

## True Parents Begin Their Second World Tour - February 2 to May 2, 1969

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True Parents began the Second World Tour on February 2, 1969. It would take them to 21 nations over a three-month period until May 2. The First World Tour in 1965 had the purpose of blessing Holy Grounds worldwide. The Second World Tour had as its major purpose giving the Holy Marriage Blessing to overseas members. This included 13 American couples, 8 couples in Germany and 22 couples in Japan, 43 couples in all. Their Blessing was connected with the 430 Couple Blessing in Korea the previous year.

In addition to the Blessing, American Unificationists learned of "Victory over Communism" and CARP activities in Korea and Japan as well as economic enterprises. This had the effect of broadening the scope of activity in the United States. The tour also broadened the mindset of Unificationists in Korea.

True Mother was pregnant during the tour and gave birth to Hyun Jin Moon on May 10, 1969, eight days after returning.

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### 13 Couples Blessed in America in Washington, D.C. February 28, 1969:

1. Edwin and Marie Ang
2. Philip and Vivian Burley
3. George and Diane Fernsler
4. George and Sylvia Norton
5. Robert and Vivian Oswald
6. Vernon and Maxine Pearson
7. Carl and Linna Rapkins
8. Ken and Orah Pope
9. Galen and Patty Pumphrey
10. Wesley and Gladys Samuels
11. John and Marie Schmidli
12. Jon and Sandra Schuhart
13. Fred and Jacque Stock

### 8 Couples Blessed in Europe in Essen, Germany, March 28, 1969:

1. Peter and Gertrude Koch
2. Hermann and Romana Kunkle
3. Dennis and Doris Orme
4. Martin and Marion Porter
5. Johann and Elke VanderStock
6. Teddy and Pauline Verheyen
7. Reiner and Barbara Vincenz
8. Paul and Christel Werner