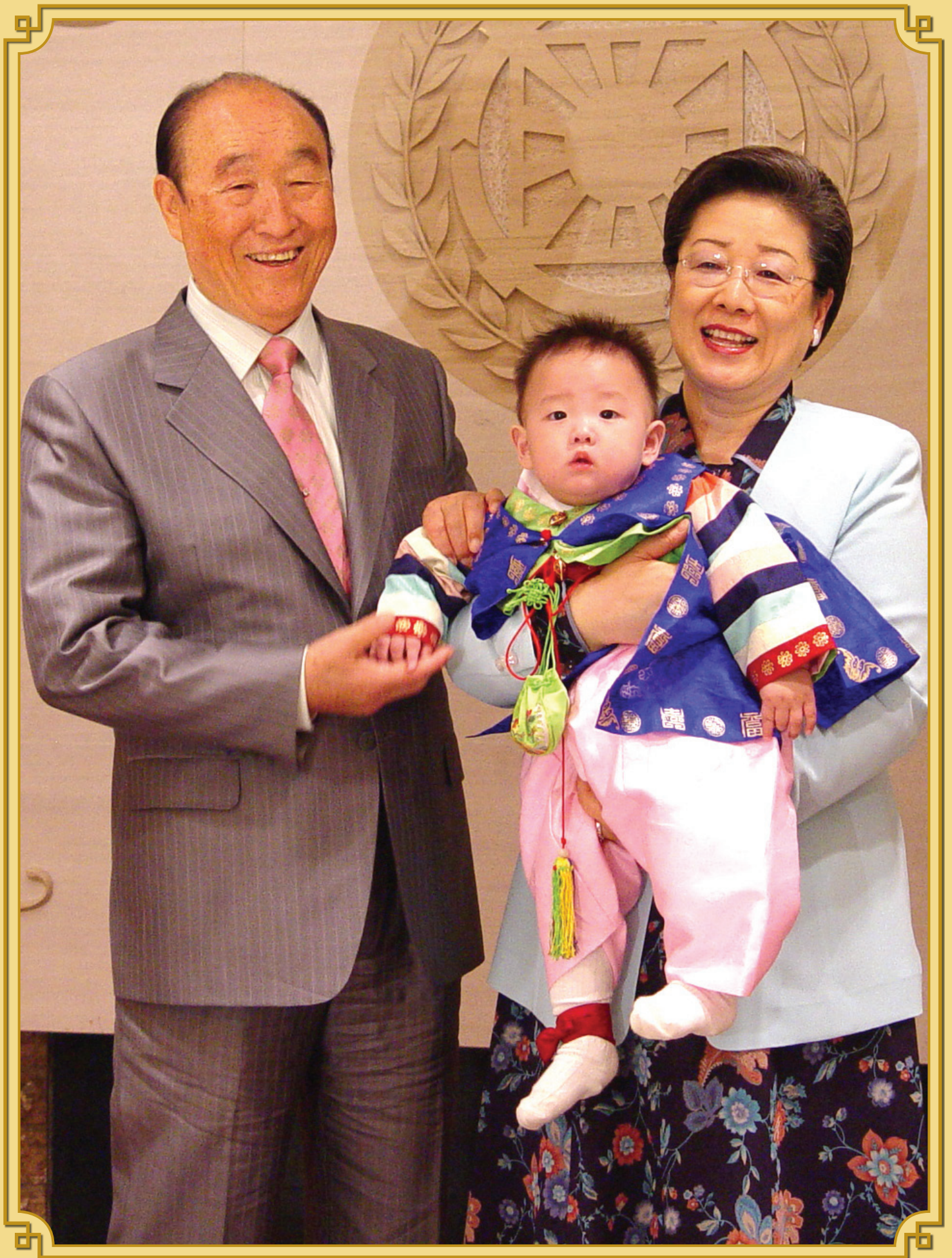


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True Father's Final Prayers

Heaven, please give Your blessing. I sincerely ask that you allow me to bring this to a close. This I desire in the name of the True Parents.

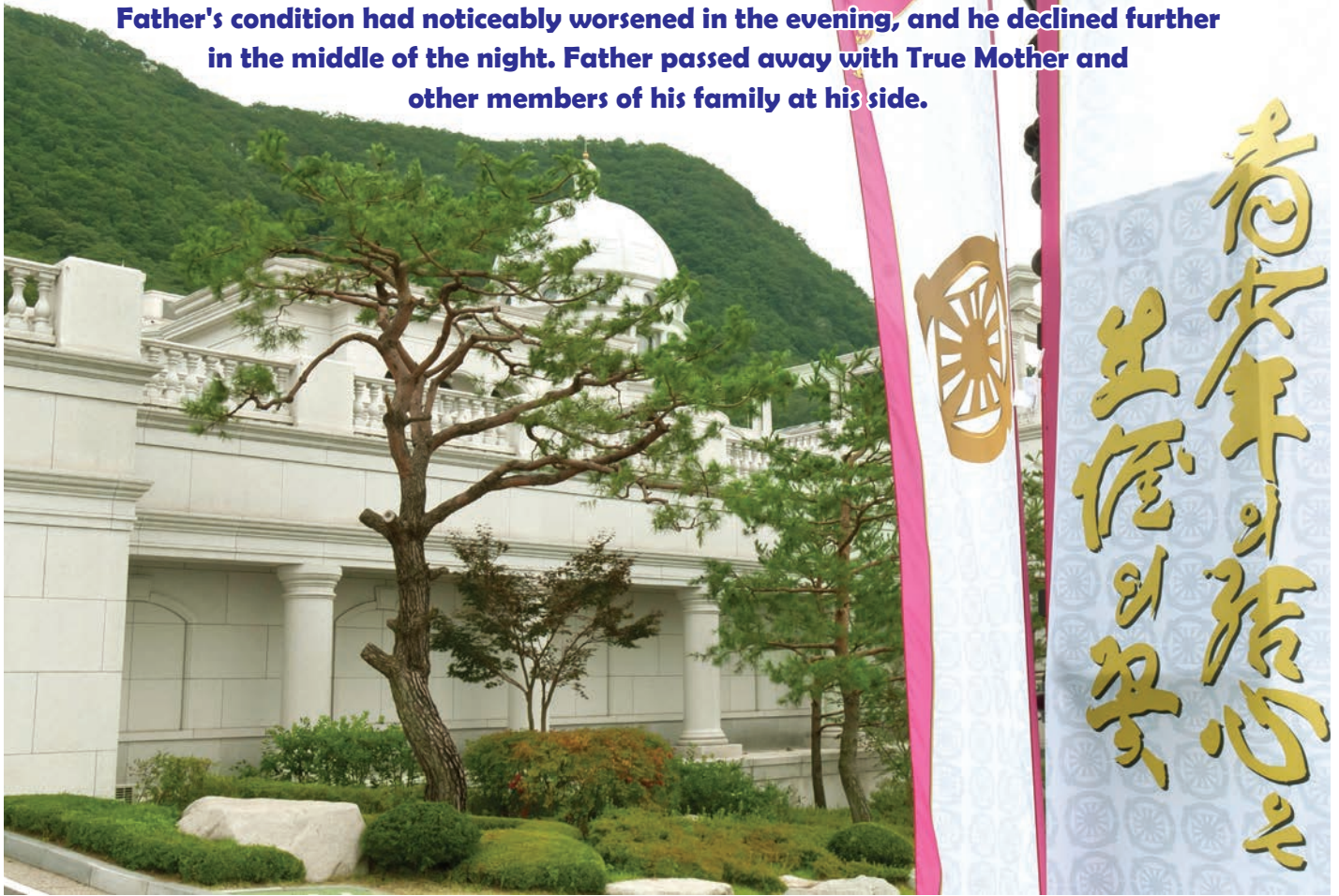
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Cheon Jeong Gung

Today, as I have returned the conclusion of the final perfection to the Father, I am aware that I have offered my whole life, up to this moment, to the Father. According to His will, I am spending this time to bring a conclusion to my life, using this time to bring it to a close with jeongseong. In order to surmount everything that came to be connected to Adam's portion of responsibility following the error committed by his betrothed, and having the authority to give liberation and complete freedom, I declare that if people follow the Parents, those who would otherwise go to hell in the fourth dimension (or even the fourteenth dimension) will be adopted into Heaven, centered on registration in the fourth dimension and on the fourteen sons and daughters. When tribal messiahs have established the names that can represent the nations and do this for 387 countries, everything will come to a conclusion. I have accomplished all these tasks. I have completed everything. Aju.

6.26 by the heavenly calendar
August 13, 2012
Cheon Jeong Gung



True Father ascended to Heaven at 1:54 AM on 7.17 by the heavenly calendar in the third year of Cheon-gi (September 3, 2012), at the Cheongshim International Medical Center in Korea. Father's condition had noticeably worsened in the evening, and he declined further in the middle of the night. Father passed away with True Mother and other members of his family at his side.



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Note on the translation of True Father's page 3 prayer: In his speech entitled "The Settlement of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind and the Proclamation of the Word by God's Substantial Self," Father referred to "the 387 ambassadors of the 194 Abel UN member nations and 193 Cain-type UN member nations" In his prayer, "Names that represent the nations" may well indicate such representatives, or the special advisors (*boon-bong-wang*) that Father asked each nation to designate.

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Being with True Father Before and After His Ascension

True Mother wrote this message on the morning of 8.8 by the heavenly calendar (September 23), the twenty-first day after True Father's Ascension. She gave it to Dr. Peter Kim and asked him to bring it to the main church in Seoul (Cheon Bok Gung) and read it to the congregation. Mother later instructed that the message be translated into English and Japanese and sent out to the world.

My beloved members, upon True Father's ascension, you all pledged in front of Heaven to do your best with deep love and devotion. We remember our hearts as we asked him to please not worry about what is happening in the physical world and to ascend to the spirit world comfortably. All his life, Father did not care about himself, but instead dedicated himself wholeheartedly to the liberation of God and the salvation of humanity. He therefore left behind him many remarkable accomplishments.

Father liberated God by exercising the prerogative given only to the True Parents, and he opened wide the way for God to directly govern the earthly world and the spiritual world. With this single-minded heart and will, he lived only for the sake of others, not looking after his own body. Never wasting a single minute or second of his life, he lived every moment with the feeling that he did not have enough time. Many were the times, therefore, when he missed meals. Father could not even think about taking the rest his physical body desperately needed.

Since he was born with a healthy body, if Father had taken care of himself he could have lived a longer life. During the last few years, however, he would say that each day felt like a thousand years; that was how busy he was.

He really did not want to go to hospital at this time, and since he was in charge of everything, I could not help him in any way. In particular, when he was traveling abroad he travelled from east to west and back rather than from north to south. He should have avoided long-distance travel if possible; if necessary, he could have gone back and forth once every two or three years. That was the medical opinion. However, in the past year alone Father traveled to and from the United States eight times. Why did he lead such a life?

He had set the date for Foundation Day, but he knew that he would pass into the spirit world before that day. This was why his lifestyle was one of not wasting even a minute or a second of his life. Knowing this, I wished to stop him with any excuse I could think of. Sometimes, I told him that I wasn't well enough to travel with him. He would then reply that he would go by himself. In this way, he continued to live a taxing life.

Beloved members, just as the cars we ride in and the equipment we use in factories need



After kissing True Father, True Mother said aloud, "Father, I love you."

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August 2, just a day before Father first entered St. Mary's hospital: Father visited Osan School near Hannamdong in Seoul during a school holiday. Father met with leaders in the school lobby and asked several to speak about the history of the school, which was known for its patriotic stance during the time Korea was under Japanese control. Osan School was originally founded in North Korea, and Father studied there for a year in 1934. After the Korean War, the school reopened in South Korea.

to be oiled and maintained to last longer, we also need to make effort to maintain our youth in any way we can before our bodies age. Such is the era we are living in, isn't it? Father, however, lived his life beyond all such cares. He followed a schedule of overexerting himself, speaking for more than ten hours during hoondokhae sessions and visiting Geomun Island or Yeosu by helicopter.

Overstraining himself repeatedly in such a way, in the end he caught a cold. Catching a cold at that age is a most fearful thing. Though he should have gone to the hospital and done something about it right away, some time passed before he would go. The cold worsened and developed into pneumonia. His lungs became weak, and in the end, his condition worsened and complications set in. Though he did not want it, finally he had to be admitted to the hospital, by which time he had become very weak.

In early August, after all kinds of tests had been carried out over a period of ten days or so, he wanted to leave the hospital for a while. He found it difficult to stay in the hospital, saying that it felt like a prison. We had no choice but to have him discharged. That was on August 12.

After leaving the hospital, during the one day he stayed in Cheon Jeong Gung Father told his assistants, "I want to eat with Mother today." I usually sat next to him during meals, but on that day he said, "I want to eat sitting face to face with Mother so I can see her face." So, we set the table accordingly. However, Father stared at my face for a long time instead of eating. I believe he was engraving my face in his heart. I felt tears welling up inside of me, but on the outside I maintained a smiling face and asked him to try this dish or that, saying to him, "This one is quite good, and that is also delicious." After that experience, I became more serious than ever, and I strongly wanted to make him take a nap. He, however, pressed his staff members to accompany him as he hurriedly visited various parts of Cheon Jeong Gung.

August 13 was an extremely sunny day. Despite the hot sun, and even though he had to be accompanied by an oxygen tank almost as tall as a man, he insisted on looking around the palace. Father did a tour of Cheon Jeong Gung. He visited the Cheongshim Middle and High School and the nearby small park, and drove around the Cheongshim Peace World Center and the Cheongpyeong training center.



July 31, three days before Father first entered the hospital: Ji-yea nim, her mother, and two of her sons, Shin-cheon nim and baby Shin-ju nim, watch as True Parents mark the sixth anniversary of their ceremonial entrance into Cheon Jeong Gung (2006)

He then came and sat in the sitting room in Cheon Jeong Gung and asked for a digital recorder. Holding the recorder in his hand, Father thought deeply for about ten minutes and then spoke while recording what he said. As you may know from having heard his recorded voice, Father gave the same message three times on that day—in the sitting room, in the master bedroom, and in Cheongshim Hospital. He said, “Everything is done! Everything is done!” He then went on to pray, struggling for breath, “I will return everything back to Heaven.” He emphasized, “I have brought things to conclusion, completion and perfection.” And he took my hand and said, “Mother, thank you! Mother, please take care of things!”

What meaning could be attributed to his uttering such words? Every now and then, he said such things as, “The time has come for me to go. I know when I will pass away.” I am sure that during this time he was making his final preparations. What I am relating to you is only a small part of what happened before Father ascended; in truth, I experienced much more with Father during those days. When we had our meals, we usually sat next to each other, and he would be aware of my presence and would hold my hand firmly in his as he ate. Whenever I think about such things, I am very sorry, and it hurts my heart to think that I let him go without making him more comfortable. When I asked him to rest, he sometimes said, “I want to lay my head in your lap, Mother” and would take a very short nap.

Of late, he did things he had never done when he was healthy. Father, who had lived his whole life more energetically than anyone else, wished to stay close to me at all times when he became less well, and needed me and depended on me like a child does his mother.

Yesterday, I was told that a member had mentioned feeling empty after Father passed away and was missing him so much, and that if she could see my face she would be strengthened; so she had communicated a sincere plea for me to come to Cheon Bok Gung. Why am I unable to go there? I am still in the middle of the forty-day period of preparing meals [for True Father],¹ today being the twenty-first day. Even while working in Heaven, Father comes at mealtimes without fail. We have set the times to offer him meals as 7:00 AM, 12:00 noon, and 6:00 PM. While on earth, he had been unable to follow such a schedule, but after passing into the spirit world, he always comes on time. I can actually feel it.

Every day, I converse with Father. I explain to him about the soybean-paste soup and other side dishes he had enjoyed during his time on earth and ask him to please help himself to them. Since I should offer these meals three times a day, I have no personal free time. During Father’s lifetime, I was never able to serve him his meals on time, and this is why I must at least devote myself to this task during this time.

Dear members, at the moment of Father’s ascension, I promised Father that I would work to fulfill all that he had desired to do for humanity until my last day on earth.

That is why I am busy these days. I need to reorganize Korea’s presently complicated situation, and I intend to establish the tradition of marching forward centering on the holy spirit and the truth in our Unification Church. With the goal of nurturing our church to become a spontaneous one, I am receiving reports from many of our church officials and leaders and making new plans. Therefore, I ask you to please wait just a little while longer.

¹ Offering food to the deceased is a common practice in Korea and elsewhere. Doing this for forty days has long been a tradition within our church; for example, True Parents did this when Heung-jin nim ascended in 1984.

Given that the Lord at his Second Coming, the Savior, the Messiah, and the True Parent who had come to us for the first time in six thousand years has now departed, do you think forty days of devotion is enough? Would a hundred days of devotion be enough? The religious devotion of attendance has no end. Henceforth, I hope you will understand that everything that is carried out in Korea from this day onward will be centered on True Mother.

Our first goal is to do our absolute best and fight at the risk of our lives to firmly establish Cheon Il Guk by Foundation Day. I hope you will not forget that the responsibility to bring this nation and all its citizens to receive the blessing from True Parents lies with you. Only by working a hundred times or a thousand times harder than before can you repay the love and grace you have received from True Father.



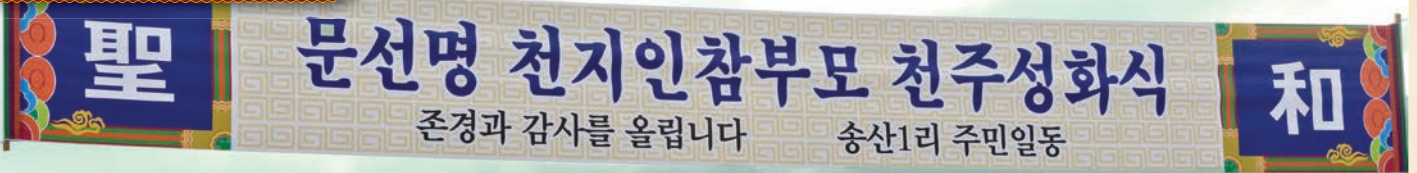
True Parents as they began 2012, celebrating True God's Day and what is now their joint birthday, 1.1 (this year, January 23)

Dear members, we will now make our Unification Church a living and breathing church, as it was in the early days. We will develop it into a spontaneous, creative and dynamic church, unrestricted by numbers or systems. We will make it into a church centered on the Principle and on love, which will be like a nest with the warmth of a mother’s embrace that will make us wish to go there and always remain there. As in the beginning time, we will make it so that the sound of Divine Principle lectures is constantly heard in our churches.

I hope all of you will be grateful for the work you do day by day and that you will be blessed. Please achieve the best results of your life. Foundation Day is not far off now. Once again, I ask all of you to please become such people. **TW**







Sun Myung Moon, The True Parent of Heaven, Earth and Humankind Seonghwa Ceremony



Two 14 x 15 meter photographs on cloth adorned the entrance of the Cheongshim Peace World Center, where 157,000 individuals (11,900 per day)—225,000 (17,300 per day) counting those who went more than once—came to pay their respects, September 6–14. Some groups waited for hours. Once inside, each guest signed an electronic register and was given a rose or lily to place on a table in front of the large original oil painting of True Father. The portrait was reproduced to be mounted on top of the car that led the cortège and to be carried, by Kwon-jin nim, as True Father's official Seonghwa Ceremony image.

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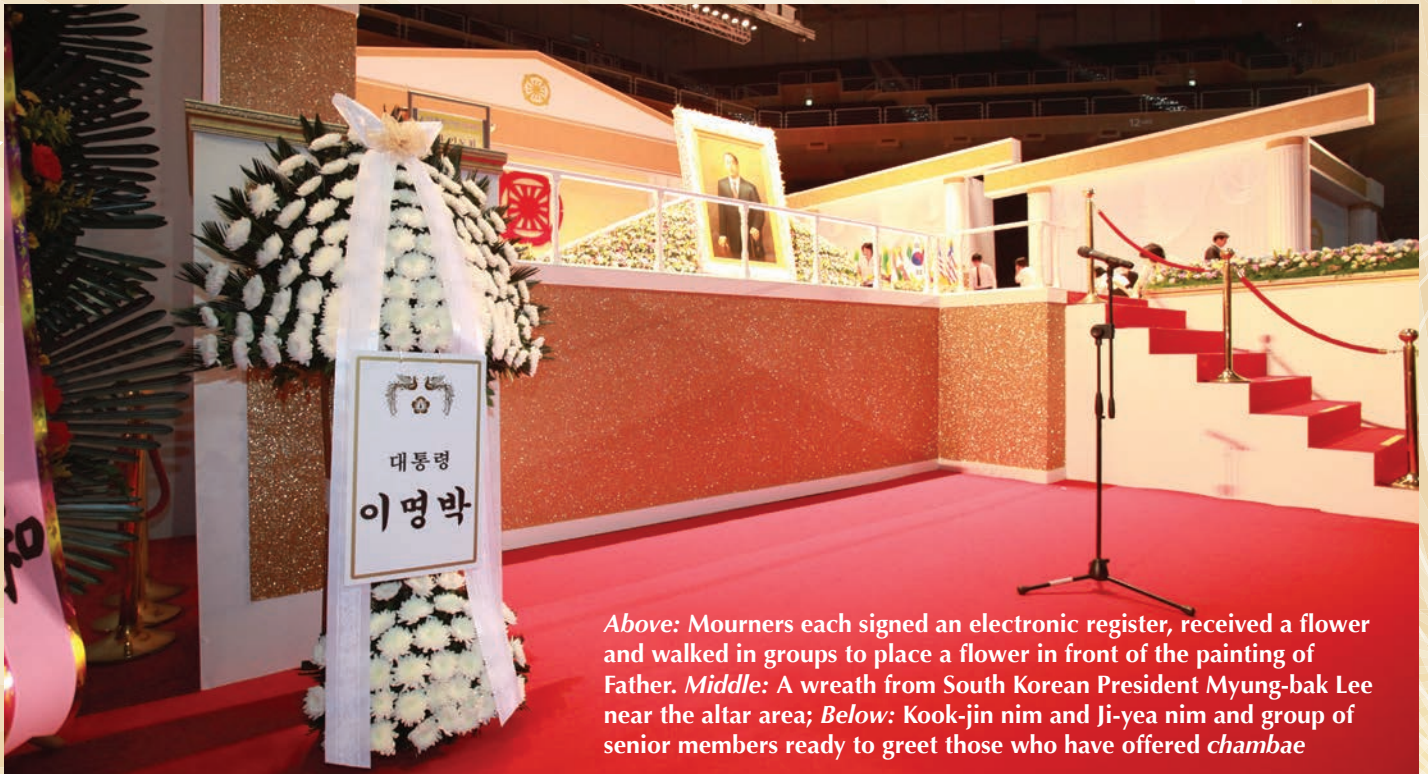


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In Korean society, one reflects on the spirit of the departed, places a flower on an altar and bows. This is known as *chambae* ("making a respectful bow"). The term is also used for bowing to a prominent figure's body lying in state, as with Father's *seongchae* (holy body); Above: News outlets record Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim paying their respects. Below: Hyung-jin nim enters his name in the electronic register as he and Yeon-ah nim enter the stadium. Five hundred people were employed to build the stages, facades and other structures used in the Cheongshim Peace World Center for chambae and the Seonghwa Ceremony.



Chambae Ceremony



Above: Mourners each signed an electronic register, received a flower and walked in groups to place a flower in front of the painting of Father. Middle: A wreath from South Korean President Myung-bak Lee near the altar area; Below: Kook-jin nim and Ji-yea nim and group of senior members ready to greet those who have offered chambae



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Among the thousands who came to honor Father's memory: *Top Left*: Venerable Master Shi Dechao, a monk from the Shaolin Temple who instructed Hyung-jin nim during the time the latter spent studying Buddhism and martial arts in China; *Top Right*: Mexican Bishop Barrios Zaragoza of the Catholic Diocese of One Spirit; *Middle Left*: Korean Buddhist priests; *Middle Right*: Pastor T. L. Barrett, founder of the Life Center Church of God in Christ in Chicago; *Below Left*: Mr. Sam H. Zakhem, United States' ambassador to Bahrain 1986–1989; *Below Right*: Unificationists living in Korea travelled from all over the country.



Photo courtesy of Kent Owens

Chambae Ceremony



Chambae took place over nine days from 8 AM to 10 PM. Above: Wee-il Han (True Mother's half brother), Yong-hyun Moon (True Father's cousin), Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim and senior church officials exchange bows with mourners. Below: Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim offer solace to the grieving.



Photo courtesy of Ken Owens

Kook-jin Nim Welcomes UPF Representatives

Cheon Jeong Gung, September 14

I would like to welcome all of you; I would like to thank you for coming here to pay your respects to my father. He was truly not just *my* father but he was the father of all the people of the world. During this time of mourning, we've had the opportunity to receive more than 100,000 people who came to pay their respects to True Parents. All around the world millions of people have visited altars we have set up for our church members to offer condolences at. We are truly grateful to all of you and to all the people of the world that paid their respects. Our hope and our prayer is that you remember, and you feel deeply—keep deep in your hearts—that our True Parents came to earth, suffered and lived their life for us. They suffered for us all, so that God may forgive us of our sins, and that we may be qualified to enter His kingdom to be with Him.

We pray that all of you may receive God's blessing so that together we may complete our True Father's vision of creating the kingdom of heaven on earth. Thank you very much.



Kook-jin nim with members of a UPF contingent after *chambae* at the Peace World Center. (His remarks above were made after the group viewed Father lying in state.) Below: UPF members writing final messages to True Father on a bulletin board.



Photo courtesy of Graeme Carmichael

Chambae at the Palace



True Mother, seated, as senior members come to view and offer a bow to Father's *seongchae* (holy body). *Below:* Mother instructed that all members be given the same opportunity; a steady stream of members come to see Father for the final time.





Above: Hyung-jin nim receiving Most Venerable Ja-seung, head of the Jogye Order of Korean Buddhism, and senior monks who visited Cheon Jeong Gung to pay their respects to True Father as he lay in state and to offer their condolences. Below: A view from Cheon Jeong Gung including the Cheongshim Peace World Center, which was built to accommodate True Father's Seonghwa Ceremony.



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Rev. Hyung-jin Moon was invited to Pyongyang to greet mourners from among True Father's relatives in North Korea—who reportedly number more than a hundred. He visited from September 7 to 8. *Photo left:* A wreath sent by North Korean leader Kim Jong-eun; the inscription on the ribbon reads, "Cherishing the memory of the late chairman and teacher Sun Myung Moon." These were brought to the south and displayed at Cheon Jeong Gung. The banner in Pyongyang read "Chairman Sun Myung Moon Universal Seonghwa Ceremony, September 3–15, Pyongyang, DPRK" *Middle left:* Senior North Korean officials pay their respects including, center, Song-thaek Jang, who is Kim Jong-eun's uncle, and right, North Korean Unification Minister Yang-gon Kim; *Middle right:* Hyung-jin nim's reunion with Father's younger sister Hyo-sun, the last surviving member of True Father's generation from his direct family. *Below:* Hyung-jin nim's visit attracted North Korean media attention.





Homeland Unification Award Certificate Sun Myung Moon

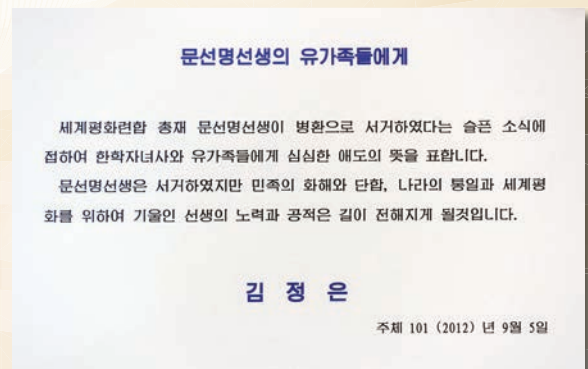
This Award is given for outstanding meritorious deeds in upholding the banner of autonomy, peaceful reunification and solidarity of the nation, and in the patriotic struggle to realize the autonomous authority of the nation and the autonomous and peaceful reunification of the fatherland.

*Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly
September 6 of the 101st Year of Juche (2012)*

To the bereaved family of Rev. Sun Myung Moon,
Upon hearing the sad news that Sun Myung Moon, founder of the Federation for World Peace, has passed away from illness, I express my deep condolences to Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and the bereaved family. Though he has passed away, his efforts and accomplishments for the reconciliation and unity of the nation, the reunification of the country and world peace will last forever.

Kim Jeong-eun

September 5 of the 101st Year of Juche (2012)



The North Korean government opened its doors in welcome to Rev. Hyung-jin Moon and prepared official ceremonies related to Father's ascension. North Korean leader Kim Jeong-eun sent a personal letter of condolence to Father's family (above). The Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly awarded Father for his work for reunification (photo above left) in a ceremony at Mansudae Assembly Hall. Left: Vice-chairman of the National Defense Commission and Director of the Korean Workers' Party Administration Song-thaek Jang presents the condolence message.

Seonghwa Ceremony



The casket holding True Father's body leaves the palace. Kook-jin nim and Hyung-jin nim are directly in front and True Mother is behind it. Kwon-jin nim, accompanied by Shin-joon nim, walks ahead in a stately manner. He is carrying a reproduction of the painting used as the official Seonghwa image of True Father. The original is the enormous painting on the Seonghwa altar. The casket is loaded onto the hearse, which was the sport utility vehicle Father most preferred. The conversion of the SUV included completely covering it in flowers. The practice of bedecking the hearse with flowers is unique to the Unification Church and is generally reserved for True Family members.



Photo courtesy of the Cheongpyeong Studio

Above: Uniformed pallbearers, volunteers chosen from among our second generation—Koreans, Japanese and an American among them—have placed True Father's casket in the hearse. **Below:** Kook-jin nim and Hyung-jin nim carry Father's casket past flower wreaths and into the main hall at the Cheongshim Peace World Center, the Seonghwa Ceremony Venue.







Seonghwa Ceremony



Above: True Mother, with Yeon-jin nim (nearside) and Jeung-jin nim, her two youngest children, follows the casket bearing True Father's body toward the altar. Below: As Dr. Bo-hi Pak prays, sobbing erupts throughout the stadium.



Photo courtesy of Graeme Carmichael



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Above: Everyone stands for the beginning of True Father's momentous Seonghwa Ceremony; **Below:** Hundreds of supporters and close friends of the movement travelled long distances to pay their respects in person.



The altar was created based on the concept of heaven, and is constructed to represent the three stages of growth, with three stairways, each with seven steps, connecting them. The flowers are arranged in a pattern representing the give and receive action of the universe.

Left side: Music was provided by an orchestra, and 300 Korean and Japanese choristers, led by Mi-ran Kim, a second-generation member and a professor of music, sang songs of praise.



Seonghwa Ceremony



Above: The casket is placed on the altar. The sixteen Chinese characters inscribed on it, eight on each side, come from the twenty-four characters that Father wrote for the Cheon Jeong Gung Entrance Ceremony; the same characters adorn the lid of the tomb. Below: True Mother places a bouquet of flowers in front of True Father's casket and bows.





Above: Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim light the candles for the Seonghwa Ceremony; 50,000 flowers were reportedly used in creating the altar, which two designers, ten flower arranging specialists and a staff of twenty people created. Below: Kook-jin nim and Ji-yea nim represent the True Family in offering the first flowers during the Seonghwa Ceremony.



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Seonghwa Ceremony



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Above: True Children offer flowers on the altar; far to near, Kwon-jin nim, Ye-jin nim, Hyung-jin nim, Kook-jin nim, Un-jin nim, Sun-jin nim, Yeon-jin nim and Jeung-jin nim; Below, far to near (in-laws): Yeon-ah nim (Choi), Hoon-sook nim, Dong-sook nim, Ji-yea nim, Hwa-yun nim, In-sup nim and Yeon-ah nim (Lee)





Above: Blessed members of the third generation of the True Family, including Sung-jin nim's children and their spouses, pay their respects.

Middle: Some of True Parents' grandchildren offer flowers.

Below: Religious leaders, Archbishop Milingo, an adherent of Confucius' teachings and a variety of Buddhist priests pay their respects.

Bottom: Ambassadors for Peace and prominent leaders from throughout the world traveled to Korea to mark this day.



Seonghwa Ceremony



Photo courtesy of Ken Queens



Top left: Unification Church international vice-president Dr. Joon-ho Seuk was MC; **Top right:** Korean dignitaries include (front row, from left) Dr. Min-ha Kim, a government advisor on Unification issues, Minister of Patriots and Veterans Affairs Sung-choon Park, and 2012 Yeosu Expo Organizing Committee Chairman Dong-seok Kang (who also offered a eulogy); **Center:** Rev. Ken Sudo was among the at least 31,256 Japanese members that came (using thirteen chartered planes); many of them stayed awake to pray for Father through the night; **Below:** Some 3,000 watched on huge monitors from the stadium parking lot; **Not shown:** 4,000 watched from the Cheongpyeong training center plaza and 7,000 from outside the nearby Cheongshim Middle and High School.



Seonghwa Ceremony Prayer

The Seonghwa Ceremony prayer was offered by Bo-hi Pak, a member of the thirty-six couple blessing group, who has been following True Father in various capacities, as a translator, a special assistant and a disciple, since 1958.

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Glorious Heavenly Father! Dearest True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. Today, we have all gathered here to render glory to True Father as he leaves us for heaven.

Heavenly Father! The Messiah You sent to us, has completed his mission and is now returning to You. Please tightly embrace Your son, who has had to go through so much suffering on earth.

Heavenly Father! Why did you so hurriedly call True Father to your side? What about us, Your poor children, who still need him? It feels as if the heavens are falling and the ground is giving way beneath us. Our surroundings have become a dark heaven and earth, as though the sun has lost its light. We attended True Father as though he was our life and sun, and now that he is gone, our tears endlessly overflow. We cannot stop them.

Heavenly Father, it is true that we were not filial. When True Father was sleeping for only two hours a day, not hesitating to go to distant places, constantly going back and forth, even though we saw True Father working so hard, we did not pay attention to his suffering. Please forgive the immaturity of your poor children. We know we are not even worthy to ask for forgiveness. Heavenly Father.

Dearest True Father! We deeply miss you. We want to see you one more time! We wish we could hear your voice just one more time. Please would you let us hear just one word?

Can we not even hear you sing those words, "With jewels on white gold..." We want to hear your voice. Now that we realize such opportunities no longer exist, tears and sadness just overflow from my heart.

True Father! While you loved the members, while you loved humanity, you completely forgot about yourself. You never took care of yourself. You repeatedly overworked yourself. Was there a single moment in your ninety-three years when you ever truly rested? Father, you are the Messiah, our Savior, the great king of peace and the True Parent of humankind.

True Father brought victory, complete victory. You have accomplished everything. True Father, you liberated God from His sadness.

True Father, you equally loved all races. You unified the races, eradicating the original sin and engrafting us to God's lineage. The number of the couples whose lives you have touched surpasses 400 million.

True Father! You are the great king of peace—a true world of peace that transcends religion, race and nation. You dedicated your whole life on earth to realizing such a world. True Father! You also liberated Russia, the birthplace of communism. Were you not the Messiah, there is no way you could have accomplished this.

Father! We also know that this is not a time to stay in a state of mourning! It is a blessing to us that our great and wise Mother is still in our midst. True Mother has stood upright and taken on Father's work on earth.

A natural filial son, International President Hyung-jin Moon is with us. A filial son with the talents of a genius, Chairman Kook-jin Moon is with us.

Heavenly Father. True Father! Do not worry any longer! Do not worry any more! We will now stop our crying, and, firmly clasping our two hands, we will attend True Mother and establish Cheon Il Guk. We will attend True Mother, victoriously celebrate Foundation Day and bring happiness to you, True Father, in heaven.

Now that True Father is in heaven, we will become an unbeatably strong army. Please let Heaven's spiritual power sweep down like a typhoon, and through that heavenly, spiritual typhoon, wash away all the sins, not only within our Unification Church, but in the world.

True Father, please realize the world of peace you have always hoped for.

Looking up toward heaven, we see You, God, stretching out Your two arms and saying "Son! My begotten Son! Come and let me embrace you!"

True Father, take your seat eternally on God's right side and become the great king of peace governing the universe, gathering the hearts of 3 million members around the world, and under the names of the 50,000 saints who are participating here today, we pray all these things in our names; as blessed central families.

Aju! **TW**





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Seonghwa Address

The Seonghwa Address was given by True Father's youngest son, Hyung-jin Moon, whom Father appointed international president of the Unification Church in April 2008.

Distinguished guests from home and abroad, and citizens of God's kingdom, Cheon Il Guk, who have filled this stadium and beyond!

We are here today on this sacred occasion in attendance of God and True Parents to hold the Universal Seonghwa Ceremony for the True Father of Heaven, Earth and Humankind.

God sent our True Father to earth as the Savior, Messiah, returning Lord, True Parent and King of Kings in order to bring salvation to fallen humankind. This Seonghwa Ceremony is the solemn occasion throughout heaven and earth by which our True Father, who has led and guided God's providence of salvation throughout his life, will transition into the spirit world after concluding his life on earth.

True Father received God's heavenly call when he was fifteen. From then on, he readied himself to sacrifice his own safety and health and even face death in order to complete the great work necessary to release God from His bitter sorrow, liberate humanity and create a world of everlasting peace. True Father dedicated his life of ninety-three years to this. Toward the end of his time on earth, True Father declared that he had "accomplished everything" in relation to Heaven's will. This meant that he had successfully concluded, completed and perfected the work God had given him to do. I stand here today in order to offer gratitude and praise to True Father who laid and achieved an extraordinary foundation of victory.

Beloved guests from home and abroad, and citizens of Cheon Il Guk!

God's desire was to raise one perfected man and woman.

Together with True Mother, True Father inherited God's true love, and they became the True Parents of humankind. God, True Father and True Mother fulfilled the substantial trinity and completed a true family through their children.

Transcending race, religion and nation, True Parents bestowed the grace of the Holy Blessing on numerous people throughout the world. Through establishing the tradition of blessed marriage, True Father laid the cornerstone to achieve the ideal of one family under God. No one else has been able to accomplish this in all of history.

Ultimately, True Father's course and his accomplishments were all for the purpose of creating an ideal world of freedom centering on a heavenly family, which God had envisioned in the Garden of Eden.

Distinguished guests, brothers and sisters! Gathered here today are current and former heads of state and other dignitaries who shared True Father's lifelong vision and worked with him to create a movement for world peace. True Father showed great interest not only in his religious activities but also in politics, economics, society, culture, the arts, the media, education, and welfare. Working in all these fields, he presented a comprehensive vision for world peace.

One of True Father's predictions, which I'm sure you all remember, is his prophetic declaration of the end of communism at the second Professors World Peace Academy International Conference in Geneva, Switzerland, in August 1985. True Father also proclaimed the Pacific-Rim era and later spoke of the challenges the island nations on the Pacific Rim would face. I am sure all of you will agree that his prediction accurately

describes the situation that is unfolding in the island nations of the Pacific Rim region today.

These are just some notable examples. There are countless predictions and profound teachings on the subject of world peace and the well-being of humankind in the more than six-hundred published volumes of True Father's selected speeches. We who will open the way to the future must inherit True Father's teachings and tradition in their entirety, and fight for freedom and peace in the world. We should raise our voices for the sake of global stability and security. We who have inherited True Father's vision and legacy must cry out for an ideal world of freedom. In so doing, all people will come to realize how important freedom is and how precious is this gift that God has given us.

True Father's vision is encapsulated in his belief in the inauguration of the "Abel UN," in which all the world's religious leaders would stand in the vanguard, working for peace on earth. True Father led the effort to create the "Abel UN" and the "Abel Women UN" for the pursuit of freedom, peace, unity and happiness. These institutions will fight against and triumph over today's secular and materialistic ideologies that impede the realization of God's will and peace for all people.

Consequently, all people should take to heart the teachings and tradition that True Father has shown us as a model, based on which we will realize true peace on earth; we must take the path toward an ideal world of freedom.

Beloved brothers and sisters! Through the Coronation [Enthronement] for the Kingship of God, on January 13, 2001, True Father declared the day of God's liberation and complete



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freedom, and thereafter proclaimed the Nation of Cosmic Peace and Unity (*Cheon Il Guk*), a new nation centered on God. In that light, at the celebratory banquet on True Parents' birthday in 2010, he designated Foundation Day, the 13th day of the 1st heavenly calendar month in 2013, as the starting point of the Nation of Cosmic Peace and Unity.

True Father revealed that God's kingdom, *Cheon Il Guk*, is a kingdom where "two become one" in true love, and that its starting point will be two people, each of whose mind and body are united. *Cheon Il Guk* is True Parents' unique vision of a real community of humankind as God had envisioned at the very outset, in the Garden of Eden, when He created the first human beings. It is an ideal world of freedom centered on true love and characterized by true freedom, peace, unity and hap-





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Left: (In a turban) Harbhajan Singh chairman, Bexley Multi-Faith Forum, U.K.; **Right (left to right):** Mark Anderson, justice of the peace, West Mesa, Arizona, (U.S.); Ven. Cang Vajiro Kim, director, Cambodia Buddhist Association of Richmond, Virginia (U.S.) Dr. Joveny Candida De Oliveira, president, Anhanguera University, Brazil

piness.

True Father declared that Foundation Day will be a new day of eternal life, where a new heaven and new earth will be opened with God at the center and eternal liberation and complete freedom will be enjoyed.

The task that remains now on earth is ours to accomplish. That is, to become citizens of Cheon Il Guk. True Father has bequeathed all 615 volumes of his sermons and the eight great heavenly textbooks to be his final words to us. These teachings shall be our compass in guiding us to live a truly valuable life in this world. If you practice these teachings, a nation and culture that carries on the mission of Heaven's dispensation—which we call Cheon Il Guk—will surely emerge.

From True Parents we have inherited great teachings and truth, plus their vision for Cheon Il Guk. True Father's indomi-

table spirit is absolutely crucial to overcoming all the oppression and hatred that remain in the world. It is now time to put all of our strength into substantiating Cheon Il Guk.

Now with life-or-death resolve, we should invest ourselves completely and work for the building of Cheon Il Guk based on the exemplary life of true love and the vision True Father has shown to all humankind.

On October 8, 2009, True Father proclaimed that based on the Association of the United Spiritual and Physical Worlds, the communities of the spiritual and physical worlds will become one. Father will guide us for eternity and will conclude the providence through True Mother, who has achieved complete and ultimate unity with him. Brothers and sisters of the Unification Family, we should unite centering on True Mother and firmly advance toward the completion of the substantial Cheon Il Guk and the victory of Foundation Day, which is God's ultimate desire.

Beloved True Father! You have achieved everything God desired you to achieve on earth!

You were released from the hospital on August 12. The very next day you went around Cheon Jeong Gung and, while holding True Mother's hands, you offered a final, serious prayer. At that time, you reported to God that you had achieved everything. You entered the eternal world after bestowing on us the providential numbers "2012.9.3 01:54," which signify that you have fulfilled and completed everything.

In Matthew chapter 18 verse 18, Jesus said "Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." True Father loosed everything that had been bound on earth—this was achieved for the first time since the Creation.

True Father had the task of opening the gates of heaven prior to Foundation Day for the myriads of people in the spirit world. Cheon Il Guk cannot be a kingdom only for those on earth. If Cheon Il Guk is on earth, it must also exist in the heavenly world, and if Cheon Il Guk exists in the heavenly world it must also exist on earth. Consequently, with 172 days remaining until D-Day, Foundation Day, True Father went to the heavenly world while entrusting this final task on earth to True Mother and to all blessed family members.

On January 21, 2007, True Father stated: "Everything should be brought to an end by the 13th day of the 1st month in 2013. God's will for this is going to be fulfilled even if I am unable to live until then. I will go to the spirit world and have the people



A religious leader from Angola, Rev. Jorge Lino Cambundo of the Prophetic Church of the Winner in the World



Members of the True Family participating in the Seonghwa Ceremony: In front, left to right, Ye-jin nim, Un-jin nim, Kwon-jin nim

there institute a revolution.” He said he would open the doors to the heavenly kingdom, which until today has had no owner, and take full command. Today these words ring in our hearts.

Therefore, on the 13th day of the 1st month of the heavenly calendar in 2013, True Mother on earth, and True Father in heaven shall simultaneously proclaim the Foundation Day of Cheon Il Guk. At the time of the celebration accompanying the proclamation of Foundation Day, the living works of the “God of Night” who resides in the heavenly world and the “God of Day” who resides on earth shall commence. God’s new era will begin simultaneously both on earth and in heaven.

Beloved True Father! Before leaving this world, you repeatedly reminded us that the “God of Night” and the “God of Day” will work together in unison. It is only today that we realize the meaning of this. As you had asked us to do, we shall offer everything and completely invest ourselves with life-or-death resolve until Foundation Day, and we will surely obtain victory. We shall build a nation of the ideal world of freedom that God and True Parents envision for us on earth.

Today, all the world’s people are sending you, True Father, off to the heavenly kingdom. We are resolved to follow your way of life and the teachings that you, True Father, have shown us throughout your life. We sincerely pray that you will guide us so that we unite with True Mother absolutely and take the lead in building Cheon Il Guk, the ideal world of freedom.

True Father! You worked so very hard. We have no way to express our gratitude to you for bequeathing us your teachings and true love! ★

True Father! Brothers and sisters, let us shout together, “We love you” three times.

We love you. We love you! We love you!

Brothers and sisters, let us shout “Thank you for working so very hard,” three times.

Thank you for working so very hard. Thank you for working so very hard! Thank you for working so very hard!

We shall attend you for eternity. We will love you forever.

We shall eternally fulfill your will. ★

Thank you. JW



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Eulogy

Lord Tarsem King



Dear Mother Moon and Members of the Moon Family. Excellencies. Distinguished Guests. Ambassadors for Peace. Ladies and Gentlemen.

It is my distinct privilege to pay tribute to Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon on the occasion of his passing into the spiritual world. On the one hand, this is a sad day, as we reflect on the loss of a man we all came to know and love. We could witness his absolute conviction and passion toward carrying out the will of God. He was always ready to risk his life for the sake of God's will.

Mother Moon I know you must be very sad today. And at the same time, you must also be very proud to have loved and lived, side by side, with this great man of destiny for more than fifty years. You know him not only as your husband, the father of your children, or the great man of peace known around the world. You know the man who, as a young boy, was called by Jesus Christ to take up his mission to restore the world; to build God's Kingdom; and establish a world of universal peace. You know the man who came to know the heart of God, and the man who came to embody the true love of God, as True Father. Together you stand as True Parents.

I can think of no one who has devoted himself more thoroughly to the promotion of interfaith understanding and cooperation. Long before interfaith had become a mainstream idea, Father Moon had been its champion. He has even called upon the United Nations to take interfaith more seriously and to establish an interfaith council within the United Nations system.

Father Moon was no stranger to suffering and conflict. He witnessed first-hand the brutality of a North Korean communist prison camp, and the horrors of

the Korean War. He always stood strong against dictatorship, for the sake of freedom and democracy, and especially for religious freedom. If there is no religious freedom, humanity will decline. That was his belief. Thus Father Moon was always leading the way in the promotion of religious freedom.

Father Moon also taught us to appreciate the value of marriage and family. He, together with Mother Moon, blessed in marriage millions of couples worldwide, calling each to give their pledge of fidelity, true love and devotion to God. By strengthening marriage and family there is hope for the future.

In the Sikh tradition, marriage and family are sacred. This is our fundamental teaching. Therefore, Sikhs around the world can understand and appreciate Father Moon's teaching.

Mother Moon, you have visited the United Kingdom's Houses of Parliament and shared the vision of Father Moon with us. The people of the United Kingdom are grateful for your life of service to the highest and most noble ideals.

We gather here today not merely to reflect on the past, but to look to the future. For, Father Moon's legacy is still alive and well, and all that he lived and worked for will be carried forward by you, Mother Moon, by your children, and by all of us. Please do not be discouraged. From this day forward I believe we can implement the ideals that Father Moon taught us.

In closing I want to say once again how honored I am to have known Father Moon. To Mother Moon and the entire family I extend my heartfelt appreciation and encouragement as we go forward to build a world of lasting peace. Thank you and God bless. **TW**

Lord King is a member of the House of Lords, London





Eulogy Dr. Alfred Moisiu

Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, members of the Moon family, your excellencies, ladies and gentlemen, it is indeed a great honor to stand here today to pay tribute to the remarkable life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon.

On behalf of the people of Albania, I convey to you my heartfelt appreciation for the life and work of Father Moon and our sincerest condolences to Mother Moon, the entire Moon family and all who have loved and supported Father Moon in his life's work.

On the one hand, you must all feel deep sadness at the loss of one so deeply loved, who gave so much to this world; and on the other, you must feel great pride at his life of immense accomplishment for God and humankind. I truly share your feelings.

I was privileged to meet Father Moon a number of times. Most memorably, in 2005 while I was president, he and Mother Moon visited Albania and I had the honor to welcome them to my official residence. During our conversation, I was moved by his great vision and hope for my country. I felt he came to give selflessly for the sake of the Albanian people and that his visit was truly an unforgettable moment in our history.

The vision he outlined has since been consistently implemented by the Universal Peace Federation in Albania. It now has wide support across Albanian society and has made a real difference. Last May, in Tirana, it held a conference that three former presidents and many incumbent leaders of key national institutions attended. It was broadcast on national television. Mother Moon I know you would have been moved to hear many of them pledge sincerely to try to live up to your expectations of them as they were invested as ambassadors of peace. I know you would have been moved too to see the hundreds of young Albanians who so far this year have been moved to commit their lives to the ideals of pure love and of living for the sake of others, which you teach.

Having read Father Moon's autobiography, I feel that its title, *A Peace-Loving Global Citizen*, describes his life well. How amazing that from

such humble origins in rural North Korea he could so profoundly move the hearts of millions everywhere. Surely, this would not have been possible unless the hand of God were guiding him at all times. He taught of the central importance of marriage and family and of the blessing. He called all of us to love God and to love our neighbors, and to work to establish one human family under God beyond barriers of race, religion, ethnicity, nationality and gender. However, he did more than just teach. He put his ideas into practice every day of his life by his own example and through the great range and diversity of projects that he established in almost every area of life.

Clearly, Father Moon is far more than just a man of peace. He's ever known for his profound spirituality and deep understanding of the heart and will of God. Your legacy does not end with Father Moon's passing but is just beginning!

Mother Moon! You have stood together with Father Moon in this great mission for more than fifty years in the position of True Parents and we deeply admire your selfless devotion as wife and mother. Together with Father Moon and with all of our unwavering support, may you carry forward his vision and lead the worldwide movement he founded!

Surely, as we offer thanks for Father Moon's life today, a new era is dawning in which the world will no longer be dominated by conflict or tyranny but will enjoy universal freedom and prosperity for all. But let us all remember that if we are to build such a world, we must be strong and resolute in fulfilling our responsibility. It will not just happen on its own. This was always Father Moon's message.

Let me once again express my heartfelt condolences to Mother Moon and to the whole Moon Family. Rest assured that you can count on many friends and devoted supporters among the people of Albania.

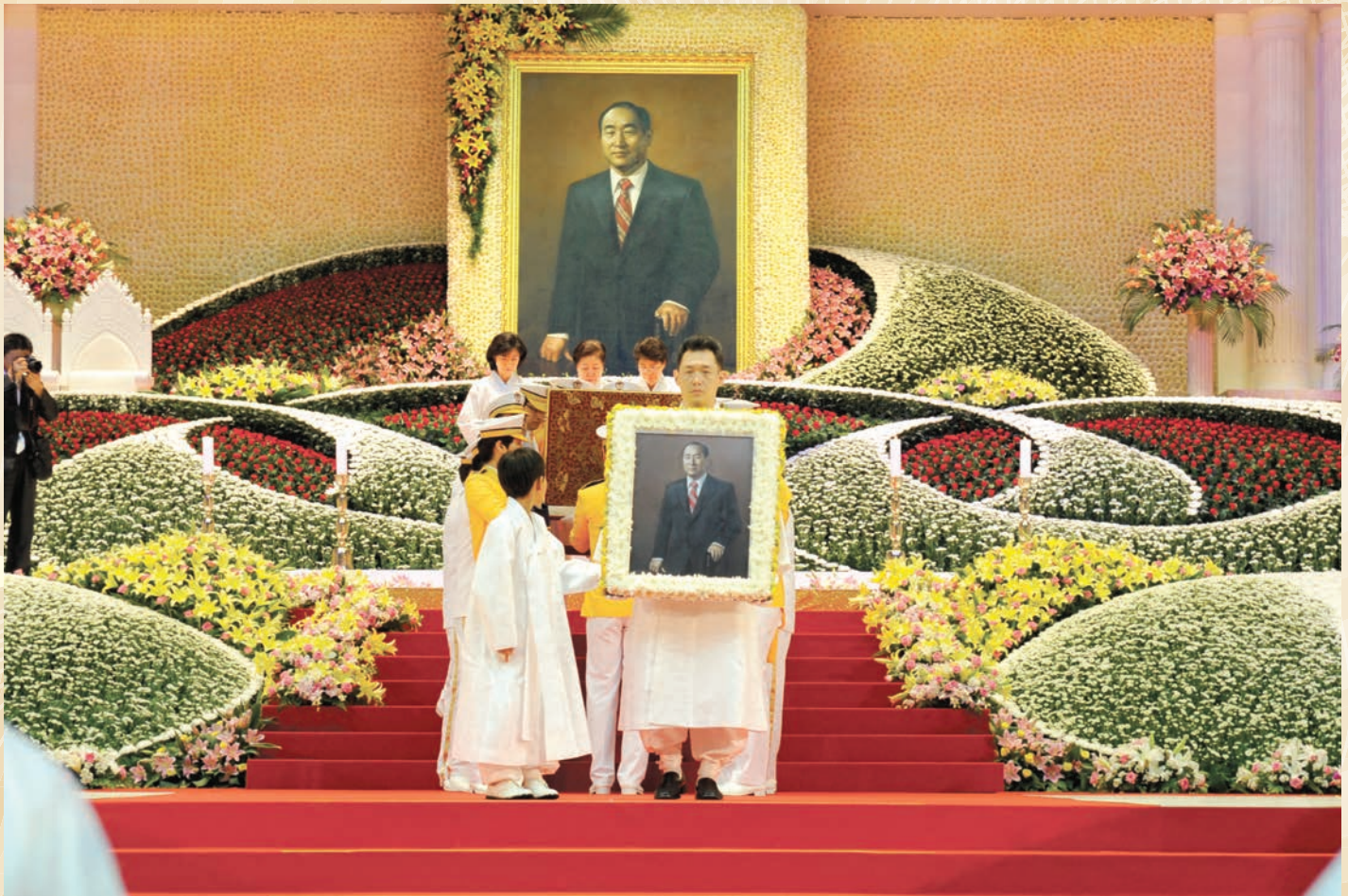
God bless you and thank you very much! **TW**

Dr. Moisiu was the president of Albania 2002–2007.

Seonghwa Ceremony



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At the conclusion of the Seonghwa Ceremony, Kwon-jin nim and Shin-joon nim lead the way as Father's body is carried from the altar to be transferred to the place of burial. True Mother, accompanied by Mrs. Won-ju Jeong McDevitt and Mrs. Young-shil Yang, both of whom have worked as her special assistants over many years, follows True Father's sacred earthly remains.



Seonghwa Ceremony



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Father's body is moved to Cheon Jeong Gung for the Wonjeon Ceremony, the burial. Waving flags displaying the Unification Church symbol, an estimated 14,000 people lined the sides of the road to give True Father a rousing farewell.



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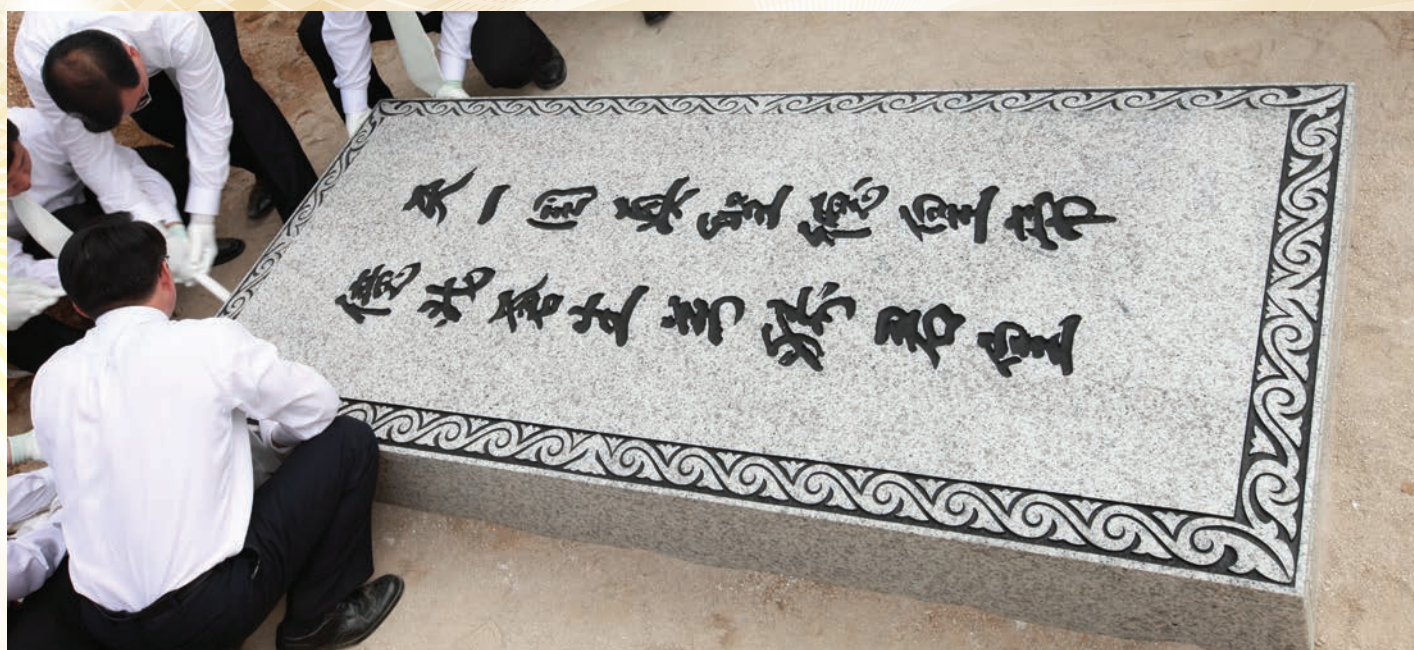
Wonjeon Ceremony



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Above: Awaiting the arrival of the True Father's casket at the burial site; Below: True Father's casket just before being lowered into the grave that has been prepared for it.





Top: Mother places a bouquet just above Father's grave; **Above:** The lid of the tomb was lowered by means of a specially erected gantry. It is inscribed with the first sixteen Chinese characters of the twenty-four Father wrote as a calligraphic message at the time of the Cheon Jeong Gung Entrance Ceremony in June 2006, in two strings of eight characters each: 천일국진성덕황제
억조창생만승군왕. In English this might be rendered: "The Lord of truth, holiness and virtue in Cheon Il Guk; King of ten thousand victories for all people." Traditionally in Korea, characters are read top to bottom and the lines right to left.

Wonjeon Ceremony



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Opposite: The True Children place flowers on the casket and offer prayer and words of farewell; Above: True Mother places the first three spadefuls of earth on True Father's grave. Below: Following True Mother, Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim sprinkle soil on True Father's grave. All the True Children present, some with their spouses, then took turns in this symbolic rite of burial.





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Rev. Hyung-jin Moon's Prayer

Gracious Heavenly Father! True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind! We thank You sincerely for granting us this holy day, 7.29 according to heavenly calendar in the third year of Cheon-gi, when we put to rest the holy body of the True Father of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, here, in this holy place, Cheon Jeong Gung.

For ninety years after coming to earth in his physical body, the True Parent of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, the Messiah and Savior of mankind brought liberation and release to You, God. Furthermore, True Father and True Mother formed a substantial trinity with You, which had been Your wish, and established the True Family through their lineal children. Through Your word, Heavenly Father, and the Blessing Ceremony, they have guided fallen humankind along the road to salvation.

Heavenly Father! In the beginning, You created the universe and our human ancestors through Your word; likewise, we all have been born through the teachings of the True Father of heaven, earth and humankind. Now True Father, after fulfilling everything in relation to Your word, has shed his holy body and returned to Your word, the Logos.

Throughout his whole life, True Father has been giving Your word, Heavenly Father, in order to save fallen humankind. Now he has become the embodiment of Your word and will move between the spirit and earthly worlds freely, live eternally and carry out Your providence both in the spirit world and on earth.

The day is coming when the God of Day embodied by True Mother on earth and the God of Night embodied by True Father will become one and act as God of both night and day, removing all borders on earth and in heaven.

However today as we attend this Wonjeon Ceremony and have to send away this precious body that we used to see so closely, we feel immense regret and sadness. True Father, we miss your beautiful smile and your graceful gestures as you danced while singing of the universe with a free heart.

Heavenly Father! Now, You, God of Night, will become one

with True Father and live with us eternally. This thought gives some comfort to our sad hearts. True Father, you have completed all tasks given to you by God on earth. Then, you have given the key to the door of the earthly Cheon Il Guk to True Mother and to all of us, the blessed families, and departed for heaven 172 days before Foundation Day to also open the gates of Cheon Il Guk there.

To fulfill God's will you crossed the thirty-eighth parallel by yourself and then came back to South Korea. Now in the same manner you came to the South, you are leaving for heaven before Foundation Day, but watching your departing figure we will not cry. On that day, the thirteenth day of the first month in 2013,¹ the sounds of victory heard on the Foundation Day of Cheon Il Guk will resound throughout heaven and earth.

On that day the God of Night and God of Day will become one and we shall begin a new day of eternal life for a new heaven and a new earth with You.

True Father! May your way to heaven be peaceful. We will serve True Mother with absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. We will also earnestly work to fulfill our tasks on earth during the time that remains until Foundation Day.

The day that the gates of Cheon Il Guk open, all humankind and all of creation will attend the God of Night and God of Day shouting "Eog mansei" for True Parents. We shall work to bring heaven and earth together.

Loving Heavenly Father! Now we are going to see off the True Father of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, who is coming to Your throne. All this time, the True Father of Heaven, Earth and Humankind has been working so hard, so we believe You will be with him on his way to heaven.

With sincere gratitude, I report to You all these things, in unison with the hearts of all blessed families of the world, in the name of Hyung-jin Moon, a member of a central blessed family. Aju. Aju. Aju! **TW**

1 By the heavenly calendar (February 22 by the Gregorian calendar)



Left: Dr. Peter Kim reading during hoondokhae at the Wonjeon Ceremony; **Right:** As MC, Dr. Joon-ho Seuk explained that "wonjeon" comprises the Chinese characters for "original" (won) and for "temple" or "palace" (jeon). He added that True Father said this refers to the original home and that [restored] Adam and Eve go to their original home, entering the original palace in heaven upon their departure from this life; **Below:** The True Family, the assembled members and guests conclude the Seonghwa Ceremony with cheers of "Eog mansei" that will accompany True Father.



Photo courtesy of Graeme Carmichael

Messages of Condolence

Some of the hundreds of messages of fond remembrance and condolence from those whom Father had inspired in life



We are full of thankfulness for the unsurpassed contribution he was able to make in the face of Herculean obstacles. He lived a full and generous life. He was an exemplary interpreter of God's forgiving plan for mankind.

—Lloyd Sandiford, prime minister of Barbados (1987–1994)



His deep thoughts, great ideas, and remarkable work stayed on with us. He has become part of us, part of our everyday way of thinking, acting, and working.

—Anton Rop, prime minister of Slovenia (2002–2004)



The world has lost an outstanding personality and a prominent religious leader, who for generations led a monumental crusade to harmonize all religions and beliefs, for this mankind owes him a debt of gratitude.

—Hamilton Green, prime minister of Guyana (1985–1992)



History will record Dr. Moon as an arduous worker against tyranny, racial discrimination, intolerance and narrow mindedness of any kind. His investment to prevent the escalation of the Cold War makes him worthy to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

—Michal Kováč, president of Slovakia (1993–1998)



He never left his straight and narrow path, never renounced his ideals, and always promoted the ideals of goodness, peace, and universal prosperity. He spared no efforts to resolve strife and conflicts in the world.

—Aslambek Aslakhanov, an acting advisor to the president of Russia



Father Moon lived on this earth during the time when the world greatly needed peace. He was a God-sent emissary of peace with a solid divine calling. May he rest in eternal peace and the work he started continue forever.

—Kintu Musoke, prime minister of Uganda (1994–1999)



A great personality has departed from us in Rev. Moon. I bow in recognition of his outstanding contributions toward freedom and peace in the world. Even the wicked slander that he received here in Germany could not discourage him. So he will remain an example to guide to us all.

—Konrad Löw, professor, University of Bayreuth, Germany



Please accept my heartfelt condolences upon the passing of a great man whose contribution to the defeat of Soviet-dominated Communism was critical and paramount.

—Arnaud de Borchgrave, editor at large for the *Washington Times*



Our Realization that Father's Earthly Life Was Near Its End

On August 31, three days before True Father ascended, Dr. Peter Kim came to Cheon Bok Gung in Seoul and spoke to an audience of members, adding to the understanding of Father's situation they had gained from the sermons Hyung-jin nim had given at the same location the two previous weekends, and from a letter the international vice-president Dr. Joon-ho Seuk had sent out worldwide the previous day. This is a translation of the main points Dr. Kim made that day.

Iwould like to say a few words, as one of True Parents' staff members, about how True Father left the hospital on August 12, traveled to Cheon Jeong Gung and then returned late the following day to the same hospital, Seoul St. Mary's, where he was then admitted to the intensive care unit.

Our international president, Rev. Hyung-jin Moon, has given a detailed explanation of Father's situation at the last two Sunday services.¹ From his words you have gained some understanding of both the spiritual and practical aspects. He expressed that it is not important to know Father's precise medical condition, but rather, what is important is the prayer we are offering for him and what conditions we are making.

On August 3, Father was admitted to Seoul St. Mary's Hospital² and over the ensuing ten days received every possible medical test, including several x-rays, PET CT,³ blood tests—every test he could possibly need. During the days that Father was receiving all these tests, we would sit with him. He would watch the Olympic games on television. He would sit down for three, four or five hours at a time and cheer on the players, cheer the soccer games. This is how he spent the time.

Even though he was in some discomfort, he spent that period in an ordinary room⁴ at the hospital. On the morning of August 12, expressing his iron resolve, he gave the strong instruction, "I must go to Cheon Jeong Gung." The doctor wanted to stop him leaving the hospital. Hyung-jin nim and Kook-jin nim wanted to keep him there. Mother caught hold of Father and asked him to please remain there. She also wanted to stop him going. But Father, perhaps for some providential reason, was very stubborn. So on August 12, we brought Father back to Cheon Jeong Gung.

From the afternoon of that day to the evening of the next day, he remained at Cheon Jeong Gung for about twenty-four hours. During that twenty-four hours, we became deeply concerned about how Father looked.

On the third floor of Cheon Jeong Gung, Father went from this room to that in his wheelchair.⁵ He went around holding people's hands. He entered the hoondokhae room and touched the table.⁶ He touched everything with his hands, and now and then he would say, "Please be well."

Father looked at everything. Those things he could not touch with his hands he observed with his eyes. As he did this, he held Mother's hand tightly, and said "Mother, thank you." This he repeated from time to time. He asked True Mother and others who were with them to sit down. He said, "This is my last prayer," and then he prayed.

At the conclusion of his prayer, he said, "I have completed everything." All together during that day, as I recall, he said this four times.

During the night, he stayed awake and spoke to those who were caring for him and

1 On August 19 (sent out worldwide from the World Mission Headquarters) and August 26; a detailed letter on Father's condition from international vice-president Dr. Joon-ho Seuk was sent out on August 30.

2 In Korean, St. Mary's is known as *Seong Mo* (Holy Mother) hospital

3 PET/CT scans pinpoint the location of abnormal metabolic activity within the body.

4 A private room, but not in the intensive care unit

5 Sang-soo Lee, Father's driver and personal assistant, mentioned that Father had said he would go to the East, West, North and South in Cheon Jeong Gung.

6 The table at which he and Mother would sit during hoondokhae

to Mother, cautioning them and giving guidance. Sometimes I couldn't fully understand what he said. But he continued on. And when morning came, Father said he must do a tour and see the different places in the Cheonwon⁷ holy ground and asked for a car to be brought. Father was actually not in any condition to go out in a car, however. Mother and the assistants all wanted to stop Father from going. Seeing Father's condition, and knowing the danger of his going anywhere in a car, we asked him not to go. Yet, how could we know the providential schedule set by Heaven? We wanted to stop him, but he was in no way swayed by our entreaties.

We brought him down from the palace to the Cheongshim Middle and High School in the SUV⁸ he always uses. He stepped out of the car at the little park in front of the Cheongshim Middle and High School, and stayed there a short while. He looked at the little pond, and at first I thought that Father might have wanted to walk around. But after observing for a short while, he got back in the car.

We went back to Cheon Jeong Gung, and he remained there for a little. Maybe I am using rather plain language, but his breathing was labored, he was breathing quite rapidly and seemed to be in some discomfort as he sat on the sofa.

Seeing Father in this state, Mother asked Hoon-mo nim and me in the hallway, "What is best to do for Father? Shouldn't I take him back to the hospital? You must help me." So we went back into the room and Mother took hold of Father's knees as he sat there, and Mother, while kneeling on the floor, said, "Father please come with me to the hospital. Let's go to your hospital, Cheongshim hospital." Normally Father would remonstrate and scold at such a suggestion, but on this occasion he gave his consent. Moreover, he said, "Yes, thank you Mother."

So they took Father straight to the Cheongshim hospital.⁹ At the hospital, there is a room with a bed for Father, and all the furnishings; everything is prepared.¹⁰ Father rested for a short while, and slept for about thirty minutes.

Over the preceding three weeks, Father had not been able to eat very much. When Mother begged him to, he would swallow one or two spoons of rice. While he was at the Cheongshim hospital we heard that he ate a few spoonfuls of rice soup and drank some water.

Then it seemed again as if his strength failed him, and he was coughing. He was in great difficulty. We didn't know what was causing this. Then I felt that Heaven worked through Mother. Seeing how Father was in such difficulty, Mother said something into Father's ear. As I understood later, what she said to Father was, "I will bring you back to St. Mary's hospital again." Mother was seeking Father's consent to this idea, and it seemed that Father gave his permission. Mother told them to bring the car; there was no time to prepare an ambulance. The car was brought down. There were two nurses from Cheongshim hospital attending him at his side. They brought two oxygen tanks. One of the nurses only had her indoor slippers on, having had no time to put on her shoes.

We have a big American SUV that Father uses. It has a

7 Cheonwon, or "Heavenly Garden," is the name Father gave in early 2002 to the land encompassing the Cheongpyeong workshop site and all other church related projects on the surrounding hills, which is all land owned by our church foundation.

8 A sport utility vehicle, a small van with a sliding door on the side

9 About 3 kilometers from Cheon Jeong Gung

10 A special section of Cheongshim International Medical Center was kept in readiness in case True Father should ever need treatment.

special step that comes down that allows someone to get in easily. Moreover, if you take an ambulance, you have to lie down and be strapped in. So the doctor said to take the SUV that Father always used, in which Father had a special chair that he could sit on comfortably. Father sat in the car, put on his seat belt and was breathing from the oxygen tanks. The doctor said this would be best. So Father went in the SUV, with two nurses with him.

They sped to St. Mary's hospital. We did not know why, but on the way to the hospital, Father began breathing in quick breaths. When we were still fifteen or twenty minutes from the hospital, Father was hardly able to breathe.

You can imagine how the people in the vehicle felt at this point. The nurses didn't know what to do and could only tremble. The vehicle raced at such a high speed, often going off onto the shoulder to get around traffic, that we thought we might all die. We just raced along at a desperate speed and finally made it to the hospital.

At St. Mary's, Father's attending physical, Dr. Jeon, and all the doctors specializing in respiratory problems who had already gone home, as well as many nurses, came rushing toward Father. Some had not even taken time to dress fully, they came so quickly to give Father emergency treatment in a hospital room for general patients. I don't know exactly what medical equipment they were using during that time.... Emergency care was administered to Father for an hour or so in a very serious manner.

Father was brought to the intensive care unit. It was already after midnight. It took another hour and a half to set up everything for Father. We were then informed that Father was in a deep sleep, that we should not worry so much, and we could go home. We spoke with the doctor for a long time. We spent that night and early morning there. Then back again we went to the intensive care unit.

Dr. Jeon told us that if we had arrived at St. Mary's even thirty minutes later than we did, Father would have died. He asked who had made this correct decision so quickly. We told him that Mother had made the decision after looking carefully observing Father's face. She had been able to gain Father's consent also. He said he was truly impressed at Mother's having made such a wise decision....

Father's situation has been stabilized; he cannot move and is being treated continuously. With his holy body in such a situation, he is being given sedatives so he can continue to sleep soundly. Depending on the amount of the sedative administered, sometimes he has opened his eyes a little or moved his toes a little, while at other times he has not responded at all—even when Mother approached him and said, into his ear, "Father, Father, I've come. I have a letter here from Shin-joon," and read it aloud to him.

About an hour before visiting time began, the amount of sedatives administered was reduced as much as possible to help him become conscious, and Mother and the True Children were led in to visit him. This is what the doctors did.

After that, when Mother held his hand tight or Kook-jin nim held his hand and spoke to him about this or that, beginning with "We love you" and continuing to say other things, at times Father responded a little with his hand. Thus, we continued the process of helping Father in fighting his illness, comforting him and nursing him.

However, from yesterday, the sedatives were virtually stopped. The hospital where Father is is one of the five best hospitals in Korea, isn't it? Seoul St. Mary's Hospital provides

all kinds of services made possible by their state-of-the-art medical skills. Under the circumstances, the hospital, out of consideration, created an opportunity for Father to communicate with Mother and his family. So when Mother, accompanied by me, went in yesterday morning, Father's eyes were open. When Mother talked about Shin-joon nim and Shin-pyeon nim and how they had drawn pictures and written letters for him, he moved his eyes this way and that, and we felt that Father was responding to us. It had been a long time since I had seen this. He did not, however, move his hands, nod his head or give any other indications. While maintaining that state, he closed his eyes.

I am there every day with Mother and other members of the True Family as they are nursing Father during his illness, offering devotions and watching over him, and it hurts my heart to watch them.

Knowing that at various major hospitals in Korea there are renowned experts in diseases of the lung and respiratory system, Dr. Peter Kim and Dr. Bo-hi Pak took it upon themselves to drive to Seoul National University Hospital and seek out a second opinion on Father's condition. There, with the help of a doctor who had treated Dr. Pak some time before, they visited experts. Dr. Kim continues his description of events:

We pushed our way into the office of a Professor Han,¹¹ without making an appointment in advance. He is said to be a distinguished authority in Korea on illnesses related to the lungs and the respiratory system. We found him in his shirtsleeves, and though he is like the godfather of that office, we went in. We asked him to sit down, explained Father's symptoms to him, and asked his advice. In tears, Dr. Pak and I asked for his opinion.

He told us that when a patient is admitted into an Intensive Care Unit (ICU) with respiratory or lung-related illnesses, the doctor who is in charge of the ICU knows best how to deal with the symptoms and give treatment.

He then said that a Prof. Yu was in the room three doors away from his, and he suggested we go see him. So, we barged in on Prof. Yu. He was surprised, and protested, "How can you do this?" We explained to him about Father's condition and his symptoms. At the end of our explanation he said, "You don't need to say anymore." I asked him what he meant, and he said, "I am not a Unification Church member or even a Christian. I see ten, twenty, thirty patients a day with the symptoms you've described, since I am the doctor in charge of the ICU. I am well aware of how renowned Rev. Moon is, but since we are now in a doctor-patient relationship, may I speak frankly about him?"

I immediately responded, "Please speak frankly." Then he looked into our eyes and stated, "He is too far gone. And I believe he has already been headed that way for quite a while. In fact, there is zero possibility of Rev. Moon regaining his lung function and being able to speak again and lead an almost normal life."

My dear members, think about it. When we heard from the lips of the most qualified doctor in Korea that the possibility was zero, Dr. Pak and I wept in front of him. Until then, we had continued to pray, and we had believed there was a remote chance; we had been ready to even grasp at straws. So when we heard what amounted to a sentence of death, we felt as if the skies were falling down upon us.

After sitting there weeping, Dr. Pak and I went down to the lobby and talked for a long time, asking ourselves, "Should we tell this to Mother or not?" Our conclusion was that we must tell her, and that the True Children should also be told about it. Therefore, after discussing the matter fully, we returned to St. Mary's hospital and told Mother and the True Children everything.

When we had finished speaking, Mother went into a small room, locked the door and wept her heart out. For a long time she stayed in that room, weeping, unable to come out. Then she said, "Oh, we must talk to the doctors in charge of Seoul St. Mary's Hospital and see what their opinion is!" So we called for Father's doctor and asked him frankly.

When we had posed the question, Father's doctor also said, "We were reluctant to say it outright in front of the patient's family members, who were clinging to him with religious faith and praying for him. We were waiting for the right time to tell them the same thing."

Prof. Kim, the doctor in charge of the ICU also said the same thing. Though we were dismayed and sorrowful, we then felt that we could not just sit there and do nothing. Mother and the True Children, feeling the urgency of the moment, had asked for Rev. Yeong-hwi Kim, Dr. Bo-hi Pak, Rev. Jae-seok Lee, and Joon-ho Seuk, the Korean church president, to come. Hoon-mo nim was also there, because she had been the one who brought Mother to the hospital. So they and Kook-jin nim, Hyung-jin nim and I sat down together and held an emergency meeting.¹² (I call it that for want of a better word.)

We said many things in that meeting. Mother asked each of us, "So, Yeong-hwi, what do you think?" "Rev. Jae-seok Lee, what's your opinion?" After we had fully exchanged our opinions, she said, and it pains me to repeat it, "Now all we can do is pray for a miracle, but miracles are wrought by Heaven and we are not the ones who can decide. We should continue to offer devotions to the end, however, and the most important thing right now is to protect Father's holy body."

As we later observed, further complications began to appear from the very next day. Father's liver was failing rapidly, and his liver function deteriorated to the point where it could barely function at all. He still needed machines on both sides of him to pump oxygen into his blood at the maximum rate. He was suffering. We learned that the next stage of complications would be that his heart would be affected, and the moment this happened would be determined by how long his liver could continue to work. When his heart became affected, every organ in his body would fail.

Knowing this, Mother had said, "We must protect Father's holy body." She did not want them piercing him here and there, going into his arteries and veins, and the hospital had suggested certain procedures that would have required this. Mother became worried that Father might be placed in the same circumstances as Jesus when Jesus was crucified.

Since it was their medical opinion that recovery was impossible, why should they try to do things that were impossible? Therefore, we should protect his holy body. Such was the gist of what she said, and we need to understand Mother's heart and intention.

Mother also spoke based on the Confucian traditions. She said, "Father came as the Second Coming of the Messiah." (She had said something similar to Father's doctor, Dr. Jeon,

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¹¹ He's a professor who teaches medicine as well as a doctor who maintains a medical practice.

¹² This meeting was held on August 28

Farewell to a Great Unifier

By Michael Balcomb

Written for a more general readership, this reflection on the Seonghwa Ceremony describes both its majesty and its poignancy.

Rev. Sun Myung Moon, the international religious leader and founder of the Unification Church and the Universal Peace Federation was laid to rest yesterday in a series of moving ceremonies held in the mountainous countryside just outside Seoul that Father Moon loved so much in life.

After a selection of messages of support and condolence received from Korean and world leaders were shown to the mourners on the giant video screens, live coverage began. Father Moon's body, which had been lying in state for nine days in a specially prepared room at the nearby Cheon Jeong Gung peace palace, was reverently carried out to a waiting vehicle. Slowly, the flower-bedecked procession wound its way slowly down the mountainside, through wisps of fog and cloud, to the stadium where the tens of thousands of mourners—women dressed in white and cream and men with dark suits and white ties—were waiting in somber silence.

The casket was met at the entrance by an honor guard of pallbearers, and then began the dignified processional entry through the center of the arena and up to the main stage, transformed into a garden of roses, lilies and chrysanthemums. Three of Rev. Moon's sons, Hyung-jin nim, Kook-jin nim, Kwon-jin nim and one grandson, Shin-joon nim (one of Hyung-jin nim's children) led the procession, followed by Mother Moon, supported by her daughters, Yeon-jin nim and Jeung-jin nim, immediately behind the casket. Grave but composed, she took her seat next to her husband for the last time.

A representative prayer was offered by Dr. Bo-hi Pak, an early disciple, and one of the first missionaries to the United States. A wave of muted sobs quietly filled the arena as Pak emotionally and poetically recalled the fruits of Rev. Moon's life of love and devotion for Heaven. The Seonghwa Address was delivered by Rev. Hyung-jin Moon, the Moons' youngest son and the international president of the Unification Church. Frequently pausing to wipe away tears, he called on all present to join together to realize his father's vision of a kingdom of peace. "It is only today that we realize the meaning of his words," he said. "As he asked us to do, let us offer everything for the ideal world of freedom that God and True Parents envisioned for the earth."

Three speakers offered eulogies reflecting the scope of Father Moon's

life. The first was Dong-suk Kang, chairman of Expo 2012 in Yeosu, the coastal town where Dr. Moon had spent a great deal of time and effort in his final years. Kang noted his contribution to Yeosu and his lifelong commitment to the ocean. "He was proud to be a Korean," Kang said, "and invested so much to raise the profile of Korea in the world."

The next speaker was Lord Tarsem King, the first Sikh member of the British House of Lords and patron of UPF in the UK. King, who had welcomed the Moons to Britain and to the Parliament buildings just last year, offered condolences and encouragement. "On the one hand, this is a day of sadness, as we reflect on the loss of a man we all came to know and love," King said. "But we should also be proud of his life, passion and conviction. He was always ready to risk his life for the sake of God's will.... I can think of no one who has devoted himself more thoroughly to the promotion of interfaith understanding and cooperation," King said. "Long before interfaith had become a mainstream idea, Father Moon had been its champion. He has even called upon the United Nations to take interfaith more seriously and to establish an interfaith council within the United Nations system."

The final eulogist was Alfred Moisiu, who as president of Albania had welcomed Dr. and Mrs. Moon to his country during the 2005 UPF peace tour. "During our conversation I was moved by his great vision and hope for my country," Moisiu said. "I felt he came to give selflessly for the sake of the Albanian people and that his visit was truly an unforgettable

moment in our history. The vision he outlined has been consistently implemented and now has wide support across Albanian society and has made a real difference."

Moisiu and King were among three hundred foreign dignitaries from eighty nations who joined UPF and tens of thousands of Father Moon's religious followers in paying their final respects.

Media coverage was extensive, with frequent reports on BBC Asia, Al-Jazeera, Reuters, AFP and others. A number of the UPF delegates were asked for comments. "We are very grateful for his work," said General Malimba Masheke, a former Zambian prime minister, interviewed on Korean television. "He managed to bring people together from so many nations, beyond the barriers of nationality and religion that so often



The writer, pictured here during the prayer, was assisting the UPF ambassadors for peace in Korea.



Behind the Scenes: Notwithstanding the deeply spiritual nature of the events surrounding True Father's passing, organizing the practical aspects of the Seonghwa Ceremony was a huge operation. The reception of VIPs, receiving the multitudes, ordering flowers, filming and photography, providing meals and accommodations, transportation, translating pages of text, dealing with a thousand individual situations, were executed from one main office in a warehouse-like room in the basement of the Peace World Center. Relocated church offices set up clusters of desks and adjusted the focus of their work to a unique calling for a two-week period. A force of thousands of volunteers overnighted in the Cheongpyeong training center or traveled in from Seoul to help with ushering and a thousand other tasks. Theirs was a solemn purpose but the mood was far from dispirited.

and so unnecessarily divide us." Jose de Venecia, the five-time speaker of the Philippine Congress, commented that Father Moon's vision of an interfaith council at the United Nations was needed more than ever, given the conflicts and violence raging in the Middle East. "Although this is the end of his earthly life, it is not by any means the end of his impact and legacy on this world," said UPF President Dr. Thomas Walsh, interviewed by Al-Jazeera. "I am convinced that today is in fact the beginning of a new chapter in his work that will definitely bring our world to peace."

After the main ceremony concluded, Father Moon began his final journey. Leaving the Peace World Center, the funeral

procession wound its way back up the narrow mountain roads lined with flag-waving supporters, arriving at last at the tranquil and private burial site on the grounds of the Cheon Jeong Gung peace palace. There, close family and friends gathered tightly around the grave site, to hear some final words, taken from the teachings of Rev. Moon, about the spirit world and the our eternal home with God. Finally each one offered flowers and sprinkled soil onto the casket as it was gently lowered into the waiting earth. **TW**

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even though he is not a member of our church.) She said, "Father came as the Second Coming of the Messiah because Jesus was unable to fulfill his responsibility, and we cannot defile the holy body of the returned Messiah if there is no possibility of his recovery, just because the hospital wants to do it as part of their procedure. And if Father were to pass away in any hospital or medical center away from Cheon Jeong Gung, which is his eternal holy ground and home, or the Cheongpyeong holy ground complex, by Confucian tradition it would be said that he had passed away in a strange place, away from home. I cannot accept this."

I hope you realize how sorrowful and anguished her heart was as she said this. She then asked us to come up with a plan for what we should do. Everyone answered that we understood her intention and that we should take Father to Cheongshim International Medical Center, where the entire eighth floor could be prepared for his arrival. Thus, we were determined to take him away from the ICU, which was full of patients dying and screaming and yelling, not to mention germs flying everywhere. We were determined to take him to Cheongshim hospital but to continue to treat him with the best equipment and medical skills, which could be provided

by the ICU of Seoul St. Mary's Hospital, the best hospital in Korea. We agreed to this unanimously.¹³

Kook-jin nim and Hyung-jin nim also suggested to Mother, Mother! Father is not just your husband and our father. He is the cosmic, the first, and possibly the last public figure in all of the spirit world and the earthly world. Therefore, we should at the least disclose the process of Father's illness, and what condition he is in now, to the blessed families and other members of the Unification Church, who have held true to their belief in True Father. Only then can they hang on to Heaven and pray for a miracle all together. Isn't that the case?

Consequently, Mother said yes, and everyone else at that emergency meeting agreed that it was a good idea. After all, the policy that Kook-jin nim usually follows when running the foundation is transparency.

That is why we cannot hide True Father's condition. He has come in the public position of the returning Lord. We must inform our members honestly of the present situation, so that they can be aware. This was why you received international vice-president Dr. Seuk's letter yesterday. **TW**

¹³ All specialized medical equipment was transferred from St. Mary's to Cheongshim International Medical Center. Both Father's main doctor at St. Mary's and that hospital's ICU respiratory specialist accompanied Father in the ambulance and agreed to see him subsequently.







Photo courtesy of Ken Owens

Let Us Inherit the Realm of True Parents' Victory and Begin a Future Filled with Hope

September 17, 2012, Cheongshim Peace World Center

Before my speech, I would first like to say a word in greeting. My beloved members! Blessed families from all parts of the world! And distinguished leaders!

I am truly grateful to all of you for returning love and devotion to True Father. I love you all. [Applause]

And I would also like to express my gratitude to the members of the Executive Committee and the Organizing Committee, as well as our church members who have all worked hard for the Seonghwa Ceremony.

At this time, I would like to call forward the following four people: Chiefs Bu-tae Kim, Sang-su Lee, Jong-ho Lee and Tae-san Kim. Please stand in front. Please greet True Parents with a bow and then face the audience.

[After they bow] Turn around. [Applause]

These men attended True Father night and day during his lifetime. We have successfully concluded True Father's Wonjeon Ceremony. Henceforth they will continue to attend him as his Special Internal Security Guard, twenty-four hours a day, regardless of rain, snow, or seasonal change, embodying the devotion and love you have given. Please congratulate them. [Applause]

Bow once before returning to your seats. [They bow to the members] [Applause]

Before we begin... A little while ago, I received a sudden and unexpected shock. I am being well taken care of, so don't worry about me. This being the case, Rev. Hyo-yul Kim will give the speech instead of me. [Applause]



The World Unification Church Leaders Special Meeting for Victory on Foundation Day took place on September 17, two days after Father's Seonghwa Ceremony.

Distinguished guests from home and abroad, and blessed families around the world! Today, we come to an exceedingly important turning point in God's governance of His providence. It is unprecedented, historic and revolutionary.

My husband, the Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, the returning Lord, Messiah, Savior and True Parent who came as the root of the lineage of original goodness, has departed for the spirit world. Consequently, we now stand at a providential starting point from which we must inherit True Parents' realm of victory and build the ideal kingdom of peace, one family under God.

True Father's ascension brings me, after being with him my whole life, unfathomable pain and sorrow. It is the same for all of you. Moreover, we cannot begin to fathom the sorrowful heart of God, who is the original substance of eternal love and the True Parent of humankind.

From another perspective, this is also a time of hope. True Father worked in accordance with the heavenly laws—which

God established at the time of the creation of heaven and earth—to conclude, complete and perfect all the providential tasks on earth that no one in history had been able to fulfill. He is now making his transition to the spirit world to exercise dominion over both the spiritual and physical worlds and to initiate a new dimension of God's providence. No spoken or written language known to human beings can possibly express the flood of emotions we experience as we stand at this juncture in the providence.

The advent of the True Parents

As you are well aware, I was led by Heaven to meet True Father in the pure and pristine years of my adolescence. By the providence Heaven had prepared, I received the grace of the True Parents' Holy Wedding, which is of historic significance throughout heaven and earth, in the flower of my youth at the age of seventeen. I became True Father's companion on the providential path, attended him throughout my life, and worked with him as we followed the way of the providence, which is governed by heavenly law. Although I was young



Rev. Yeong-seob Song (left) offers the opening prayer and Dr. Peter Kim reads True Mother's speech on her behalf at the global Unification Church leaders event that all members were warmly encouraged to attend.



True Mother stands in response to continuous applause from a packed stadium of members who had come to show their love and listen to her milestone speech.

tained dominion for six-thousand years, feared most the emergence of the True Parents, who would become the progenitors of goodness. You can imagine how Satan would fiercely oppose this and frantically employ all manner of brutality in an effort to prevent it. True Father passed through a providential course of immeasurable indemnity prior to establishing his position as a True Parent through our Holy Wedding in 1960. Humankind can receive the True Parents only once. The True Parents that emerged are the True Parents for all eternity.

True Father began his providential public life course at the conclusion of the Second World War in 1945. Heaven had prepared Christianity, especially Korean Christian spiritualist movements, on a foundation of two thousand years of conditions that Christians had established. It was to have fulfilled the mission of the providential bride by attending

when I set out on this path of the providence, I invested my entire being in fulfilling two primary missions. The first was to bring an end, within my lifetime, to God's providence of restoration through indemnity, which was rife with bitter sorrow. The second was to complete the realization of the ideal world of God's will while attending Father during his lifetime.

God's providential history of salvation has been progressing continuously since the Fall of Adam and Eve, the first human ancestors. No one, however, could complete the providential course of restoration through indemnity, and we could only wait for the True Parents to come.

True Parents' course began under desperate circumstances in God's providence at a time when Satan exercised sovereignty over the spiritual and physical worlds and reigned with full authority. Satan, the progenitor of evil, who had main-

and upholding the returning Messiah, who was sent by Heaven to open the providence of attending the bride in substance. Christianity failed to complete this providential responsibility, however. As a result, Father lost the entire providential foundation—both the spiritual foundation, the two-thousand-year history of Christianity; and the substantial foundation, the victory of the Allied Nations in World War II. In these providential circumstances, fraught with immense difficulties and challenges, True Father had to act alone to once again carry out the providential course of restoration through indemnity starting from the bottom of hell in Hungnam Special Labor Camp. He endured and finally overcame Satan's vicious attacks, establishing a foundation of victory by having separated from Satan. On that basis, True Father established the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity as the provi-





Family members were present to support True Mother at her first public speech since True Father's ascension.



dential bride, replacing Christianity, and on that foundation, he received me as the substantial bride and held the historic Holy Wedding. As a result, in 1960, True Parents' course could finally commence.

True Parents' providential course

Distinguished guests, beloved blessed families, how can we describe God, the Heavenly Father, as revealed by True Father? God is not the Creator sitting on His throne of glory and honor; rather He is a True Parent of true love and heart who has traversed millions of miles in search of His children who have fallen into a state of death due to sin.

In his speech, "The Settlement of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind and the Proclamation of the Word by God's Substantial Self," which he so treasured during his time on earth, True Father explained God's existence as follows:

Ladies and gentlemen, do you have any idea how much pain God suffered the moment our first ancestors, into whom God had invested His complete and unreserved devotion since time immemorial, fell and disappeared into darkness, becoming part of Satan's lineage? Are you even remotely aware that our Heavenly Father—who endured tens of thousands of years of excruciating heartache so great that His bones shed tears and His flesh quivered—had to go through the long, dark tunnel of indemnifying the Fall in order to save His lost children? How many of you have spent days and nights in tears, yearning to comfort our Father in Heaven?

This is how God is. True Father became the person that experienced God's suffering with his entire being. With blood, sweat and tears, he triumphed in True Parents' forty-year course, and finally in 2001 he offered to Heaven the Coronation [Enthronement] Ceremony for the Kingship of God.

Distinguished guests from home and abroad, True Parents' forty-year providential course until the offering of the Coronation of God's Kingship was a path crossing peaks of misery unimagined by anyone. In a continuous life-or-death struggle against the satanic forces of the evil sovereignty, we were knocked down repeatedly, but got up each time to continue the struggle. It was a course requiring life-or-death resolve and the investment of our entire beings. We could not let our guard

down for a single moment. No words are adequate to describe how True Father voluntarily chose to go to the bottom of hell, suffer hardship in prison at Danbury and follow a blood-ridden course of indemnity, in order to bring the wilderness era to a close, concluding the six-thousand-year history of the providence for the salvation of humankind.

Despite being the long-awaited savior of humankind, he led a life of constant indemnity, enduring imprisonment under Japanese oppressive powers, North Korean communist authorities, and the South Korean Liberal Party administration. What he said to me as he headed for prison once more in the United States is still vivid in my memory. "Don't worry," he said, "a new world of hope will be waiting on the other side of prison!" As someone who directly witnessed True Father's noble life up close and walked alongside him, however, these incidents brought me overwhelming sorrow. My whole world seemed to collapse around me when I thought of True Father's dire circumstances, imprisoned in Satan's den, and having his life targeted by communists. I fervently beseeched Heaven to protect his safety and health. Only Heaven will remember these circumstances in the providence of restoration through indemnity.

The wilderness era finally ended in August 1985 on the foundation of victory established through the sacrifice of Heung-jin, our second son, representing the True Children, and through True Father's suffering in Danbury prison. With the Day of Total Victory as a turning point, a new providence began. True Father later met Mikhail Gorbachev and Kim Il Sung, communist leaders who were central figures in Satan's realm, and brought them to submission with Heaven's love. On that foundation, True Father established the Women's Federation for World Peace in the position of the providential bride and placed me in the position of the first and only substantial bride in human history to attend the returning Messiah. I began to proclaim to all of heaven and earth the second advent of the Lord, the Messiah, the Savior and the True Parents. Based on this, I undertook the providence of mother-son cooperation for seven years while attending True Father, the center of the providence, and offered the successful conclusion to Heaven. Thus the era of Cheon Il Guk, the nation of cosmic peace and unity, began.

On May 1, 1999, during the Day of All True Things, True Father bestowed a great blessing on me. As he presented me with an award to congratulate me for being victorious in the

era of mother-son cooperation, which will never be repeated in history, he firmly embraced me and whispered in my ear, "Mother, thank you for your hard work. You have scaled the summit of a great providential mountain." At that moment, I was overwhelmed with emotion and began to weep. Memories of critical moments, such as having to embrace Cain and Abel while breaking through the opposition of leftist students on Korean university campuses, and of enduring all manner of dangers and concerns during hundreds of speaking engagements in 185 nations over seven years, flashed through my mind like a kaleidoscope as I received True Father's consolation and blessing.

Opening the gates to the Cheon Il Guk era

Respected peace-loving leaders and my proud family members, looking back, it has truly been an arduous course of restoration through indemnity. True Parents, however, brought a clean end to all of this. They have been victorious and have opened the gates to the era of Cheon Il Guk, in which the era of God's kingship, the era of God's direct dominion, takes root. True Parents upgraded "My Pledge" to the "Family Pledge," and brought us from the era of praying in True Parents' names to that of directly reporting to God in the name of our blessed central family. They opened the Cheon Il Guk era, a new era of the providence amid changes that previously could not have even been imagined.

With True Parents at its center, the system of the absolutely good sovereignty under God's kingship has been expanded vertically and horizontally with the substantiation of the culture of heart. Through the Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony Opening the Gates of Cheon Il Guk and the Coronation of the

King of the Blessed Families on the occasion of my sixtieth birthday in 2003, the heavenly sovereignty put down vertical roots. It has since been firmly established throughout the world through the coronation of the king of peace for 120 clans and 120 nations. With the inauguration of the Abel UN through the Universal Peace Federation, the Cheon Jeong Gung Entrance Ceremony and the Coronation of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind were offered to Heaven. For the first time, the foundation for the substantiation of the ideal envisaged at the time of the Creation was firmly established. With the victory of True Parents' fifty-year course, a providential jubilee year was ushered in, and we proclaimed the era of the heavenly calendar, marking 2010 as the first year of Cheon-gi.

True Parents' realm of victory

Over the past three years, True Father did not for a single moment let go of the script of his speech, "The Settlement of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind and the Proclamation of the Word by God's Substantial Self." He treasured this text and would explain it during hoondokhae whenever the chance arose. The following is an excerpt found under the subheading "My final words for humankind":

These are textbooks you will have to read and study even after you go to the spirit world. They are not just teachings that come from the mind of one person; they are textbooks and teaching materials that teach the heavenly way that God has granted to His suffering children for their salvation. Ladies and gentlemen, I have already mentioned that a life of vertical "noon-time" alignment casts no shadow. If we can all shine as we live such glowing lives, there will be no



True Mother called out (left to right) Tae-san Kim, Jong-ho Lee, Sang-su Lee, and Bu-tae Kim, who are among the many unsung members who attended True Father in a variety of capacities day and night over many years. She praised their devoted service.

chance for the shadow of sin to be cast. Those who receive the light will be indebted to the light. I pray that we can now wipe away the tears of people in misery and poverty, and lead an illuminated life of eternal true love that dissipates all darkness.

The True Parents have achieved ultimate unity and offered and proclaimed the era of God's full transcendence, full immanence, full authority and omnipotence upon the standard of conclusion, completion and perfection.

Who is True Father?

Respected leaders of peace and beloved blessed families, as a new providential turning point and new age dawns, my greatest hope is that True Father's providential stature will solidify. Throughout his life, True Father held dear to each second and minute as he invested his entire being completely for the sake of God's will. He relentlessly traveled to every part of the globe, and even to the spirit world. I hope the cosmic and providential achievements he accumulated in victories won with his own blood, sweat and tears can become an eternal standard and example for all humankind.

First, True Father is humankind's ancestor of original goodness—the True Parent. Adam and Eve, the first ancestors of humankind, fell and became our evil ancestors. As Jesus testified, they are the false ancestors. With Adam and Eve's Fall, God lost the originally created human beings. In other words, He lost His external form.

God carried out the providence of restoration and sent True Father as the final, returning Messiah. Through exercising his own portion of responsibility, True Father elucidated the truth, God's word, and completed the providence of restoration through indemnity. Through the Blessing Ceremony and Seonghwa Ceremony, he opened a path to rebirth, resurrection and eternal life in the physical and spiritual worlds along which fallen humankind must walk. Consequently, the original true love, true life and true lineage, as they were at the time of the Creation, can only be inherited from the True Parents,

the ancestors of goodness; and the gateway for doing this is blessed marriage.

Second, True Father is the owner of the eternal truth, in other words, the word. God formed the whole of creation through the word. The word is the truth and the substance. God's love and heart are manifested in form through the word. Adam and Eve, humankind's false ancestors, defied God's word and committed the Fall. They were unable to substantiate the word. Consequently, the Messiah had to search for the word, the truth from Heaven, as part of his mission's providence for the start.

In response to such demands of the providence, True Father elucidated the word through setting many intense conditions, gaining victory in separating from Satan, and through receiving God's affirmation. Throughout his life, True Father led and directed the providence with the word. Through the word, he suffused the world with vitality and life. He nurtured with love while completing the providence of re-creation. As a result, during the Jubilee years in True Parents' course, he completed the eight great textbooks and teaching materials and established the tradition of hoondokhae. This, in turn, allowed the pathway to the firm establishment of Cheon Il Guk to open up through the word and through love within our worldwide families.

The authority of the teachings contained in the eight great textbooks and teaching materials is solely True Parents' authority, and this must be preserved as the eternal tradition, without any change, for all future generations.

Third, True Father is the one who completed God's providence of salvation. As stated in *Exposition of the Divine Principle*, our history is the providence of salvation and also the providence of restoration. Due to the Fall of the first ancestors, Adam and Eve, a world emerged under an evil sovereignty with the false ancestors as the center. Humankind's misfortunes, anguish, sin, alienation and war caused by all manner of conflict and hostility all arose from the Fall of those first ancestors. God began the dispensation to restore the world from one



Hyung-jin nim gave a description of True Mother's life and course in the introduction that he is pictured here delivering to an audience of members who had filled the stadium on a Monday morning.



True Mother shows the audience a cloth embossed with True Parents' seal, 1,200 of which Father had ordered made for Foundation Day. True Mother plans to award these to those who achieve all that has been asked as Foundation Day preparations.

of sin and evil into the ideal world envisioned at the time of the Creation—in other words, a world of peace overflowing with happiness, self-sacrifice, service to others and love. This dispensation has continued without ceasing even for a moment, throughout the course of history.

However, the providence of salvation, which continued amid the recurring need for indemnity and restoration, was prolonged repeatedly because of the failure of central figures and groups to complete their portions of responsibility. Two thousand years ago, God's only begotten son, Jesus, came as the Messiah. He was crucified and ascended because of the people's faithlessness. He subsequently promised to return.

Two thousand years later, as was intended and promised, True Father came as the returning Messiah and achieved victory in the providential course, paying all historical indemnity during his lifetime. It is no exaggeration to summarize the course of True Parents' lives as that of being in a state of constant tension and suffering. It has been a battle through life-or-death confrontations with Satan in the providence of restoration through indemnity.

Thus, True Father concluded, completed and perfected the providence through a forty-year course as the Messiah, a forty-year course as the True Parent, and a ten-year course as the Peace King, the King of Kings.

Fourth, True Father is the Peace King, the King of Kings. God's will is that a peaceful, ideal world—a world where all people live as one great family under God—be completed. This refers, on an individual level, to personal perfection through mind-body unity, and the perfection of the family through the oneness of husband and wife, parents, siblings, and children. Expanding this concept, we are meant to create a world overflowing with love and peace, where our societies, our nations and the world come together as one.

Since the Fall, conflict between good and evil has been unending, repeating itself from the level of the individual to the entirety of creation. In the end, the divisions between races, nations and religions have brought unfathomable suffering to humankind.

True Parents set as their lives' providential goals the liberation of God, the salvation of humankind and the realization of a peaceful, ideal world, and they have completely invested their lives for the sake of those achievements. With religious activities aimed centrally at a revival of spirituality, True Father initiated a peace movement for all humankind spanning the fields of politics, economics, society, culture, the arts, education, the media and sports. He indicated that a true family is the smallest unit of the kingdom of heaven, and he opened the gates to the true family blessing and blessed marriage between enemies. He made the ideal of one great human family a reality through the cross-cultural and international blessed marriages, which resolve all conflicts. As a result, a coronation ceremony was held in which 120 clans and 120 nations crowned True Father as the King of Peace, and the King of Kings. Humanity's dream is now becoming a reality.

Fifth, as the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, True Parents perfected God's stature, and for the first time on earth achieved the perfection that was envisioned at the time of the Creation. True Father had begun the providence of restoration through



Joining True Mother for the concluding cheer are Sun-jin nim, Kook-jin nim, Ye-jin nim, Hyung-jin nim and Kwon-jin nim.

indemnity from the position of a servant of servants. Following each victory, Satan's sovereignty was gradually eroded, while God's stature was increasingly elevated toward its level at the time of the Creation.

Two thousand years ago, Jesus revealed that God was our father. You are aware that because of this Jesus was accused of blaspheming God, and he suffered the ordeal of the cross. True Parents, however, substantially fulfilled restoration through indemnity on earth, and restored honor and glory to God as the original Creator—in other words, as the True Parent who governs heaven, earth and humankind.

In this way, True Parents' providential stature evolved according to the standard of the providence, and on that foundation God's liberation and complete freedom were achieved. From the Messiah and up through the levels of True Parents, the Parents of Heaven and Earth, the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, the King of the Blessed Families, the King of Peace, and the King of Kings, True Father proclaimed, in 2010, the settlement of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. That is, God is the incorporeal True Parent of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, whereas True Parents are established as the corporeal True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind to complete and manifest God's true and essential nature in substance.

Beloved members, the suffering that True Father and I experienced in the providential course of restoration through indemnity, a course with which not even Heaven could interfere, is beyond imagination. We even had to offer four children of the True Family as sacrificial offerings for the providence. Who indeed would dare say that they can comprehend this

painful course of restoration through indemnity? I have dedicated my life, sharing the joys and pains of life with True Father as his companion, overcoming innumerable trials and difficulties. On that victorious foundation, we, the True Parents, gained, in a providential dimension, the right of equality, the right to live together and the right of holding the same position bestowed on us by Heaven.

Our future path

Respected guests from home and abroad and beloved blessed families throughout the world, according to heavenly law, True Father will now make the spirit world his base and carry out the providence to expand Cheon Il Guk while freely traveling between the spiritual and physical worlds. True Father will come down to the physical world as the substantial being of the God of Night and shall preside over the providence in a state of oneness of heart, body, harmony and mind with True Mother, who shall continue to preside over the providence on earth as the substantial being of the God of Day. Through the victory of Foundation Day, Father will be with you in building the original Garden of Eden on earth. There is no stopping Heaven's providence.

At this new transition point in this historic providence, I want to make clear that I shall inherit True Father's victorious foundation and stand in the forefront to lead the providence on earth. In so doing, I would like to convey the following to everyone:

First, we must absolutely value the tradition established by True Parents as much as we value our own lives, and pass this down to our descendants, the future generations. True Par-

ents established the tradition of love and heart, the word and principles, the rules and regulations of our tradition, and the tradition of the culture of heart. The hoondokhae tradition of reading the word, which is the crystallization of True Parents' course in the providence of restoration through indemnity, should become the central practice in each family as well as in the churches and any gathering centered on Heaven.

At the same time, we must go forward in building a new order on earth. Please never forget True Parents' tradition that the order and tradition of our organization creates a well-ordered unity centered on the True Family and Abel, with True Parents at the center. Second, we must realize the ideal of the blessed family with which Heaven has blessed us. The family is the cradle of true love, true life and true lineage and the basis upon which the purpose God envisaged at the time of the Creation is realized. Based on the eight verses of the Family Pledge, you should uphold, through absolute faith, the tradition of maintaining the good lineage.

Our vision for peace evokes pure love, happy families and a peaceful world. Children should be raised and nurtured with love and with the word within a tradition of conjugal oneness—through parents who attend Heaven with absolute love. Through hoondokhae, you should foster the firm establishment of the Cheon Il Guk order in your families and fulfill the ideal blessing, in which the tradition of heart can take root both vertically and horizontally under the standard of “noon-time” settlement.

Third, you have all received the benefit of being tribal messiahs. Thus, you must work to fulfill that mission and responsibility until the time that Cheon Il Guk is completed on earth. Tribal messiahship is the greatest of all blessings given to you by True Parents, because fallen people could not be appointed tribal messiahs were it not for the foundation of victory in the providence of restoration through indemnity. That is why True Parents have consistently emphasized the tribal messiah mission during their lifelong governance of the providence.

The physical and spiritual completion of Cheon Il Guk on earth becomes possible when tribal messiahs fulfill their missions, passing on to each clan the word, participation in the Blessing Ceremony and a lifestyle of living for the sake of others. Your clans would thereby establish the sovereignty of goodness and realize a world of peace, one great human family. When a victorious foundation is established in each clan,

the Abel UN will automatically be safely established on that foundation and the sovereignty of goodness will be completed.

Fourth, all of us must create a community based on the culture of heart characterized by harmony and unity, with True Parents and their True Family at the center. Each of you, without exception, found the path of God's will because you were chosen by Heaven, based on the merits of your ancestors and because of your own character. You faced immeasurable persecution in order to follow True Parents until entering this realm of victory today. That makes us all a part of a single family, a community of heart centered on one Parent.¹ Division and conflict continue to afflict the world but the Unification Family can become brothers and sisters who can easily transcend race, national borders and any other barrier. If you can show an exemplary life of giving to others and living for others' sake, this dream will surely come true. Especially as we are in this time of great transition in the providence, I ask that you bear this in mind and engrave in your hearts that we must become one with True Parents.

Respected peace-loving leaders and beloved members of the Unification Family, True Father, in the spirit world, is always with us. He exists without corporeal form, but he will never leave our sides even for a moment. What do you think he desires from us at this time? It is to march forward without pausing. God's providence must continue until all people are centered on True Parents and a culture of heart overflowing with love and peace takes root, thereby establishing a new order. Moreover, based on the victory of Foundation Day, we should further advance, instill such great hope in the world that it continues far into the future and offer great glory to Heaven and to True Parents.

Beloved members, I shall be faithful to True Father's life and tradition. He set the example for us and led by example his entire life, doing his absolute best to achieve victory in the providence. The requests I have conveyed to you today are True Father's last words as he was departing for the spirit world. I sincerely pray that you will engrave them deeply in your hearts and that you will all become victorious.

I pray that God's blessings and love will be forever with you, your families and your nations.

Thank you very much.

¹ The Korean indicates that this might refer to God, or to one set of True Parents.

After Dr. Kim finished reading her speech, Mother concluded with the following words:

Beloved members! How can a world centered on God, one world under God, be established? It is through the perfection of our ideal blessed families centered on true love. [Applause]

True Father deeply loves you. A few days before he left us, he bestowed a great blessing on you with the heart of preparing for Foundation Day. [Applause]

I don't know if you saw this when you paid your respects to Father on the third floor of Cheon Jeong Gung. Together with the picture of True Parents placed on the side, Father instructed us to prepare four cushions of the same size, about this big [mother shows the audience]. He said that we should also prepare a piece of cloth that can amply envelop the four cushions piled on top of one another.

Father then asked that True Parents' seal, which he had intended to use on Foundation Day, be brought to him, and he instructed that we should place the seal on the cloth in each of the four directions, east, west, north and south. [Mother shows the cloth embroidered with True Parents' seal.] I don't know if you can see this clearly, but this is it. [Applause]

True Parents' seal is a stamp with both Father's name and my name on it. [Applause] At first, Father said that we should stamp it on four different types of cloth, three hundred of each, making a total of 1,200. He then said that we will use those on Foundation Day.

Therefore, as you may realize from what you heard today in the speech, we cannot stop. The only thing we can do is to march forward, and realize the settlement of Cheon Il Guk on earth. That is why, as I said to you earlier, the perfection of blessed families and ideal families depends on whether you fulfill your responsibility or not. This blessing will be bestowed precisely on those families that fulfill their responsibilities.

Once again, I ask all of you blessed families in the world to participate in this blessing. **TW**



Chuseok Ceremony



Above: True Mother prepares to place a cup in front of True Father's grave at the Chuseok celebration, at which, traditionally, a family honors its ancestors at their tomb. This year, an official celebration took place at True Father's burial site at Cheon Jeong Gung on September 30; Below left: Hyung-jin nim, who came to attend the ceremony in the midst of a speaking tour in the United States, reads a speech of Father's; Below right: Hyung-jin nim's son and True Parents' grandson Shin-joon nim places a cup, attended by Man-woong Cho, Blessed Family Department director.





Above: True Mother hosts hoondokhae on Chuseok morning, September 30; Below: Blessed Family Department Director Cho guides the True Grandchildren who are paying their respects at True Father's grave; a small number of invited guests attended the event.



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Members Remember Father in Their Nations

Hundreds of altars in national headquarters and other regional churches (285 in our churches in Japan alone) drew members, ambassadors for peace and associates who came to honor True Father, his life and legacy. In this section, a selection of the beautiful altars, and the beautiful brothers and sisters who attended them, are depicted. Some are for larger Unificationist communities of thousands, while others have been lovingly erected where there are just a few families. These altars were linked together as a global expression of love for True Father, and support for True Mother and the True Family.

Albania



Guyana



Australia



Cote D'Ivoire



Bolivia



Colombia



Haiti



Azerbaijan



Belarus



Taiwan



Ukraine



Nepal



Philippines



Ecuador



Thailand



Argentina



Venezuela



Armenia



Vietnam



Brazil



Uruguay



Costa Rica



El Salvador



Russia



Japan



Ireland



India



Malaysia



Vanuatu



Mexico



Latvia



Portugal



Cambodia



New Zealand



Peru



Mongolia



Lithuania



