

## 1,200 Korean Blessed Wives Depart for Three-Year Pioneer Witnessing Condition

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It had been a tradition of the Korean church for Unificationists to take part in summer and winter 40-day evangelical campaigns, later termed "pioneer witnessing" in Japan. However, on December 1, 1970, one hundred and twenty teams consisting of 1,200 women who had received the Marriage Blessing of the Unification Church went to 120 locations throughout the Korean Peninsula for three years. This necessitated a great deal of sacrifice, and in some instances, mothers placed their children with relatives or even in orphanages.

The purpose of the mobilization was to consolidate the church's foundation in Korea as a basis for True Parents to launch their global ministry. There was a good deal of public negativity at first, but according to True Father, "After two years passed, public opinion was unanimous that if all the Korean people loved their country as much as [Unificationists], then indeed the nation would be saved." He noted that Korean Unificationists had "successfully fulfilled their course" and "I could come out of Korea for the worldwide dispensation."