of the outstanding teacher Award was the one who had designed and executed the wonderful choreography of marshal art performance.

The Parents of the year were officer Linda Lunsford & her husband nominated by the police department and grand parents of the year were pastor Kathryn & Ries Effort, pastor of the Christian Trinity church was nominat-

ed by the city hall. Great grandparents of the year were Ollie & James Vermillions nominated by the radio station in Lancaster. Jonah Jones, the outstanding student of the year was nominated by the Trinity Christian church. The choir was from the solid Rock Baptist church. Outstanding Business of the year was the founder of Beverly medical center, Beverly Thorbus, from the Seven Day Adventist in Mojave. Earlier this year she has been a recipient of an Award from President Bush.

Proclamations for the public awareness of NPD from the cities of Palmdale, Lancaster, Tehachapi and California City was presented accompanied by resolution issued from the congressional offices of Senator Roy Ashburn, Bill Maze, Senator Barbara Boxer were presented.

Closing remarks was presented by Isabelle Davati. The

closing remarks was a combination of True mother and Rev. Kwak's speech. It was designed to address the sanctity of marriage and God centered families from all faiths. It was designed to prepare people to understand and declare God as the True Parents of humankind and celebrate God-Centered families.

My expectation from God came true. At the right time, Katrin McCarthy came with two family members, the Moors and the Fandsons. I thank God for sending them right on time. So the two family members dished out the Holy wine, With the assistance of Jesus and the Holy Spirit and True parents, we could round up the audience into a circle and put couples together in order to share their cup of the Chun Il Guk holy wine.

Even the Mayor and the Air force officials drank the CIG wine. It was awesome. I was amazed how God had worked out everything, even all the details for this ceremony to be an absolute victory.

I thank Katrin McCarthy for her assistance and the Moore's and the Fandsons's. The NPD proclamations (from different cities in Antelope Valley) and the resolutions from the congressional delegates are now displaying at the city hall in California City for the next thirty days to raise public awareness of NPD and emphasis on family values. Thanks to Mayor Larry Adams and his secretary Helen Denis and the Mojave Desert News for its wonderful publicity and news oriented agenda. For more info contact: Isabelle S. Davati, davatis-greeting@netzero.net ❖



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This morning our MC was Chicago's ACLC president, Dr. A. Harold White. There were many first-time participants and new guests. Guests were coming from farther and farther away and more and more pastors have been bringing their friends and associates.

First on the program, Dr. Paul Swanson introduced an apostolic minister who was attending for the first time.

Then we were treated to three speakers. The first presentation was a videotape slide show presented by our Japanese missionary from Rwanda. It was a National Geographic type travelogue, educating all as to the work of our True Parents and the WFWP in Rwanda.

Then our WFWP leader, Mrs. Kathleen Sometani, gave a heart-felt and educational PowerPoint presentation about her recent trip to Guinea Bissau in Northwest Africa. Our Bishop Kim is the National Messiah to Guinea Bissau, and the Japanese missionaries

visit Chicago on a regular basis. He usually travels there himself, every year, but this year Mrs. Sometani and her teenage daughter Vicki took on the mission. Chicago's WFWP is always doing fund-raising and supportive projects to support the schools and educational projects of our WFWP in Guinea Bissau. Mrs. Sometani did a yeoman's job of presenting a very complex situation (no water, no electricity, schools that close down if it is raining outside, a burned-out presidential palace). But she also presented the wonderful hearts

of the native people. I don't think that there was a dry eye in the house by the time Mrs. Sometani finished.

Our program concluded with a presentation about Service for Peace and the upcoming Martin Luther King Jr., Day of Service next January. One of the brand-new pastors closed us out in prayer and the 150 guests embraced, shook hands, offered one final Praise the Lord/Hallelujah and were on our way. ❖

by Rev. Sutchar

Chicago on the Move

In the weeks since he returned from Israel and Bishop Ki Hun Kim has not lost a step—he has been running and running. From Israel to Chicago's prayer breakfast without time for a deep breath. Then from banquet to banquet and on to East Garden to welcome True Parents back to America. And even after all that, he mentioned that he felt that True Parents were due to come home very soon.

Call it a feeling, a spiritual connection, or whatever, but the next thing we knew, Bishop Kim was on a jet leaving for Irvington, New York. Then he was back in Chicago, attending Minister Farakkhan's "Day of Atonement" and blessing 20,000 people there.

from 2 months to 10 days away. And still, I never saw Bishop Kim even flinch!

Everything would stay the same. No panic, no worry. Just efficient and effective planning - in order for one thing and one thing alone - to bring joy to our True Parents.

Coincidentally (or was it?), the campaign kicked off with our regularly scheduled monthly ACLC prayer breakfast, and the ministers were out in force. Dr. A. Harold White, Chicago's ACLC convenor, had the reins firmly in hand. Rev. James Porter, a veteran of the very first Israeli pilgrimage, hosted the event, supported by one of the ablest kitchen staffs on the south side of Chicago.

So, basically, on twelve hours' notice, a new dispensation was begun. Bishop Kim and the center members prepared thousands of bags of holy candy (each minister would carry home a bag with enough candy to bless each of their members), and we jumped into gear to fill the 1200 seat banquet hall now just

10 days away.

Once again, Dr. Porter's banquet hall was filled to overflowing for the prayer breakfast. Jon and Marina Acevedo had just returned from their sojourn to the Philippines and had brought Ambassador for Peace and Israeli pilgrimage veteran Rosendo Burcioga and other Hispanic guests. CARP and the Special Task Force were well represented, and as always, several new ministers were in attendance. Our beloved Lutheran pastor, Dr. Paul Swanson, got the spiritual jump on everyone and bought the very first

stand. It was a tremendous testimony of the word of God and a tremendous testimony to our True Parents and their faithful disciples, who are continuously teaching the Divine Principle.

After the sermon, Bishop Kim offered a Powerpoint presentation of his most recent trip to East Garden. He threw out the gauntlet and called the assembled congregation to prepare to receive Father and Mother Moon in Chicago in 10 days. (I mean most banquets are prepared at least a year in advance ... not 10 days!) Bishop and Mrs. Kim then led Dr. and Mrs. White and several ministerial couples in a holy wine ceremony with the entire congregation of over 200 guests joining suit. The holy candy was then distributed and each minister prepared to "go out and preach the gospel to every corner of the earth."

Dr. White then reconvened the assembly, called for announcements, and took the offering. Dr. Porter closed us out in prayer, with all in attendance committed to fill the banquet hall that True Parents will be keynoting in just 10 days.

Prayer Breakfast

In the midst of everything else, there is one constant in Chicago: the monthly prayer breakfast. So even though we had just completed our successful True Family Values

Banquet and were in the midst of preparing for next month's conferences in Washington, the November Prayer Breakfast was right on

schedule.

And this was a very special event for many reasons. First of all, it was hosted by one of the most eminent ministers in the city of Chicago, Pastor Lucius Hall. Pastor Hall himself has one of the most famous annual banquets in the city of Chicago. Every year, for as long as anyone can remember, he fills the Hyatt Regency Hotel, one of Chicago's largest and finest hotels. He runs the banquet in a very unusual way. He serves as the MC himself and spends the entire time offering tributes to the assembled gathering. He never speaks from notes, but, believe you me, he remembers every detail about every one of his guests.

As we pulled into the full parking lot across the street from the First Church of Love and Truth, the first person I saw was Pastor Lucius Hall himself. He was wearing a white kitchen apron, as he was serving not only as our host but also as the head chef for our delicious breakfast.

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In the midst of all this, we began planning for the 9th annual True Family Values Banquet. Bishop Kim felt sure that True Parents would be in attendance this year. It would be held in early or mid December in downtown Chicago. So the Chicago community came together and began planning the guest list (about

1200 -1500), dignitaries and VIPs, proclamations, media coverage, the banquet ad-book, which hotel to choose, which weekend to hold the banquet, and on and on.

Then a news flash! True Parents were in fact, coming to Chicago. Suddenly we were on a conference call with our entire Midwest bloc. The banquet had been moved up,

IIFWP International Peace Conference for Mongolian Leaders from Around the World

by Frank Kaufmann

From September 21 – 24, 2004 the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace, and the Interreligious and International Peace Council sponsored its first ever "International Peace Conference for Mongolian Leaders from Around the World." The subtitle of the conference was "Establishing a World Culture of Heart and Lasting Peace: The Significance of Mongolian History, Culture, and Family Tradition."

The conference concept was a direct inspiration of Dr. Sun Myung Moon. It was called with his typical providential urgency and much of its formulation and development occurred under his direct supervision.

Very important to note is how term "Mongolian Leaders" was used in this context. The closest concept (yet even that not perfect) is "people of Mongolian descent." Furthermore, this notion of Mongolian descent was conceived in the broadest manner possible. Mongolians were considered racially and ethnically from the most ancient imaginable origins, well past common points of



consensus among ethnographers and scientific historians. Dr. Moon recommends that the earliest Mongolians are descendents of Shem (Noah's family), and historical migrations brought this

race to every corner of the world including Northeast Asia, North and South America, Micronesia, and other locations.

Reverend Kwak in several of his speeches, including his keynote address recommended that Mongolians (in this ultimately broad construct) are descendents of Shem.

God sought to create one race, one nation, world, culture, and language centering on Noah's family. Through this he could bring a unified world. A world no longer characterized by the kind of confrontation and struggle among races, religions, nations, ideologies, languages, customs, and cultures that we see today.

Sadly though, mistakes were made in Noah's family and ... God had to begin all over again... The eldest son from that new start is the ancestor for the Mongolian people today [T]he descendents of Shem ...

This observation about elder son has implications. Reverend Kwak, later in the same speech explained to those gathered:

From a providential point of view the elder son must protect and preserve the purity of God's lineage of goodness ... He has the responsibility to live

for the sake of his younger siblings and the entire creation through true love.

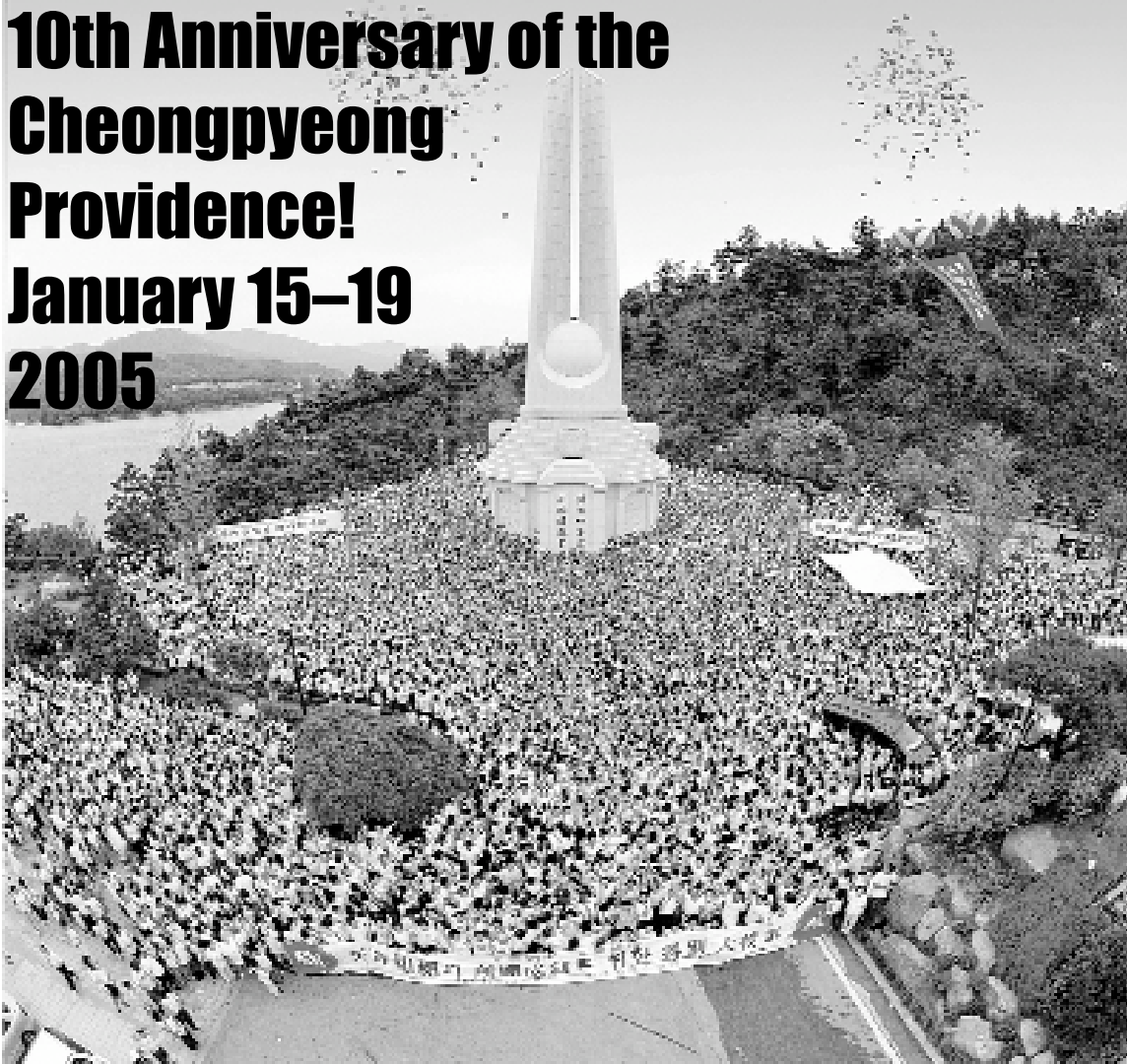
From this point of view, it is clear to see that the inner purpose of this conference has great and enduring significance. Because the operating definition of "Mongolian Leaders from Around the World," is so broad, the primary constituents were Mongolian, Korean, Japanese, and Chinese. But also representatives from 34 other nations were also present. Participants numbered 300 in all.

Important aspects of the conference were ceremonial, artistic, and experiential. There were heartwarming occasions of song and performance, especially at the opening and closing banquets. One session included a ceremony to dedicate marriage and family to the cause of world peace. In the session prior to the closing banquet a brotherhood and sisterhood ceremony allowed participants from the world over to meet, establish channels for ongoing communication, and devote themselves to one another across religious and national boundaries to work for peace, in the name of inheriting the mission of the Mongolian peoples. The closing banquet had a great many uplifting moments. Awards were given to outstanding leaders, a coronation ceremony for the King and Queen of Peace was held briefly to allow the Mongolian peoples to honor Reverend and Mrs. Moon (in absentia) for their life of dedication and to acknowledge and receive the mission of the Mongolian peoples. Additionally the formal inauguration for the Mongolian People's Federation for World Peace took place.

In addition to these substantial occasions of ceremony, art, experience, and dedication, the conference incorporated a solid foundation of scholarship and intellectual pursuits. Sessions included Rediscovering the Roots of Mongolian Culture: Tradition, Lineage, Religion, Language, and History, Exploring the History and Interaction Among the Nations and Cultures of Northeast Asia, The Culture of Heart and Efforts for Peace, and Addressing Issues of Family Breakdown. These sessions showcased scholars from top universities in China, Japan, Korea, and Mongolia offering excellent research and analysis into the issues at hand.

The initiative has far ranging implications for international and race relations in Asia, the Northeast, and throughout the world. It is an initiative with exceptional vision and creativity with genuine promise for a future world of peace. ❖

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IIFWP-Europe: Communicating Heart to Heart

by Fritz Piepenburg

On September 10th the IIFWP Europe launched a conference entitled "Communicating Heart to Heart - Europe, Eurasia and the Middle East." Two hundred forty European Ambassadors for Peace (AFP) and 90 Ambassadors for Peace from the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), mostly Russian, were attending the event at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Jerusalem, Israel. Never before have we had such a large and impressive gathering of European AFP.

During the opening plenary, our Ambassadors for Peace were greeted by Pres. Yong Cheol Song, Chair of IIFWP Europe, followed by Dr. Emmy Bezzina from Malta on behalf of the European AFP. He was followed by two



special Ambassadors for Peace from Israel: Dr. Eliezer Glaubach, a city council member from Jerusalem, representing the Jewish side, and Walid Sadiq, former member of Knesset and Deputy Minister of Agriculture, representing the Arab and Palestinian side. Rev. Michael Jenkins and Dr. Chang Shik Yang were next to give greetings and orienta-

tion to the participants.

Ambassador for Peace from Israel: Walid Sadiq, former member of Knesset and Deputy Minister of Agriculture

After the break, participants divided up into three groups. One panel dealt with the role of religion in the peace process. The second panel addressed the role of NGOs, and the third dealt with the role of women. Each session began with a panel of 6 or 7 presenters. After listening to the presentations, participants seated at large round tables discussed these topics among themselves.

In the afternoon three more panels followed on the topics: the role of religion, the role of human rights, and the role of education. Each panel included at least one Ambassador for Peace from



Israel; either Jewish or Palestinian.

During the closing plenary James Houston from Sweden entertained us with a song of peace. Reports were given by previously selected representatives, each talking about

their experience in the panels. This session then concluded with a Power-Point presentation: an overview of IIFWP activities in Europe by Secretary General Fritz Piepenburg, and in the C.I.S. by Sec. Gen. Jack Corley. An unexpected guest speaker who had just

arrived from Jordan then took the podium. Sheikh Heitham Bundakji related in powerful language his "conversion" from a lifetime of hating Jews to the life-changing realization that both Jews and Arabs are brothers and have the same origin.

The final song "Let there be peace on earth" brought everybody to their feet. Singing together and joining hands, the conference was brought to a beautiful conclusion.

All sessions during the plenary and the panels were videotaped for future publication and distribution. ♦



CAN WE HEAL THE WOUNDS OF RACISM?

by Haven Bradford Gow

In his book *Strength to Love* (Fortress Press), Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. tells the story of three young black college students who had been severely injured in an auto accident. An ambulance driver appeared on the scene, but he said he would not drive the three black boys to the hospital. However, a Good Samaritan following the ambulance agreed to take the boys to the nearest hospital; unhappily, the attending physician said the hospital served only white persons. So the Good Samaritan had to drive the three boys to a hospital fifty miles from the scene of the accident. One boy died on the way, and the other two boys died within an hour after arrival.

Rev. King observes that the problem is "We see men as Jews or Gentiles, Catholics or Protestants, Chinese or American, Negroes or whites. We fail to think of them as fellow human beings made from the same basic stuff as we, molded in the same divine image.... The good neighbor looks beyond the external accidents and discerns those inner qualities that make all men human and, therefore, brothers."

Writing about the devastating personal and social effects of racism in the August 27, 2004 Jackson, MS, Clarion-Ledger, columnist Charley Reese said: "One of the worst racial bigots I know is a man from Brooklyn who was badly beaten as a youth by three black hoodlums. Instead of recognizing that three individual hoodlums do not rep-

resent the whole, he has spent his life hating black people. Some black people, having had bad experiences with white individuals, spend their lives hating whites."

A member of St. James Episcopal Church, Greenville, MS, says racism exists in the minds and hearts of all people. He insists, "There are black racists as well as white racists."

What, then, can we do to alleviate the problems of racism in our society? Mrs. Henry Armstrong, a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Greenville, and an employee of Head Start in the city, states: "My husband is a Baptist minister and I am a convert to Catholicism; we both agree the Christian way to deal with racism is put it in the hands of God." Human beings cannot solve the problems of racism, she insists; only God can.

Mrs. Carrie Cooper, a retired teacher and nurse and member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Greenville, says: "When I would tell my mother about encountering racism, she would say to let God handle the situation. Our God is a God of justice as well as a God of love; He will see to it that the innocent are protected and the guilty are punished, if not on earth then surely in the hereafter."

Mrs. Lovie Williams endured racism from patients, doctors and co-workers for being one of the few black nurses in Greenville, MS. She states: "Only Christian love can deal with the problems of racism. I always kept in mind

why I was a nurse, and that was to help heal others and save their lives. When people were racist toward me, I asked God to let His love and my faith overcome all obstacles."

Mary Turner, an office manager for a prominent judge in Chicot County, Ark. who attends Catholic churches in Lake Village, Ark. and Greenville, MS, says: "One time my car broke down, and a black Christian lady stopped to help me. I always remembered the kindness shown me by the black Christian lady. So when a couple of years later I saw a Chinese man and his handicapped relative in their broken-down car, I was happy to help them and return the kindness that had been shown me."

Like Mary Turner and Lovie Williams, the author of *Living in Color* (Intervarsity Press), Randy Woodley, president of Eagle's Wings Ministry in Kentucky, insists that only Christian love can overcome racism: "From love flows appreciation for the uniqueness and similarities of others, as well as acceptance of the factors we cannot yet appreciate. It is love that binds our hearts together--regardless of and because of our differences--and enables us to learn how to live together."

When I was 10 years old, I told my father how sad I felt that people had been ridiculing and being hostile toward me because I am a Chinese-

American. My father displayed much spiritual insight and wisdom in his response: "You should always behave as a gentleman and treat others with respect and courtesy. You cannot go wrong treating others the way you want to be treated. Even when people are rude and discourteous to you, you should do the right thing and be courteous and respectful to them." He trenchantly added: "You should behave in a courteous and respectful manner and treat others the way you want no be treated, not necessarily because people are behaving and talking the right way to you, but because you yourself are a gentleman and know how you should behave and speak."

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SFP: Make a Difference Day

Service for Peace mobilized its volunteers in six locations to join with thousands of others for the annual Make a Difference Day sponsored by the USA WEEK-END Magazine and the Points of Light Foundation. It was an opportunity to do some good in the neighborhood.

MIAMI, FL

Service for Peace (SFP) Florida kicked off the "Revitalization of LeJeune Gardens (RGL) Initiative" on Make A Difference Day. This long term initiative will bring the residents together with volunteers in revitalizing the LeJeune Gardens community.

PATTERSON, NJ

On Saturday, October 16, 2004 Patterson became a cleaner place to live. All you have to do is take a walk through the East side Park, take a glance at the Passaic River, or take a drive down Route 20. The world is beginning to look brighter.

Thanks to sponsoring organizations such as Village Initiative, NJ Community Developing Corporation, Service for Peace and the City of Patterson, youth from all around the county came to offer their morning in service. About 100 kids came from different cultures and backgrounds and came excited about making a change in the world they live in. They were so excited that they could complete their work in less than 4 hours. They really had a chance to experience an impact that they can make especially when working with others. One of the participants commented, "It was incredible to work together with a racially diverse group while helping each other take care of our environment. I feel that working with people from different backgrounds helps me see how alike we are."

The city of Patterson couldn't let the amazing work of these young people go



unnoticed. Mayor Torres provided breakfast, lunch, as well as providing CD players and small stereos to over half the participants! All in all it was an event worth attending, next time for sure the turnout will be bigger and participants more numerous.

WORCESTER, MA

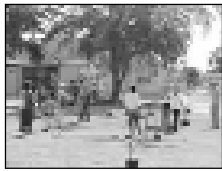
This exciting day began at 9 AM with a one-hour workshop on Leadership and Service at Friendly House, 36 Wall Street in Worcester, led by Pete Shungu, the Community Outreach Coordinator at Mass. College of Pharmacy. This was a fun interactive seminar designed to inspire young people to volunteer in the community and to believe that they can make a difference.

Representatives of several different schools and church groups showed up with a total of sixty four adults and youth volunteers. Our goal was to reclaim the park and playground behind

Friendly House! Friendly House is a non-profit organization which provides a wide variety

of services, including a very active after-school program and services for the elderly and the homeless. Over time, due largely to a lack of funds, the Friendly House playground has become dangerous and unusable. Youth and adult volunteers worked hard to demolish and level the old playground. A local business has donated a gazebo that will be built on one part of the playground. In addition, Friendly House has purchased 500 bulbs they will be planted this week-end in that area. As elderly people use FH regularly, the Gazebo and garden will be a wonderful addition, a place where they can sit and enjoy themselves. In the park, a lot of work was done by adults with chain saws, and the youth helped to cut back the brush and drag it to the truck for transport to the DPW yard. This park has been overgrown and unused since 1975. A truck load of garbage was also cleaned up.

Some of the neighbors came to admire the work of these volunteers, inspired that so much energy and effort is being put into making their neighborhood a beautiful place again. City councilor Philip P. Palmier thanked everyone for the work they were doing and explained how much this effort helped the neighborhood and the city. At the end of the day we met together to reflect and plan upcoming service projects. Of course this project has a long way to go and we will continue working on it every Sat from 9am to noon as long as the weather permits. So if you would like to join us just show up or contact Service for Peace.



NEW YORK, NY

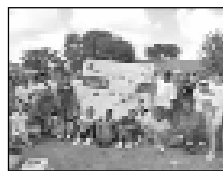
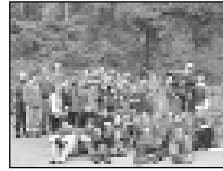
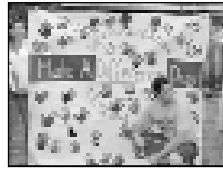
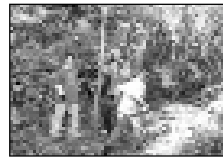
Service For Peace New York joined with the Westchester County Parks department and three local colleges - SUNY Purchase, Manhattanville, and Pace - to spruce up local trails and parks along the South County Trail in Elmsford NY, and in Silver Lake Park in Harrison. Like many of the local parks and trails, non-native species are proving a biological threat to the environment that can lead to worse. For example, last year a dead tree fell and killed a couple driving with their infant child (who survived) on a local parkway. 85 of our volunteers made a difference by removing vines that were choking native hardwood trees, and at the same time opening up new views for the trail's many users.

CHICAGO, IL

This year's Make a Difference Day project was amazing. We were joined by volunteers and staff from the Chicago Forest Preserve, The National Audubon Society, the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority, The Chicago Peace Family Church and World CARP to participate in the "Bonk the Buckthorn" event at Spring Creek.

The morning of the project the group of us headed out to the Spring Creek Forest Preserve in Barrington IL. After taking some time to find this remote location, including a few wrong turns and misread maps, we arrived at the site to be welcomed by lots and lots of rain. Not sure what to think of the situation, we pulled into the gravel parking lot in the forest clearing. In front of us was the view of blurred blue t-shirts gathered in the distance. "Let's do it," a girl said as she got out into the rain. Following behind her I pulled my hood over my head and went over to get soaked with the rest of the group. Who knew that this wet beginning would be the start to an amazing Make a Difference Day.

The first thing I noticed was the volunteers' attitudes towards the rain. The wet weather was definitely not dampening anyone's spirits. The preparation team had been cheerfully putting together peanut butter and jelly sandwiches under the little shelter they could find. A group of guys actually got a game of football going with one of the peanut butter jars for a ball. Then, when Artie, who led the orientation, jumped onto one of the picnic tables and yelled, "You guys ready to cut down some buckthorn?" There was a loud, energized cheer from everyone in response. He shared about what makes the things we do service for peace and not only service for service. This included an explanation on how and why we could set a challenging goal for the day. We then gathered in smaller, more intimate groups where SFP team leaders helped volunteers define their



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2nd Gen. Thanksgiving Workshop in Los Angeles

by Rev. Godwin D'Silva

The 2nd Generation Thanksgiving Workshop was held in Los Angeles, November 26, 27 and 28th - 2004. The theme of the workshop was "Knowing my value and developing my relationship with God"

It has been our tradition here in Los Angeles to hold a Thanksgiving Workshop for middle and high school 2nd Generation students for the past 7 years. This year, with 46 high school students and 31 middle schoolers, our Pasadena House as a location for the workshop took a little wear and tear but survived the challenge.

Nonetheless, Pasadena House is an excellent location to hold a workshop. The sanctified atmosphere and the beautiful gardens surrounding the house help create an excellent place for young people to experience God's love.

And this year, they especially felt more love from our Heavenly Father. Preparation for this workshop, with its theme "Knowing my value and developing my relationship with God," went a lot more smoothly this year than in previous years. This was mostly due to Rev. Baek Joong Ku's encouragement to put in place second-generation leadership.

The second generation leadership comprised of Mitsy Kuramoto, Josiah Larson, Shawn McCarthy, Maria Anceny and Jinae Mitchum did a fantastic job of putting this workshop together. Under the guidance of workshop coordinator Elizabeth Manaka, the second generation workshop leaders prepared a very enjoyable schedule for our kids.

Besides the staple Divine

Principle lectures such as Principles of Creation, Fall of Man and Restoration, we had lectures on Core Values taught by Shinji Tanaka, Hebraism and Hellenism in current times taught by Jack Ashworth, and Jesus: who is he and why is he important to us? by Keith McCarthy.

In addition to the above specified topics, Rev. Baek Joong Ku gave spiritual and practical guidance to the high schoolers while

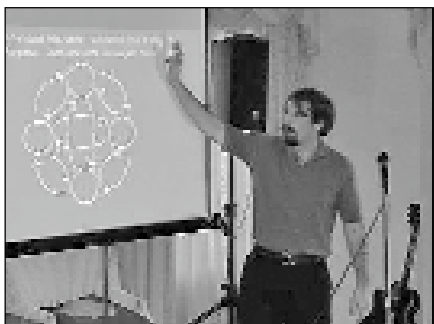


Rev. Godwin D'Silva gave a motivational talk to the middle schoolers on how to have a bigger vision.

Well, it was not all study; there were numerous group discussion breaks interspersed with sport activities such as soccer and bowling. Our youngsters enjoyed good meals prepared by our many parent volunteers who were coordinated by Carol Takhar. Parent volunteers had prepared nice meals such as a delicious turkey dinner on Saturday night and also a wonderful baked chicken lunch on Sunday.

Overall, everyone enjoyed this tightly packed 3 day Thanksgiving workshop. In the closing Rev. Ku gave each family a Korean Language Study CD-ROM as a gift.

Then, at the end, everyone posed for group pictures. ❖



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goals.

We had the same goal in our minds, and even as we broke up into different areas of the prairie, we truly felt like we were one. As the day progressed and the buckthorn started coming down the rain stopped. It really perked up the atmosphere around the volunteers. Throughout the day, rain or not, some people were really working hard. Quite a few girls from the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority, who came out for the project, were great inspirations for other volunteers as well.

The 80 volunteers who came all stepped up to make sure every job was accomplished. Each of us played a unique role. Our tasks became intertwined and dependant on each other which created an awesome sense of teamwork. Stepping back to look over the whole prairie, you could see this great diversity and cooperation spreading threw all the groups; it was a very motivating sight. Tracy

Polanzi from Phi Sigma Sigma said, "It was a definite good experience. I felt like I did something today and I never got bored!"

Risking sounding like a cliché, this Make a Difference Day truly made a difference for all of us. We got the chance to brave the weather, challenge ourselves, and in teamwork find a rainbow after the storm. I'll be looking forward to make a difference next year.

BELLINGHAM, WA

The Bellingham Service for Peace kids joined in with the city wide MADD program organized by the Whatcom Volunteer Center. We worked on a salmon habitat restoration project headed up by the Noosack Salmon

Enhancement Assn. 5 High School youth, all veterans of the Summer of Service and all other past SFP projects, worked in the rain planting trees along Whatcom Creek.

Our next Bellingham project will be serving Thanksgiving meals to the elderly and disabled on Nov. 23rd. ❖

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by Dr. Cherng J. Guh

Her Name: "Shin Wook" means "Faith Sunrise". She ascended on 2004/11/16 at age 90, and True Father wrote a calligraphy on 2004/11/19 with the words of: "Attendance to Faith and Attendance to Heaven..." I believe her new life/career in the new Heavenly realm is definitely rising with absolute faith and attendance.

Her name appeared to us many times in 1970's when I was one of the early members in Taiwan. Through her guidance and instruction, we had done at least 3 spiritual liberation ceremonies at the individual, tribal, and national levels.

Besides True Parents, she is the one whose example and words I shared and quoted most to inspire members and myself in our life of faith.

Her Life: I didn't know much about the details of the sacrifice and sufferings of her life course, however, I can tell from her profound insight and wisdom into the issues we proposed. She told me that she had 7 operations before, and was not afraid of being cut again. Her profession is the same as mine-Obstetrician & Gynecologist, she had delivered over 5,000 new babies,

In Memory of Lady Dr. Kim

among them, 5 are True Children. And she said that later, True Parents gave her a ring as a special gift. She immigrated into America as a missionary pretty early in 1971, first True Father wished her to become an Ob-Gyn. doctor in the U.S., later assigned her the title and mission of a "spiritual doctor". And she had been doing an excellent job on spiritual counseling with her whole heart and soul ever since.

First Impression: Before meeting her, the image of her in my mind was such like a "spiritual giant", pushing us to fast or making some tough conditions. I first met her in New York in 1989, and during the spiritual workshop and ancestral liberation ceremony time in California in 1991, I served as her assistant. The true image and real impression of her was: She is a great lady, yet short and slender; she is powerful, yet humble; wise, yet humorous. I was supposed to fast to help the spiritual work, but when she heard that I was fasting, she advised me not to, and

immediately shared half of her dinner with me.

Her Lifestyle: Her lifestyle was an excellent example of "living for the sake of others". She is always serving members and guests. While she lived in New Yorker hotel in 1990's,



I sometimes stayed with her all day long, and witnessed her beautiful heart and acts of attendance to others. If the visitors came in near the meal time, she must treat them a nice meal; what if it's the time between the meals? Yes, of course, she would

serve them tea and snacks. She moved very fast, in no time there was something ready to serve. So I really appreciated and learned from her the great way of loving people through "service with heart". However, she was very smart, too. For example, if she stayed up late last night, she would put a sign on the board of her room (named "Heavenly Woman Speaking Garden"???) saying that guests will be accepted e.g. after 10:am. so that she would not be overstretched in the next day.

How to be a Great Spiritual Master

I never asked her this question directly, yet I got the answer from her deeds and words:

1. Live a principle life, the title she asked the subject to do the ancestral liberation ceremony was: "principle man", and she is always a "principle lady", i.e. not only speak the Divine Principle, but also live the Divine Principle.

2. Serving others, and being humble, she is always like that.

3. Living for the sake of others, she is a living example of it.

Prior to the Cheong Pyeong Providence centering on Dae Mo Nim (since 1995/1/19), Lady Dr. Kim had played an important role on the issues regarding the ancestors and spirit world. Now she has ascended into a higher realm in where she can work more freely for God, True Parents, and the brothers/sisters she loved so dearly. I wish her all the very best on her new journey, and want to thank her again for her heartfelt visit to my house in Queens in 1995 during my family's hardest time. ❖

Sun Hwa Academy Blessing

by D.J. Brewer

Five Sun Hwa Academy Texas students between the ages of 10 and 19 blessed 3200 people in 15 minutes at the Christmas Parade Dec.

2 in Baytown Texas as part of their 40 day Jr. STF prep condition to become an extended part of True Family. Chris Olsen, Jin Kayadu, Chie Kim, Truemy Brewer and Madison Brewer handed out 3,200 pieces of Blessing candy in twenty minutes during Baytown's Christmas parade Dec. 2, 2004.

Students at Sun Hwa Academy Texas prepared for two weeks for the Christmas Parade. They registered with the Baytown Parks and Recreation prior to the parade and paid a \$10 fee. The students decorated the Brewer family 26 foot pontoon boat as a Christmas float with shiny gold and silver fabric, Christmas lights and big red bows and stockings. The students then bought elf and Santa hats at the dollar store and red and green T-shirts at Hobby Lobby to wear during the parade.

Rev. George Brewer bought 35 lb. of candy at Sam's that Aunt DJ Brewer blessed with Holy Wine.

Although the parade instructions forbade the throwing of candy from floats, the students creatively bypassed the rule. The kids ran along side the float and threw out candy to the screaming throngs. Truemy got stopped by a policeman. She feigned ditziness and misunderstanding him, and as soon as he was gone, she grinned at the crowd and started throwing out more candy. They

laughed and cheered her on, eagerly reaching out to get some.

People were wild with excitement to get the candy. Grown men and women were yelling, "What about us? Where

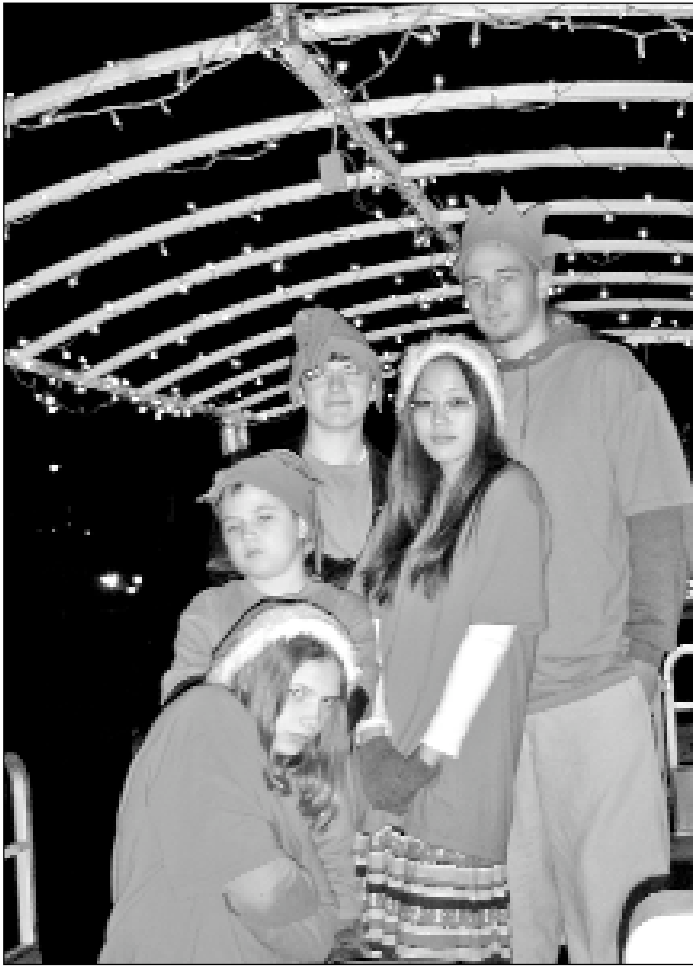
parade was huge.

Sun Hwa students emptied their candy baskets in seconds and returned to walk along side the float and have their baskets refilled. The thirty five pounds of blessing candy went quickly, with people grabbing and eating the candy as quickly as it could be thrown to them. If we would have had 100 pounds of candy and fifty thousand pieces, we could have blessed that many. The students eagerly gave out candy and ran completely out before they even reached the thick of the crowds that lined the Texas town. The throngs at the parade pleaded for candy long after the Sun Hwa Texas students ran out. The students apologized from the float saying, "We will bring more candy next year! Sorry we ran out!"

Aunt DJ Brewer repented for failing to prepare enough candy, and made an absolute determination that NEXT time to bring enough to bless 10,000 people.

Sun Hwa Academy Texas recommends checking your community to see if there is a parade where you can bless people. Even without a float, you can get a red T shirt and a Santa hat and walk among the crowds at the parade throwing out candy. It is very effective.

Aunt DJ Brewer attributes the success of the parade to the strong conditions that the students are doing for their 40 Day. Jr. STF prep condition. After preparing a Thanksgiving banquet for 22 people Thanksgiving Day, the students did an all night hoon dok hae for 6 hours straight, reading hoon dok hae until sunrise. The stu-



is our candy??"

When they saw Aunt DJ throwing out candy from the float, they would point to themselves and plead for her to throw it to them -- not just kids -- PARENTS! Fathers and mothers calling, eager to get candy. Teenagers. Old people. Big kids. Teeny kids. The

dents decided upon and created a challenging daily schedule for their

40 day Jr. STF challenge. On Dec. 3, the day after the parade, the students read the Divine Principle all the way through in one day. They are culminating their 40 day Jr. STF prep condition with a 3200 road trip to the Grand Canyon, where they will camp out in the desert 3 days, hiking and rock climbing. They will end the year at the 2nd generation workshop in Dallas.

The photo is of the 5 Sun Hwa students who handed out 3,200 pieces of candy in twenty minutes! Posing playfully, left to right are Truemy Brewer age 15; Madison Brewer age 10; Jin Kayadu age 16; Chie Kim age 13; Chris Olsen age 19.

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PAUL CARLSON

Mr. Carlson is involved with marine aspects of the Providence in the Bay Area

GET MOVING

This article is about moving. That is, moving yourself and your family, in two different ways.

Americans, as a people, simply cannot stay put. I've spent the past year in the moving and storage company supply business, so this tendency has provided lots of work.

Moving is one of the most stressful things an adult can do, and leaving for a new and unfamiliar area can bring profound heartache to children.

Yet we keep doing it. Californians are the worst, in selling their homes and moving on, every few years. In small Midwestern towns, most of the residents were born and raised there, often in the very same house. Out here, in many towns, it's hard to find anyone from California, much less, who grew up in the neighborhood.

All through history, people have migrated. For some ethnic groups it's a way of life. Many others left home to escape trouble; or to seek fertile land, and paying jobs. In this modern era, we have extra reasons to go. Here in the Bay Area, many families have moved closer to our church and school facility; while some headed for the Sierra foothills, where family life remains affordable.

If you really have to move, there are many things to consider. Will you do the job yourself? If so, you'll save a lot of money. Will you rent a Uhaul, or use your buddy's work van? For the furniture and large appliances, do you ask friends to help carry them, or hire day laborers? A big Uhaul will consolidate your trips, and paying your friends is usually better.

You could hire professional movers. Most will do a quick and competent job, but you have to be careful. A few rinky-dink outfits use two big guys and one small pickup truck, even if it's pouring rain. Some companies, especially on the East Coast, might hold your household goods hostage to a sudden, sharp increase in their fees.

If you're not moving right in, most companies use vaults (huge plywood boxes) to store your property. But some new (and perhaps cheaper) outfits will create a giant mound with all your stuff, piling it next to many other people's, filling up some dingy warehouse.

How will you know which company to use? Do your research first!

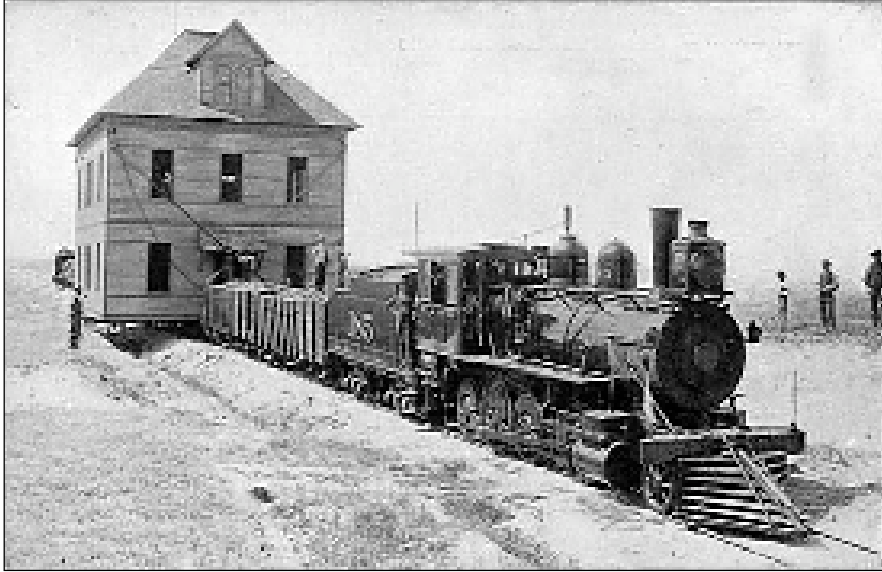
The same goes for your new neighborhood. Experts suggest an inspection of the area by day and night, touring the schools and shops, and chatting it up with local residents. A few blocks either way can make quite a difference, and you'd never know it from a street map.

FREEDOM

The right to move is an essential

freedom. It's the ability to choose for oneself, and live and work in the best possible location. Its lack would be inconceivable to most Americans, yet this right was denied people for much of history. In some repressive societies, it still is.

Not surprisingly, a few Americans (with too much time on their hands) have taken this to extremes. For example, in claiming that a "Constitutional right to travel" means they don't need a driver's license. The police do not agree . . .



Mass migration has changed the face of the globe. The western hemisphere was probably settled more than once, and by people of different racial backgrounds. Europe was swept, again and again, by its easternmost peoples, when they were forced to move west by marauding nomads out of the Asian steppes.

Today, in Asia and Africa, millions are leaving rural areas to crowd into burgeoning cities. There, they can make some money, and experience the larger world. Due to this trend, agriculture, water usage, manufacturing, and much else has changed. When you phone any corporation's 800 number, chances are you'll be talking to a former villager in India. (Foreign Policy magazine is a great source of information.)

The phenomena of Islamic extremism is, in one respect, an outgrowth of this urban migration. Young men are leaving behind the sedate, traditional Islam of their home villages. It's promptly replaced by a compelling, aggressive version, preached by media-savvy clerics. (Now would be a good time our peaceful Muslim friends to counter those Wahhabi firebrands on the airwaves.)

BORDERS

Most nations are highly restrictive of immigration. A handful of impoverished countries welcome immigrants, but they aren't exactly popular destinations. Only one place, the United States, has let immigration get totally out of hand. Hundreds of thousands of Mexicans sneak across the southern border, most of find honorable work, and a few to join vicious gangs.

Even today, more than three years after 9-11, thousands of potential ter-

rorists are also crossing. Due to a pitiful lack of facilities, the Border Patrol has to release most of the OTMs ("other than Mexicans") they do catch. Ignoring their legal summons paper, most of those guys just vanish into society. In California, such men now comprise a large percentage of prison inmates. Others, mainly women, are enslaved in brothels and sweatshops.

Ideally, the Earth is a place without borders, where all people can freely visit their brothers and sisters in other lands. However, until criminality and terrorism are only dark memories, wiser people had better get things under control! (Michelle Malkin writes brilliantly on this subject, and she's not afraid of controversy.)

As the ideal becomes reality, such issues may yet remain for a while. The future Heavenly Nation will become a very popular destination. In fact, that's the main idea! It's not supposed to be an exclusive, isolated Utopia; but an open, prac-

tical example for the whole of humanity. Yet it's still going to be a specific physical location, with limited material resources. Thus, how would it handle these issues?

SEEKING

Folks usually move to seek a better life. Sometimes, they find it. Please keep in mind that, "Wherever you go, there you are."

Many years ago I lived in a picturesque rural area. A young couple bought the acreage north of ours, and sited their new house atop a forested mountain. I helped a little, when they built the place. It was a real work of art, with a fantastic view of the Pacific Ocean.

Unfortunately, they quarreled often, and soon divorced. Neither wanted to remain, so they sold the land, after spending hardly any time there.

You cannot escape internal problems by moving, and what-and-wherever your new residence is, the place itself cannot improve you, or guarantee your happiness.

No dwelling, large or small, can remain comfortable if the people within are unsettled. In their relationships, or more fundamentally, in a spiritual sense. What to do?

CHOICES

As any religious leader can tell you, it's time to get right with God. For we Unificationists, that's not done in isolation. The Principle's Founda-

tion of Substance make this clear. In practice, that means it's time to get moving with the Providence.

We have a broad range of choices. You can 'harvest the fields' near your home, or far away. You may work as directed by church leaders, or under individual initiative. (Don't kid yourself about this—begin with their knowledge and assent). Act in concert with a larger group, or using your own special talent and ideas.

Chances are, your local Pastor would ask you to participate in several activities. Maybe even the ones you are genuinely inspired about. Rev. Moon himself spoke most highly of two American brothers, Lee Shapiro and Richard Panzer. Both men—working nearly alone—created unique, and very effective, projects.

By exposing the truth about the marxist Sandinistas, Mr. Shapiro's documentary helped alter the course of history. He sacrificed his life while filming more, in Afghanistan. Mr. Panzer remains hard at work, and he's achieving great results, promoting sexual abstinence among youth.

CONCLUSION

The ideal awaits. Eventually we'll all get settled in our own home town, surrounded by our beloved tribes. We'll each be connected to God, and right in line with the Providence. That way, even if we migrate to distant stars, we'll always be at home. ❖

BFD Adoption

The BFD is launching a ministry to help and support Adoptions and Couples without Children.

We are very grateful to Claire Bowles and Rachel Carter for volunteering to be the National Coordinators.

This is a link to the opening page which contains contact information for Claire and Rachel:
www.familyfed.org/bfd/adoption

For anyone that is interested in adopting or in helping/ supporting/ praying for this ministry, we encourage you to go to the following webpage:
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There you can provide your contact information to become involved. Your data will be forwarded to Claire and Rachel.

We hope that everyone will be supportive and take the time to educate yourselves about our brothers and sisters who are seeking to adopt.

The Beginning of a Film: An Original Screenplay, The Origin of Evil

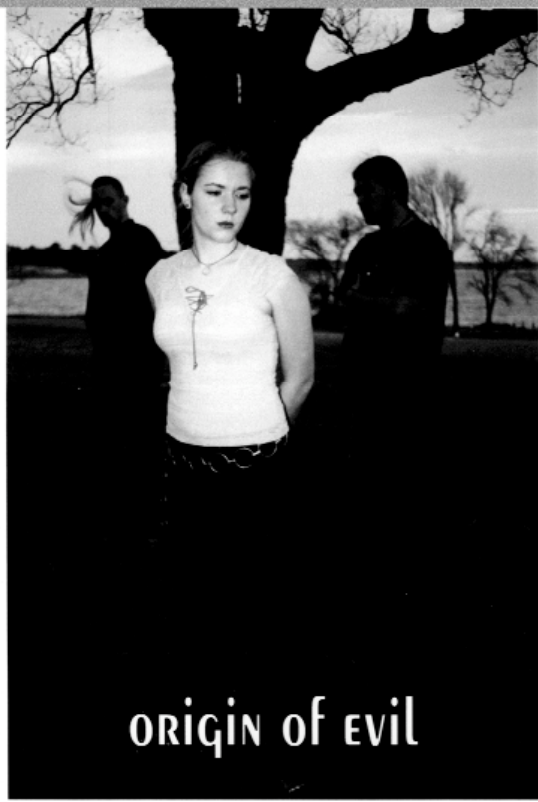
by Erling Lea

As I was airing programs on public access cable TV over a 7-year period, I put on approximately 400 hours of our church programs. I got burned out on it, but I also realized that people in America are extremely affected by TV, so much so that it's scary.

I wanted to go another level, and thought that I could maybe do so through filmmaking. I started to read every book about the subject, I attended filmmaking workshops, and I went to film festivals. I was wondering the best topic for a film would be, so as to have the greatest effect on this world. After thinking and reading Father's words I realized it must be the Fall of Man. During every speech True Father gives, he mentions that if Adam and Eve hadn't fallen, then such and such could have happened. One time I actually picked up one sentence in a speech by Father suggesting that a bale

company should make a play about it.

Anyway, I started to create a screenplay on my beat-up laptop. A film about this should show the Fall in a modern context and not just as an event that happened 6000 years ago. I decided to tell the original story of Adam and Eve, and include a modern dual story line. The story would be set during Adam's



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time, and then move to modern times, and then back. I decided to start the story with the look of a silent black and white film, and show the Fall of Man, right from the Bible when Lucifer is tempting Adam and Eve with a literal fruit, and then jump to a modern story, and then end the movie with the same silent film effect after they

eat the fruit.

The film should be made in a way so that people of all ages will want to see it, and not only for adults. Lucifer's seduction of Eve would be suggested and understood rather than graphically portrayed. I had actors from DJ Brewer's school, the Sun Hwa Academy, and I did not want them to be exposed to any actual touching related to the Fall of Man!

I had wanted to make this movie for a long time, and I realized that I just have to make a start, just as I did to begin with public access television. One day I happened to be visiting Sun Hwa Academy, and there were many students with a little free time. I decided to make a trailer for The Origin of Evil. We spent a whole day at Sun Hwa, and ended up with only 3 minutes of finished footage after editing an hour of raw video footage. 2nd generation student Linde Pedersen plays Eve. She is perfect in that role; she has a deep, old-fashioned look. Her fellow student Chris Olsen, with his handsome looks and long

blond hair is perfect to play Lucifer.

The Fall of Man is tragic, and has no good guys among the central characters. To make the film more appealing and upbeat, I decided to show several pure and Godly angels working to prevent Lucifer from meeting Eve. I made Lucifer's battle with Gabriel and Michael a central theme of the story, and show them expelling Lucifer from the Garden at the end of the film. This show of the power of goodness over evil is important so as to leave people with a sense of hope at the end of the movie.

Lucifer's deceit is also emphasized, as well as his ability to confuse and seduce Eve.

The script has been rewritten 5 times so far, and I am just about finished with the version I want to work with for now. I'm still looking for investors and other help anyone feels inspired to offer. I am promising Linde and Martin Pederson that it will be done soon! I hope they can bear with me.

Actors or actresses near our location in Houston, Texas are needed for the film. I will use DV not film to keep the budget low. Anyone interested in the project please call, write or email me anytime. My address and other contact information are:

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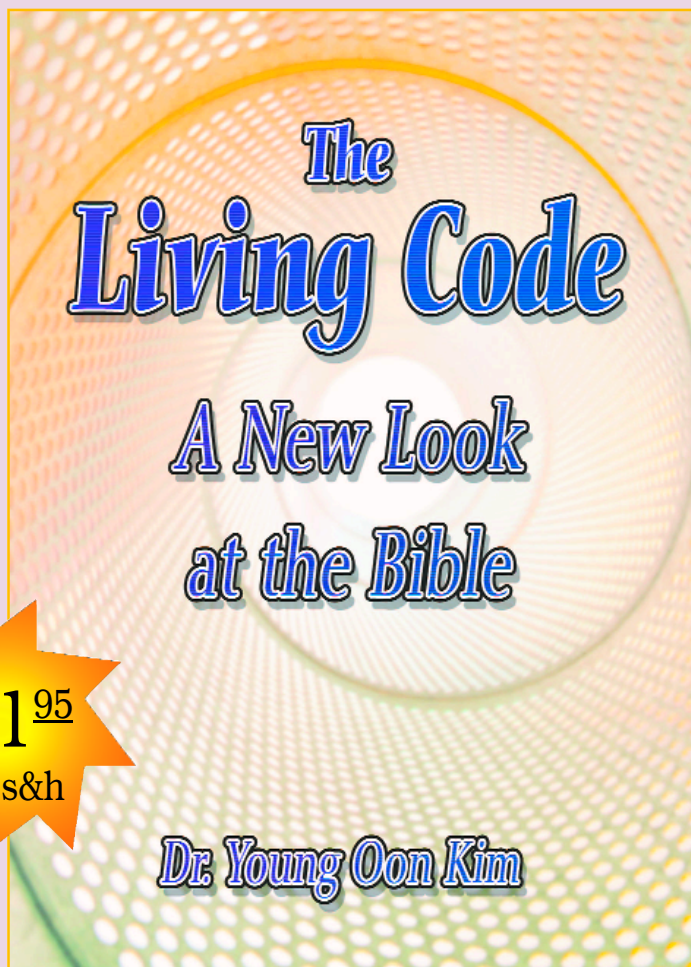
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