

FROM CROSS TO CROWN ACLCLC PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

On Friday, May 16, the ACLC group visited to the church of St. Peter in Gallicantu. It is built over the foundation of the house of Caiaphas the Chief Priest of Israel. This is where Jesus was led to be scourged and directly questioned by Caiaphas. (This was the place where Caiaphas' house was located—the dungeon and torture chamber was located in the under his house. We went down into the dungeon in which Jesus was held and questioned for the last time. Bishop Stallings led our prayer. People are weeping and crying out at the suffering of our Lord.

To look at the dungeon in which Jesus was held and questioned. It was unbelievable. Then we walked on the same stone steps from 2000 years ago where Jesus walked the night before he was crucified. It was recorded in Luke 22:61 that Peter followed him to this place and waited while he was beaten and questioned inside, it was there that Peter denied three times that he knew him. Jesus somehow turned and saw him after he had done this as it is recorded in Luke.

The Clergy are having a most profound experience in the Holy Land. God prepared these pastors by having them follow True Parents since the inception of the American Clergy Leadership Con-



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ference in May of 2000. This three year journey since then has prepared the clergy for this moment. Now, they are ready to embrace the first Israel.

On Saturday we went to the sea of Galilee and read the scriptures of the times when Jesus was there. We had fellowship on the boat ride across the sea and the clergy could feel the love of God and the presence of Jesus. Then at Capernaum we saw the house of Peter and the foundation of the very temple in which Jesus preached the gospel. Then on to the Mt. of Beatitudes and there we read the sermon on the Mount that Jesus gave there.

Upon our return that night we felt the presence of God. Still everyone also

felt serious about the mission before us. Though the clergy were exhausted, I gave the parallels of history and Rev. Schanker gave a very powerful Mission of Jesus. We went until 11pm. The clergy were soaked in the word and continually guided to be like Jacob toward Esau, humble and sacrificial and bowing before him to win his elder brothers heart.

Bury the Cross

A great deal of sacrifice occurred on Sunday morning, May 18, as we were burying the Cross. Seven Israelis died from a suicide bomber just a few blocks from our hotel. Also Bishop C. Phillip

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ACLCLC PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

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First we want to thank our Italian Family and Rev. Cali for their excellent support for this moment in history. Without hesitation the Italian members together with many of our sisters in a special prayer group prepared the way for us. Our Italian family is great.

Each step we take in Rome is guided by a sense of history and destiny. The ACLC pastors are gaining confidence in their faith. As they continue to proclaim Father as the messiah anointed by Jesus at the second coming they also



experience persecution, suffering and misunderstanding like unto the early Christian experience. It gave them strength and deeper conviction when they could see the sites where early Christians were totally rejected and persecuted. The severity of the suffering of the early Christians humbled us. We visited Circus Maximus in which where many Christians were martyred. Many could feel that our suffering has been small compared to our forerunners. Some African American clergy felt deeply connected through this to the suffering that their ancestors had endured through

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True Parents Welcome

by Rev. Michael Jenkins
translation by Rev. John Hong

When we arrived, May 20, 2003 at East Garden, Rev. Eu of Japan was giving a report, this was followed by Dr. Seuk concerning Russia and Mr. Pak concerning the unification of the Fatherland—including the development of the automotive company. We gave Father a report via a slide show.

Father and Mother sat on the floor of the main room. Dr. Yang first read Father's prayers and Hoon Dok from May 4th and May 10th which were all connected to the restoration of the first, second and third Israel. Father is very strong now. 100% recovery! (He is almost back to his original weight.) Hoon Dok lasted for five hours. Then he had breakfast with the clergy and several of our leaders. He addressed us.

True Father's Address

The clergy have come back from Israel. They had a very historic mission. They must embrace the first Israel. This is the formula. The Second Israel must help the first and third Israel. This is why Father sent the clergy on this mission. The First Israel and Second Israel failed in their appointed hour to receive the Lord. To restore that, True Father was sent by God from the third Israel to the second Israel in the reverse order according to the law of indemnity. God sent Father to America to save the second Israel. Once Father secured the Second Israel then he could now go back to save the First Israel. Now to the clergy I give the following instructions:

1. You must embrace the first Israel, win their hearts and then solve the problem of the struggle in the Middle East, in particular solve the problem of the struggle between the Palestinians and Jews.

2. You must bring this solution before the key American leaders to show how God is working through True Parents.

3. Upon this foundation you must influence the Second Israel of America to help unify North and South Korea.

Things are going forward according to a providential time table. Father went into a very deep period of struggle and indemnity on March 15th. He battled intensely in the spirit world to overcome the final problems of the world. No one knows what Father went through. It was an historic battle in heaven and on earth. Now Father has emerged stronger and more powerful than before. On March 15th Father started the indemnity course then on May 15th the clergy entered Jerusalem on their historic mission and

on August 15th we celebrate the official establishment of Korea in 1948. These are all connected.

In 1945 everything was ready to connect to True Father. But the John the Baptists failed. Maria Pak who was head of Ehwa Women's University was in a most important position. She failed and went against Father. Father was ready to proclaim the DP and was 25



True Father. Then you can cut off of the wild olive tree and graft onto the true olive tree. We will follow the blessed couples tradition. Your blessed couple is Abel. All the Cain world must follow the blessed couples in Abel's role. You are Abel, what ever idea comes, youth groups, middle age, old age (which ever you feel called to work with), you can teach them about the blessing and through them go all the way to the top of the nation. g

The UN is very important. The UN must become God's heavenly hand. It is very difficult.

Germany, France, Russia all were against the Iraq war. We must inform the top leaders of America concerning the value of the Blessing. We will lose everything if we don't. There is a great hurry to establish the UN and influence America. Look at the 16 different nations that supported the Korean war. Now the veterans, have children and grandchildren.

Father is studying about age. He studies the age of 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 120. With modern technology, it is possible to live to 120. Now we understand all the views of the spirit world. Now we catch the ideas of the spirit world. That way we can set up all the ideas of the kingdom of heaven. Until 2012 Father must accomplish everything in the providence of God. Restoration through indemnity is the way to go. What Father teaches is that during Jesus time he was rejected. We must restore this failure. Christianity must restore this together with the Jewish family. That was the importance of the mission the clergy just made to Israel. We must teach the Jewish family how to love and save the Moslem family. We must recognize Jesus as a True Parent. True Parents came here to unite and lift up Jesus. You blessed couples stand in the position of the owner of Cheon Il Guk. What you did here on earth, you will go over the spirit world. Heavenly Father will watch what you are doing here on earth. Like a bright shiny light you can go over to the Kingdom of Heaven.

After 9/11. America became so complicated. But the issues are the same. Christianity, Islam and Judaism must unite. We can also consider South Korea, North Korea and United States and North Korea. How did you go to Israel. Just go there and proclaim Jesus. No you had to take down your crosses and repent and then go and embrace Israel. That is why this succeeded. Without taking down your crosses you would have been utterly and completely rejected. We have to understand this and how serious this mission is. We have to understand how much the suffering of the world was linked to the rejection of Jesus. To restore this is most important.

Look at Christianity in America, how many denominations are here. Our blessed couples responsibility is to bring everything into oneness. Christianity

years old but because the prepared Christians failed everything was lost. God had set up everything at that time to allow Father to be received by Christianity and then to be connected with the American government (via the U.S. military in Korea after WWII) and then to have a triumphal journey to the modern day Rome of America. Unfortunately, because of the failure of the Christians that were prepared to meet Father, everything was lost. Father went into the 40 year wilderness course to pursue the path of restoration through indemnity. That's why these Christian leaders are extremely important. Their mission is most important. Please be serious as you listen to me.

This is a critical time. Many world level problems will come to America in the next six months. This next six months are most crucial. On March 15th Father went into struggle. America went into confusion and struggle. Now Father has emerged strong and is calling for a strong UN. (there is a gap here because my computer was being used to set up the powerpoint slides of our trip to Israel).

You must connect to the true Olive tree. Blessed Central Families must come to an international level of uniting with

C A L E N D A R

MAY 2003

- 1 HSA-UWC Established (1954)
43 Couples' Blessing (1969)
Day of Victory Over Resentment (1974)
- 6 Professors World Peace Academy (1973)
- 7 Jin Hun Nim's Birthday (3/25/63)
- 10 Unification Theological Seminary (1977)
- 14 Shin Bok Nim's Birthday (4/3/82)
Cheonju Haebang Shi Liberation of the Universe (1999)
- 15 Shin Il Nim's Birthday (4/4/81)
36 Couples' Blessing (1961)
- 16 Ye Jin Nim & Jin Whi Nim's Blessing (1981)
Day of the Love of God (1984)
- 21 Hyun Jin Nim's Birthday (4/10/69)
118 Couples' Blessing (1978)
- 22 American Clergy Leadership Conference (2000)
- 30 Declaration of True Parents' East and West (1999)

JUNE 2003

- 3 Shin Yeon Nim's Birthday (4/23/90)
- 4 72 Couples' Blessing (1962)
- 10 Il-Heung Shipbuilding Established (1986)
- 11 True Day of All Things (5/1/63)
- 13 Hee Jin Nim & Hye Shin Nim's Blessing (1998)
39 Couples' Blessing (1981)
1st 360 Million Couples' Blessing (1998)
- 14 Jeung Jin Nim's Birthday (1982)
Declaration of Cosmic Victory (1999)
- 16 Washington Times Established (1982)
- 23 Il-Sung Construction (1978)
Day of One Heart (1989)
- 24 Return of the Land to God (2000)
- 27 Young Jin Nim's Birthday (5/17/78)
- 29 Return of the Cosmos to Heaven (2000)

JULY 2003

- 1 Chil Il Jeol: Declaration Day of God's Eternal Blessing (1991)
Day of the Celebration of Victory (1973)
2075 Couples' Blessing (1982)
- 13 Universal Ballet Company Established (1984)
- 18 Sung Jin Nim & Dong Sook Nim's Blessing (1973)
- 23 Kook Jin Nim's Birthday (6/14/70)
- 24 Sun Jin Nim's Birthday (6/15/76)
124 Couples' Blessing (1963)
- 26 Youth Federation for World Peace Inauguration (1994)
- 27 Hye Jin Nim's Birthday (1964)

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is sleepy, how will you wake them up. If you sleep how will they wake up! Father gave the Cheon Il Guk award to Blessed Couples. His original idea was that they should have witnessed to 120 blessed couples. But only a small number of couples had achieved this. Father was very disappointed. We should consider seriously how important it is to take the cross down. We can recognize Jesus and recognize that Jesus is the King of the Family. That way we establish the parents, the teacher and the owner. How to bring unity of the first, second and third Israel. I'm going to invest 100% from this point to save Israel. All America must wake up to follow this idea. Please put in your heart this idea. You Christian leaders must unify all of Christianity. You can fulfill. You can achieve 80% or 90%. The last 10 or 20 % will be very difficult. That way we can connect the total conclusion. We can bring natural surrender through religion. Finally you can bring unity. If there is no elevator use a ladder. This is incredible and crucial for God's providence. God knows that you are going the right way. God will help you and guide you. You, latter on will work in the spiritual world in your field. Don't hide and stay away from Father Moon. Go forward. God will come down to you. I can surely establish and save this country together with Israel.

You should know what Father's ideas are. Father fulfilled Adam's role. Satan abused Father until today. That's why even now Satan recognized and followed. Now he cannot give a hard time to Father Moon any more. If you unite with Father Moon the same kind of miracle will happen. As you come back beyond your denomination and then from this day receive the heart that you will save America. Let's do this. We must work for God's Kingdom. We can truly be setting up God's foundation here. If we don't put in our total heart we will be attacked by Satan.

We must use the media. If 70% of the people of America understand the DP then the course could be greatly shortened. This is the 34th year that Father worked in America.

You can unite with all those ministers and give them serious education. You must understand Peter and Paul. Paul is saying my mistakes prolonged Christianities' problems. If Maria Pak

had accepted Father then everything would have gone the right way. Father gave direction to the Japanese missionaries. You must make the determination to bring the total victory before heaven and earth.

Father has explained how we are going to do now. How can we save Israel? Only through the help of Christianity centering on True Parents. That's why Father is sending two missionaries to each one of your churches. They represent Rachel and Leah. If you diligently work hard you will receive True Parents heart and love. If you hesitate you will fail. If you endure until the end you will receive blessing. That way you receive inheritance from heaven. First Israel, the whole world and all races connect there. How can we connect to the Elder son nation. If you don't understand you will not move forward.

In Korea, Father formed a women's movement to educate the people. Father organized over 30 top women leaders who can educate and stand on the front line. Women can lead the way for rec-

conciliation and harmony. There is no time to connect. I'm thinking about how to mobilize these women. True Mother is the top elder of all the women of the world. Mother, Wife, Sister, Daughter, Grandmother. Five ways to work to say humanity. Through these five groups of women we can save humanity.

Five different ideas can connect into one. Five different ways to connect. How to connect to the most important things. This is crucial.

Father expressed in English, how sad it is that Jesus was rejected. Jesus was to become the center of True love. The Second Coming is dealing with ownership. We must become owners of the Kingdom of Heaven. How can we connect True Love. Through the blessing and the family. True Parents are to combine God and man into oneness with True Love. Push upward and keep going toward True love.

Reports

Pastor Barrett and Bishop Stallings and Imam Salahudin then gave brief

reports. Then Bishop Stallings, Pastor Barrett and Dr. Andrew Wilson representing the first and second Israel gave Father and Mother a gift of a silver sculpture of Jerusalem in the shape of the whole world. Then Pastor Barrett gave Father a stone from Gethsemane (prepared by the Israeli family), Bishop Stallings gave the stone prepared for True Mother in the spot where Jesus prayed (as identified by True Father on his last visit to Israel.).

Father and Mother then signed the original Jerusalem Declaration that was signed by the Rabbis, 132 Christian leaders and the participants of the historic May 18th. Father wrote on the declaration "Victory Israel" by his signature.

Special Thanks And Prayers for Rev. Gi (Continental Director), Rev. Abe and Rev. Hod (FFWPU Pres. Israel). They laid the whole foundation and had the heart felt relationships with the people that would cause them to come past the bus bombing to get to the conference. ❖



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Celebrating True Parents Love and Lineage



REV. MICHAEL JENKINS

Rev. Jenkins is the President of the American Church

As God's central religious people, the blessed central families, we must repent because truly God's kingdom will come more quickly and securely the more we truly fulfill True Parents' direction and become the true sons and daughters of True Parents. Our true purpose is to become the temple of God, true sons and daughters.

Father has been guiding us with strong direction from hoon dok hae every morning, that we must strike our bodies and push ourselves down.

The key to becoming God's temple is that our mind and body must unite. Our religious life is always the central point of our heritage. I thank our regional directors for successfully leading us internally in the right direction, but we have to manifest that externally also. Internally America is uniting, coming together centering on True Parents, so one victory after another internally is being won. However, our internal victory has not been strong enough yet to take full dominion over the direction of the elder son nation. We must achieve that substantial Kingdom of God on earth.

Father has always emphasized three components of that victory—we have to have the youth, women, and the religious leaders. On that foundation we can influence all the other sectors of humanity, including the political leaders.

STF and our CARP movement—how important you are at this time. We must have young people. We must bring our second generation to a place where they really can stand as we are standing as blessed central families. Therefore we are preparing for the blessing. Many of you are matching your children, and it's not easy, as you know. Then we can realize what True Parents went through when Father took responsibility to match us, and to make sure that heaven and earth were lined up the moment he brought you and your spouse together. Now as you are struggling to match your children, you know the struggle. Our antenna is small, but Father's is perfectly synchronized with God. Father and Mother are one. Mother achieved that perfection and was honored by Father after her speaking tour in the year 2000. Incredible honor for True Mother.

Dr. Yang asked me to report on the situation of America and our position at this time, with emphasis on the education of religious leaders that is going on. But first I think we have to understand God's providence as the elder son nation. In 1945

to 1948, if you read the book "The Way of Unification," you can gain so much understanding about God's providence as it relates to the Fatherland. Our central direction right now is to secure the Fatherland, beyond all else. Our central purpose is to secure the sovereign nation of God.. God needs a nation. That's why we were encouraged by the report about the United Nations, that we're developing that kind of presence. That ambassadorial role should be there for God's sovereign nation, Cheon Il Guk. Yet we're still like the second Israel in a sense, still not solidly standing on the ground. We will not be fully standing on the ground until we have that sovereign nation.

That's why the 50-day workshop the leaders went through, our activity in Korea was an incredible internal con-

dition to secure that nation. Also the 2400 that came from America, Japan and Korea, we have no idea the internal meaning of what Father is doing. But the more we study Father's history and words, we begin to understand that we must obey True Parents. That's so crucial.

Clergy

More than anything else Father's words are affecting the clergy; we're using the "Christianity in Crisis" book with the clergy right now. The second thing is the Divine Principle itself. It is the code book that reveals the secrets behind the Bible. That's why we also, as the third Israel, must understand the code behind the providence. Back in the 1970s Father predicted that Islam and Christianity would be the final course of reconciliation after commu-

nism—when no one could even imagine what came after communism. That's why we have to understand that Father understands God and His providence perfectly, from the origin of man through all of restoration until today.

When Father gives a direction, it's not a reaction to anything going on. Father is not reacting to things. We are going straight forward. If we understand the providence, we should be absolutely confident. The Kingdom of God is coming on the earth. It cannot be stopped. But the more our mind and body line up, and we understand how to horizontally unite as one family centering on True Parents, on the leaders of our organizations, then we can hasten the day of taking internal and external dominion.

We have the power to reconcile enemies. Our missionaries throughout this nation, touching Christians and Muslims through a course of relentless suffering, they go and go for years until finally the hearts of these religious leaders melt. That's why we see major leaders coming now. One of those people was Dr. E.V. Hill, who is definitely the most significant Christian in terms of prestige. All the major denominations viewed Dr. Hill as a true Christian. He was special adviser to President Nixon, President Reagan. He was a black Republican, and knew the current President Bush. That kind of person came. How did he come? From a Japanese sister visiting his church. At first she wasn't welcome. They almost kicked her out. But after a year of continuous missionary activity, loving and visiting, that kind of change came in Dr. Hill. Once he tasted True Parents' love then everything happened.

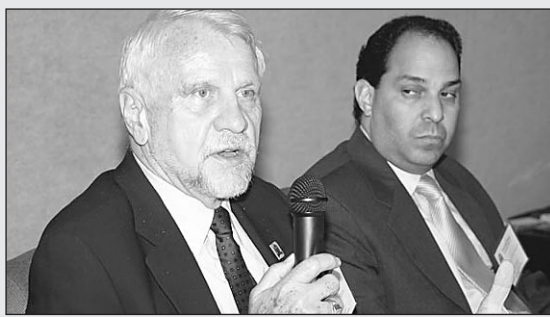
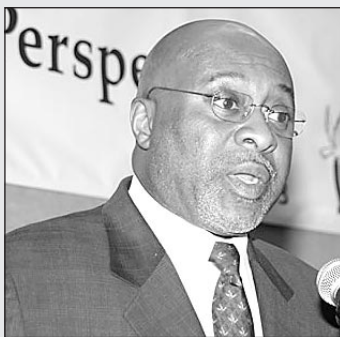
If we study the way of God's providence, we can understand. From 1945-1948, what was the key condition that determined whether or not Christianity and also the history of the Fatherland would go the right way? What was the key condition for Jesus to accomplish? God has prepared someone in every area that we're working in to be a John the Baptist. Our first course is to find that John the Baptist and win that person's heart.

The first course for Father was he was guided to Rev. Kim Baek Moon, a Christian leader who was prepared to be John the Baptist. He had revelations and put his hand upon Father's head and said, "The glory and power and honor of Solomon be upon you." He gave Father the same baptism that John the Baptist gave Jesus. He had three women disciples who represented the Old Testament, New Testament, and Completed Testament Ages. This is all contained in Father's speech, "History of the Unification Church—Part I." Father revealed the secrets of what happened. Father could inherit the whole New Testament Age, just as Jesus inherited all of the history of Israel.

Remember when Joshua was
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CROSS TO CROWN CEREMONIES

LOS ANGELES REGION

by Mrs. BillieAnn Sabo

From the two ceremonies we held on Good Friday, this multiplied very quickly to other ACLC pastors who had the determination to remove their crosses as well. Plus we invited other ACLC pastors to join the original two ceremonies on Good Friday which took place at Rev. Brigg's church, Christian Light MBC, in the morning, then Rev. Taylor's church, Opportunity Baptist Church, in the evening. For Easter Sunday, we already had scheduled a ceremony in the morning at Rev. George Gatson's church, Trinity MBC in Altadena, then in the afternoon at Rev. Walter Millsap's church, Sadoc Christian Church in Compton. Both were very nice ceremonies.

One of our most newly enthusiastic and inspired pastors is Rev. William Jarvis Johnson, pastor of Calvary CME in Pasadena and also the son of National Speaker, Rev. C. Phillip Johnson. Suddenly on Saturday night (the night before Easter), Rev. W.J. Johnson called us and wanted to take down the cross the next morning, Easter. Already we had two ceremonies scheduled, but we sent a small staff to his church. We

scrambled to prepare flowers and a photographer, an extra crown, crown pins, framed crown photo and necessary materials and off our team went. The ceremony in his church was wonderful!!! Rev.

Not only did Rev. & Mrs. Johnson have all their deacons, elders & assistants at the ceremony, they had their whole congregation!!! Rev. Johnson looked glorious in his white satin robe, tied at the waist.

he talked about now is the end of the cross which means the end of Jesus' suffering and how Jesus is now crowned and elevated. All congregation members were given a palm cross when they entered and Rev. Johnson replaced each one with a crown pin. When he held his bible study last week, he admonished many congregation that were not wearing their crown pins. He told them they must wear these at all times!!!

Recently, we held a ceremony for Bishop & Mrs. Alfred Moore, pastor of the Greater All Nation Pentacost Church in Los Angeles. He is very inspired and is quite on board with us. We have now finished 6 churches and have at least one more signed up for this coming weekend. Our determination is to meet with all Los Angeles ACLC pastors, especially those that attended the 4 day DP seminar in March and the 1 day DP seminar in April to schedule their ceremonies. The word is multiplying quickly. ❖



Johnson has changed so much. He attended our April 11th One Day DP Seminar and his whole spirit changed from that day. Even his face looked different after listening to Rev. Jenkins and AB Stallings, our two keynote speakers on the 11th.

Looked just like a holy robe! When he received the crown, he immediately placed it on his head and left it on throughout the entire service, even while giving his message! He looked very regal!! His message was very good and

by Minister Mark Tengan

We held our 9th Cross to Crown ceremony last Wednesday night at the House of the Redeemed Church, pastor Bishop Darren Wilson. It's a small church, but the spirit is bigger and more enthusiastic than most large churches. Bishop Wilson is a member of ACLC and very positive. Even though we didn't contact him for a long time, he didn't hesitate to welcome us and to listen to us. He agreed with all points to trade the cross for a

crown.

Bishop Wilson is a young pastor who is really energetic and open to new messages from God. At the Trading Cross to Crown Service, we saw great unity among Bishop Wilson's couple. Mrs. Wilson was really supportive as was his entire congregation. Therefore, the spiritual atmos-



phere became so high and quite excellent.

In the beginning of the ceremony, we had difficulty singing a hymn together but that was the step we needed to take for the interracial and interdenominational movement to take place and become one accord.

Bishop Wilson literally took down the cross from the wall and replaced it with our beautiful framed 11 x 14 color photo of



the crown. This meant he truly understood the meaning and through that, he made a determined effort to educate his congregation during this service. Thank you God and True Parents. ❖

by Ms. Ryoko Ishimoto

This was the 12th Cross to Crown Ceremony held in our Region 21 and took place last Sunday afternoon, May 11th, at Rev. Hattley's House of Praise Church. Almost all of Rev. Hattley's church members made a real effort to attend this important and historical ceremony. One of his key congregation members had just recovered from a serious illness and attended this ceremony. They also had two visitors from out of state last Sunday, who attended. I really saw the spiritual world was mobilizing people.

Both Pastor Hattley and his wife attend-



ed the 4 day West Block DP Seminar in March and also the 1 day DP Seminar in April. They signed the "Taking Down the Cross" resolution that day. They really agree with the purpose of this ceremony.

Especially, the heart of Jesus we focus on. They really believe that all of us have Jesus' cross in our hearts.

There was a big cross in the front of their church. One of their congregation brothers took the cross from the front and walked to the back of the church with it. At the same time, the wife walked up from the back of the church to the front with the crown. When they were crossing in the middle, it was truly an historical moment.

At the end of the ceremony, Pastor Hattley asked our Regional Director, Rev. Ku to say a few words. Rev. Ku's words were



very strong, but warming, to make sure everyone understood the meaning of this ceremony. The whole church was very happy. ❖

by Rev. Hazel M. Williams

This was our 11th Ceremony on May 11th, 2003 and it took place in the City of Fontana which is quite a distance from Los Angeles. It is a small city, but one of our Blessed Families live there - Steve & Mie Woolery.

We had several occasions to contact ministers who live such a long distance away. This time God knew the appointed time! The number "210" freeway which runs alongside Pasadena HQ extends just far enough out to this small city of Fontana. It was as if God was



reaching out to this city!

Because of that, Mie-san was successful to be able to bring Pastor Williams to our One-Day DP Seminar in April, in which the dynamic duo (Rev. Jenkins and Arch-

bishop Stallings) were preaching regarding "Taking Down the Cross".

Rev. Williams was really inspired and determined to take the cross down from her church. Even though there was a small opposition, she and her core staff (including her own son who is the Co-Pastor) were united with us, and we had an incredible service.

The more we hold the Trade the Cross to Crown Ceremonies, the more we get the momentum going! The direction that True Parents have given us is True—we just need to do it and feel this spiritual



revolution already happening in this Elder Son nation. It is obvious that different denominations and racial churches can come together when they follow God's direction. ❖

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going into Canaan and God knew that Moses could possibly fail. What did God do to give the Israelites an unchanging object of faith so they would not waver? He gave the Ark of the Covenant with the two tablets of stone inside. Because of that, if just one person believed in and upheld the Ark of the Covenant, all the history and conditions of the Old Testament would not be lost. They would be carried into Canaan. That's why when John the Baptist baptized Jesus, Jesus became the living Ark of the Covenant. He was the only one who kept faith all the way. That's why the whole New Testament was not lost but could be carried over.

Then when Father right there received the blessing of Kim Baek Moon, that's when he became the living Ark of the Covenant. Father was the only one. Those three women disciples representing the Old, New and Completed Testament Ages came to Father. They had revelations that they represented three Eves who had to go back to Adam, one for each age, and they united with Father to be his disciples. But Rev. Kim was in the position of the archangel and he became jealous and pulled them away. The providence failed there, but Father was the new Ark of the Covenant, so the New Testament was not lost.

The next John the Baptist was Ho Ho Bin, and we know that story too. Unfortunately she was not able to receive the Lord at that time. Then Rev. Won Pil Kim stood in and fulfilled John the

Baptist's role. How grateful we should be to him. He and Father came down to Pusan together and planted the new seed for the rebirth of Christianity and the third Israel. But Father says in "The Way of Unification" that when those few Christian leaders failed, what happened? Then Father had to go a 40-year wilderness course, just as Moses went a 40-year course when the Israelites couldn't unite with him. Father had to go a 40-year wilderness course.

Wilderness

Whenever I toured with Mother and she talked about Father's 40-year wilderness course, she began to cry immediately. We just don't know what that time meant, that Father had to go alone in the darkness, no support, no foundation, all of the Christian churches opposing. Do you remember in the early days of our movement that we weren't able to fellowship with Christian churches until 1983 on? They were almost like our enemies. Do you remember how you felt fund-raising when you'd see the symbol of the fish on a house, meaning the family were strong Christians? Many people felt, "I'm not even going to knock."

In the early 1970s did anyone experience Christians showing up with their Bibles at our events? I had just joined in Chicago and went on a missionary tour to Indiana. One night 20 Christians showed up with their Bibles, and the first thing they got upset about was, "Where's the cross? This isn't Christian. Jesus isn't here." We were in an enemy relationship. We couldn't relate. If you called on Jesus' name, they would

feel you were talking about a different Jesus.

When that failure occurred, that wilderness course came. Father had to set conditions during the 40 years to re-indemnify every step of history from Adam and Eve all the way through Noah, Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Jesus, the martyrs, all the way through the New Testament Age. Father had to set some condition to reconnect and restore everything that was lost. That's why he was the living Ark. He carried all that history so it wasn't lost. But he also had to set conditions so that it could be revived.

In 1985 the 40-year course ended, and then there was a 7-year course up to 1992. When the 40 years was ending in late 1984, there was not enough indemnity. We did not fulfill our responsibility correctly, so then there were two enormous conditions of indemnity. One was that Heung Jin nim had to go into the spirit world, and second, Father had to go to Danbury prison in America.

Do we know our Father's heart? Are we carrying this kind of providential mind when we are asked to go through suffering and trial? If we do then we can bear any kind of suffering. That's why Father doesn't consider himself or True Family or anything. He understands, but it doesn't mean he goes without suffering and tears. All of True Parents' life is nothing but tears. The more we understand that, the more we can connect deeply.

After Father set the condition at Danbury, then Christianity revived. Christians came to the God and Freedom

banquet. Jerry Falwell and others on the right, and Joe Lowery on the left of Christianity could unite, and then all the denominations of Christianity, thanks to the work of Dr. Durst and our headquarters at that time. They secured the amicus briefs from every denomination of Christianity, representing over 100 million Christians. The Presbyterian Church USA, the United Methodist Church, the Roman Catholic Church, every mainline body filed a brief stating that Father was innocent, that it was only a case of religious persecution. That set some condition. The thief on the right-hand side united with Father, and even called for his protection. They were not like the Israelites 2000 years ago when they called out, give us Barabbas. We were able to secure that Christian foundation at least to that degree.

Who's the thief on the left? The US government, which prosecuted Father. When the thief on the right-hand side united, that became a Christian-Unification sphere. Right after Father was sent to Danbury, 7,000 ministers went to Korea from 1985 to 1988 and expanded that foundation of victory that was laid through the amicus briefs. They visited the Rock of Tears, and many of those ministers are coming back now. It's startling what's going on.

When you plant seeds correctly, you never know when they're going to blossom. One minister who attended an clergy Divine Principle seminar in October returned again in March, a Bishop Craig from Alabama. His testimony shocked everybody. He was crying when he said, I believe that Rev. Moon is the Second Coming, he is the savior and I want to tell you why. I went to the Rock of Tears and Jesus gave me a revelation of who Rev. Moon was. I was afraid to tell anybody. I was afraid I'd lose my church so I denied it. Then I went back, and right afterwards I was in a horrific car accident and in a coma for almost a year.

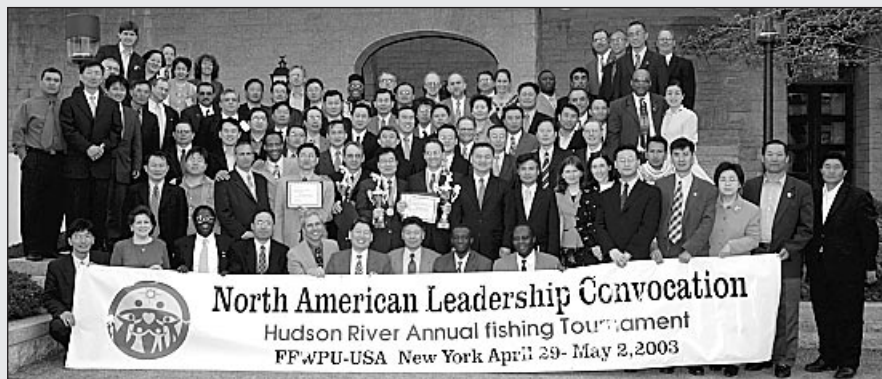
He lost all vital signs and they proclaimed him dead. He was put in a body bag and was on the way to the morgue when he had a dream of True Parents. Somehow he knew if he could really believe and come out and testify that he would come back alive. He started moving while in the body bag and they pulled him out and he revived. Then he started working with Rev. Joshua Cotter in Alabama. We never knew this hidden story.

We don't know what's going on with the Muslim leaders who are connecting with True Parents. We don't know what's going on with the Christian leaders and the youth leaders and professors and academic people, what God is doing inside their hearts. That's why we have to go forward with confidence and keep holding onto them and testifying to the Lord. We have to keep pouring the seed of God's word into their hearts. The Divine Principle unlocks this.

On the foundation of 7,000 ministers going to Korea, Father could anoint the president in 1988. There was a period when we had direct relationship that was very good, but unfortunately we weren't able to maintain the unity with the Christian leaders and it broke down. They didn't understand Father's heart or his teaching, and we weren't mature enough to really teach them. We didn't understand the Bible deeply enough and God's words deeply enough ourselves. Therefore, it broke down. Thereafter,

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CROSS TO CROWN CEREMONIES

by Clair Daugherty

On April 19, 2003 Norfolk Virginia held its Ministers seminar to explain the new providence to trade the cross for a crown. Fifteen clergy were in attendance and nine FFWPU members.

Some of the guests were at their first FFWPU sponsored event and had decided to attend due to the encouragement and enthusiasm of their colleagues who had been inspired by some of our other events.

Some guests had come from the Hampton Roads area and others from as far as Richmond. As the guests were arriving there was an atmosphere of anticipation and fellowship as we enjoyed coffee and meeting new friends.

Bishop Proctor took a public role for the first time after attending a number of our events. He did an excellent job as the MC.

Reverend Levy Daugherty was our keynote speaker and gave a fiery and animated presentation that drew an enthusiastic response from the participants. Many of the points he made were reiterated by the national level speakers in the video presentation.

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Carefully researched scriptural references were offered to clarify the sometimes new viewpoints that were being presented. The audience was stimulated and very receptive to the message.

Bishop Anthony Moses presented

an eloquent and well researched paper on the history of the cross with a strong argument why it is no longer an appropriate symbol for Christians. The suffering heart of Jesus was conveyed as well as God's grief to see this tragic event commemorated with such a grie-

some reminder.

The victorious resurrection and the symbol of the crown of glory was offered as a more timely symbol for those who would truly bear their cross within.

After the final presentation a lively time of sharing and fellowship was enjoyed by all over lunch.

Sunday evening Norfolk Family Church joined with the New Discipleship Church of Bishop Moses for an Easter evening service. There were 40 in attendance.

[Video: Easter Sunday Service]

Again Reverend Daugherty gave a rousing presentation often using humor to make his point. The atmosphere was joyful and charged. After his sermon he crowned Bishop Moses and Mrs. Moses with gold colored jeweled crowns as a symbolic act to represent the end of the era of the cross and the beginning of the era of the crown. The "King and Queen" of New Discipleship church began to dance and the entire church joined in creating an atmosphere of celebration and festivity.

As the service concluded a celebration cake was shared to mark the occasion. ❖

by Mark Tengan

God is desperate to reach out to churches as much as He can. In Southern California, we have many, many English speaking churches as well as hundreds of Spanish churches.

This is the Testimony that our desperate prayer can become a link to Heavenly Father to guide us. One of our Spanish sisters, Mrs. Nancy Makowski was praying constantly that somehow she could find the way to take care Spanish churches. At the same time in Pasadena HQ, our missionary Mrs. Junko Hiroshima was also praying about this same point.

One day we were driving, and somehow I felt that I needed to call Nancy regarding one particular Spanish minister, and then she and her husband started to tell me that there was a

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church, which was ready to take down the Cross!

Pastor Jose Rodriguez didn't believe in worship in Image. (Especially cross). So at last Friday night's "Trade the Cross for Crown" service, he really preached strongly, from his conviction

and his heart. Most of our attending Family Church members can't speak Spanish, but we truly felt Pastor Rodriguez' sincere heart to attend Jesus.

In closing, Pastor Rodriguez asked all different nationalities to come up, and offer prayer.

English, Spanish, Japanese, Korean, German? each of our Brother and Sister's offering Prayer. It was like the Pentecost was happening!! We were truly worshipping Him in Spirit and Truth. We hope that this Spanish service can be a break though for many other Spanish churches to follow. ❖



by Mrs. Toshiko Modesitt & Mrs. Junko Hiroshima

Rev. Williams led the Sunday Service and the entire Cross to Crown Ceremony at the Greater Victory Baptist Church, San Diego. The Deacons prepared the cross and a beautiful crown, which they purchased themselves. The crown was to be placed upon the pulpit.

Rev. Williams sang "The Old Rugged Cross" before he began. His heartfelt song brought a beautiful spirit to over one hundred people in his congregation. Rev. Williams invited our San Diego Family Church pastor, Rev. Walter Frank, to the front even though it was there first time meeting.

Small crosses were made for the ceremony from palm leaves. These were at the front and everyone was invited to pick one up. At this point Rev. Williams

talked on how the cross was not the symbol of Jesus victory but the symbol of rejection. "The cross must be exchanged for a crown", he said. He continued speaking about the history of the cross and how we should focus on being obedient to God. "We should be able to see God who is watching over the crucified Jesus", he said. He touched the congregation with his words. The amazing thing here is that Rev. Williams is very new to ACLC. He was brought into ACLC through one of our most positive San Diego pastors, Rev. Manley. Rev. Williams had been very moved through the one day seminar in April, especially through the Tear Down the Cross speech that AB Stallings

gave.

At the end of the service Rev. Williams placed the cross in the center and placed



a crown over the cross. He announced that anyone that wanted to exchange his or her palm cross for a crown badge to come forward.

Everyone lined up and one by one placed the palm leaf cross into a basket and picked up a crown badge in its place. All the while Rev. Williams kept singing "The Old Rugged Cross".

He made the announcement about his trip to Israel (he was the first to pay his \$1,000 from our region) and Pastor Frank of the San Diego Family Church explained the meaning of the trip to everyone.

His congregation made an offering toward supporting that trip. There was a very good spirit after the service and everyone was happy. ❖

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every time Father was with them there was tension. They were relating to him politically. That's why we must be careful now. Ambassadors for Peace, Muslim leaders, ambassadors to Washington from different countries, Christian leaders—we cannot allow them to think they can just be friends of Father. If they do, they'll lose their role. We have to educate them. They have to really know who Father is and we have to find the ones who are prepared.

We have to educate them or else they'll be lost. If we think we're helping them by keeping them away from True Parents' hot words and from Divine Principle, you end up losing them over time. Unfortunately the Christian foundation fell apart, but still True Parents carried the providence from 1985 to 1992, a 7-year indemnity course. In 1992 Mother restored the bride's position with the Women's Federation, and centering on her world tour women united. It was a risky and dangerous time because the world knew Father was the leading anti-communist, and seen as someone with enormous wealth. Mother was traveling with just a few people, no protection at all, going to Africa, Europe, Asia, proclaiming that Father is the True Parent of humanity and is the Messiah. She stood in Christianity's position as the bride.

Do you know our Mother really? Do you know that she had to restore every condition of woman in history? She had to carry the failures of all the providential women in history and overcome. That is why True Mother is also victorious before heaven and earth. On that foundation Father could gain Christianity again.

Completed Testament

Then Father proclaimed in 1993 the Completed Testament era and we could walk that course until the time Father could conduct the Coronation Ceremony of God's Kingship. Before God could be honored as king, God had to have his objects throughout the world that would represent every race and culture. He had to have blessed families representing all humanity who would stand together with True Parents and lift Father up. But when Father sent out the angels to look at all the blessed families, what did he find? Father could not make an offering of our blessed families before heaven as a body that could lift up God as king.

Therefore, instead of just having the registration blessing where we were simply supposed to receive Father's second level, national level blessing we had to set the indemnity condition of once again drinking the holy wine, purifying the lineage. Father had to make sure that the foundation for lifting up God was on a pure, unstained blood lineage. Therefore, he had the second generation also drink the holy wine. On that foundation the women went through the 21-day registration course, and you received your hometown in Korea. Then Father had the foundation of blessed couples in order to do the Coronation

Ceremony of God's Kingship. Then Father had a pure body that represented the world and said, amen, God is King.

You can see in the video when Father took God a little drink. I'll never forget that, the feeling that we all had when he lifted it up and you could see he was looking into the heart of God so sincerely. So Father proclaimed in his speech and in the three prayers that all of heaven and earth is upside down. Don't relate the old way of things from the wilderness era because now since the Coronation God has dominion and authority.

What else did we gain at that time? We gained the authority to pray in our name, and on that basis Father did the IIFWP conferences, which set the foun-

Peace. That's when Mother could expand Cheon Il Guk.

In 2002 Father's God's Day message launched a new era, that we are now citizens of the Kingdom of God on earth. Father also had Heung Jin nim's message from the spirit world read on January 1, 2002, which gave us an understanding that we must be cleansing ourselves. Now our ancestors are being blessed. Through that your own spiritual power and authority becomes enormous. Up to 70 generations have been liberated and many of those blessed. When you enter a room you come in with the myriads. The problems in your lineage are becoming untangled through those blessings.

Another major providence of 2002 was the four blessings in America, a crucial battleground for Christianity. On March 1, 2002 Father desperately woke up at 3:00 a.m. in Hawaii and received strong guidance that this was a total emergency and that if the 144,000 clergy blessing did not succeed, Christianity was in danger of being lost again. Therefore, Father mobilized the national messiahs worldwide, and mobilized all the missionaries to America with Mrs. Erikawa. Mrs. Erikawa is doing a great job with them. Those sisters suffered so much to gain Christianity. On that foundation the 144,000 blessing was secured.

Then it expanded to the 2nd generation Christian blessing, and the Muslim-Christian unity blessing in September, and then the December 7th blessing. After the foundation of the 7 million rally that Father held in June, declaring the True Parents of Heaven and Earth, then we as blessed families could also have our special rally, with the burning ceremony to burn up our past. Then on True Children's Day Father changed the pledge to say, "As owners of Cheon Il Guk."

Then Father called for the outstanding families to be lifted up, and every year Father will do some kind of special recognition because that was revealed in the Coronation Ceremony for God's Kingship, that every year we should have in every nation a way to honor the best families that sacrificed the most. The condition of going to Korea was part of that process. The 50-day workshop was the condition through which Father took all the leaders of the movement—CARP, Family Federation—and they were pulled into the holy land, the holy temple. For 50 days and nights we walked up and down the mountain.

On God's Day Father gave the direction for 2,400 Americans to come to Korea. When we first heard that number, nobody believed it was possible, but 2,400 came because of your faith. On that foundation we spread out throughout Korea. I don't know the meaning, but we do know that Father said that it protected Korea. If you remember, the specter of war in Korea raised its ugly head. You don't know how unstable the situation can be. It's not a simple matter. If a wrong move is made, some tragedy could occur.

The number one problem in Korea at that time was a strong feeling of anti-Americanism because of America's mistakes, trying to separate the elder son nation from the Fatherland. But then our members, representing America,

went to every little community and it neutralized that antagonism. Suddenly the new president changed his direction. Now there is a better spirit of cooperation. Believe me, the internal sacrifice and condition that was made had enormous impact on the spirit world and on earth.

First the priests, the leaders had to go into 50 days of intensive indemnity. On that foundation Father could proclaim that all the blessed couples came as priests. The sisterhood ceremony with the Korean Ambassadors for Peace represented the political leaders, and the people we touched represented the tribes of Israel. Father and Mother were coronated on February 6th, True Parents birthday, as king of all blessed families. True Parents received the Cheon Il Guk blessing, the third level blessing, the final blessing of all humanity and all history.

Father stood on the foundation of the conditional blessing in 1960 because all the elements were not secure in terms of all races, all religions, all the conditions of unity, of foundation of substance. But on February 6th all the conditions were secured. Among the IIFWP conference participants in attendance there were world religious leaders, former heads of state, current heads of state. Everything was represented there.

Remember, God does not work by grabbing the whole. There are always certain representatives. If they make the right condition then everyone can be blessed. Therefore, God needed certain representatives. They were there on February 6th—Christian, Muslim, Jew, Sikh, all the world religions were there. The blessed central families lifted up True Parents and they were blessed on the third, complete level. That's why Father, in front of all history and humanity could kiss Mother on the lips. That was a great moment. Remember the moment when they appeared in their wedding dress and tuxedo? Didn't your heart go out to them? Then we carried that spirit out throughout Korea with our Japanese and Korean members.

The next victory is that we have just completed four convocations for Christian clergy as part of Father's direction that 12,000 clergy be educated in Divine Principle. It's an absolute transformation of Christianity now. The key is that we obeyed Father's direction. If we don't obey Father's direction, we will not succeed.

The foundation I see happening now with Christianity is on the foundation of obeying Father's direction that we read the Clouds of Witnesses. After the July 3rd blessing Father announced that July 4th would be God's independence day because Heaven and Earth could proclaim True Parents are the Messiah. It was revealed in the Washington Times on July 4th and then we began the course to reveal it.

I remember that Father was leaving after the Service Peace rally in July last year and he walked by me and poked me in the stomach and said, "You have a heavy burden." I didn't understand. I said, "yes, Father." He knew something was coming. I had no idea what was about to occur.

ACLIC Foundation

Then as we put the Clouds of Witnesses in papers around America, the whole ACLIC foundation just completely exploded. Every minister stepped back. Our closest friends didn't want

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Encounter of Reconciliation

This is a poem from one of the participants on the pilgrimage to Rome and Israel

Reflections on the Encounter of Reconciliation
at the bosom of Abraham the Patriarch of our Nation

I embrace our kin-ness

I cherish our difference

celebrating a reconciliation overdue by generations.

Today with you, I bury my anger, my frustrations.

No negotiation!

On the cross, my Lord's arms are reaching out to the world.

This is my solemnization.

Simply the symbol of my salvation.

My banner, my recommendation.

Death becomes weaker: Insignificant.

For I follow Jesus the Christ, the Magnificent

To the empyrean inn.

I march, glorified in his name!

I sympathize your pain;

Deeply agonizing my own

And only when together

We are able to tear down the barriers of stone.

And to peace we atone.

At the bosom of our own.

Olfat El Mallakh

dation for unity of Muslim, Christian and Jewish worlds. Also Father launched the 50-state tour, securing Christianity again. During that tour Father spiritually planted in the soil of each the coronation ceremony. Every morning he had us read the coronation for two to three hours and Father would give commentary. So the Coronation Ceremony for God's Kingship becomes a pillar in the dispensation.

The proclamations that Father makes are pillars for our blessed families to follow. You know how much the Declaration of Independence guides America. When Lincoln was trying to keep the nation from dividing, he called upon the Declaration of Independence. When Dr. Martin Luther King was calling upon this nation to remember that it was a nation for all people, he called upon the Declaration of Independence. That's why you have to understand that all these proclamations Father makes become pillars upon which the Kingdom of God can be established. All the spirit world can resonate with them. Therefore, we have to digest and become part of those pillars. We have to know his proclamations and his words.

After the 50-state tour Father had many conferences and rallies, and finally Cheon Il Guk could be proclaimed. 2001 was the first year of the Kingdom of God on earth. Then Mother did her tour around Korea, Japan, and America, focused on the Ambassadors for

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FLORIDA

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

The Florida seminar was very powerful. Rev. Edwards and I were invited to give both the powerpoint DP summary and the Take Down the Cross Message.

Barbara M., our sister was the MC and did a wonderful job. Dr. L., a Lutheran Pastor gave the opening. As one of the founding members of the ACLC he has continuously demonstrated the courage to "Stand" just as Martin Luther did. He shared deeply about the ACLC movement as a "real" movement that is tearing down the walls of denomination and race. It just keeps growing and growing. Dr. L. shared the 9 points of the ACLC statement and then introduced me. He overcame much persecution but never for a moment lost his firm conviction as to the central role of True Parents.

Then Rev. Edward Teeters, a white minister, who was blessed by True Parents to his Japanese bride read the New Future of Christianity. He read with power and with confidence the story of Elijah and John the Baptist. He read with tremendous power and excitement the section of Father's 1974 speech given in Madison Square Garden, in which Father says, "Where did I get the authority to reveal these things? My authority comes from the Bible. I learned these things from Jesus, yes I learned these things from God... That's where my authority comes from."

Then Rev. Teeters was speaking with such force. He held up the Bible and said, see this is where Rev. Moon's authority comes from. From the Bible. Jesus unlocked the secrets of the Bible and gave them to Rev. Moon. (Rev. Teeters came through a strong spiritual experience in Cheong Pyeong. He was healed there. Later he went onto the blessing.)

The spirit was very strong in Florida. The members are all cooperating to touch the heart of Christianity. Representatives of the Moslem faith were there and were very support. Senator B., the woman senator, proclaimed during Mother's tour of America in September that the Messiah has come after she heard the clouds of witnesses. Somehow, she is totally confident that this is right and God is working through this dispensation. She recently introduced and oversaw the passage of the Parents Day for the state of Florida, the first State in America to follow the National Parents Day Legislation making Parents Day a National Holiday. Now Parents Day is an official Holiday for the State of Florida. The proclamation was officially presented to President Jenkins, Rev. Hong and Rev. Edwards and the ACLC executive Committee of

Florida.

The Divine Principle was taught will full force, Creation, Fall and the reality that Jesus was to be accepted by the people was clearly presented. The clergy were with it. I have never anything like this before. They responded to each and every call for an answer. They are literally drinking the principle like people who are coming out of the desert. Not only the clergy, but our Blessed Central Families are getting so much inspiration from the Principle.

We always know that when it we hear the Principle just by ourselves many times we don't feel the full excitement that we felt when we first discovered the truth. However, when we hear the Principle with new people (especially Christian Pastors, well versed in the Bible) that same newness and feeling of discovery is there again. That was the feeling several brothers and sisters shared with me in Florida. Also, as Blessed Central Families, our greatest value is that we have not only studied the Principle but we have lived it for many years and therefore have so much to teach and share. The Blessed members that had ministers as guests could feel a tremendous sense of pride and value in the Principle and in the presentations.

The reason this is happening is True Parents have established the victory in

the spirit world. By revealing and reading the Clouds of Witnesses testimonies, just as Father promised us, the clergy are receiving a feeling of inner peace and confirmation that Jesus is behind the Principle and is confirming it all the way. Just last year, we had the first national level Divine Principle Seminar in Florida (in January). This was before the Clouds of Witnesses and the four providential blessings last year. As in our past experience, the fall of man created an explosion and divided many. Christology, John The Baptist all the key points created argument and confusion. One pastors couple barely made it to the dinner cruise that night. One ACLC pastor said openly, why are you trying to jam the Divine Principle down our throats and indoctrinate us? Because of that severe reaction, some key leaders almost quit the ACLC. It was shocking.

Now however, after following Father's direction concerning the Clouds of Witnesses, things are completely different. The ministers are receiving the confirmation from heaven. Without the blessing, the Clouds of Witnesses and the ensuing struggles to proclaim True Parents Messiahship, the era of the cross could never have been ended. We must follow Father's direction. This is the most important thing that I am experiencing on deep-

er and deeper levels. Father's direction is not a reaction to current affairs or out of convenience or simplistic strategy. Father's direction stands on the foundation of indemnity conditions that were successfully accomplished. Based on the right foundation of indemnity and Heaven's command Father will launch a direction and will not waiver or change.

Look at the Clouds of Witnesses. That revelation from Jesus that Father was the Messiah, came on Christmas Day 2001. Father didn't open it up to the world until certain key indemnity conditions were achieved. Namely the 144,000 Couple Blessing, the historic proclamation concerning Jesus and the Cross delivered by True Parents at the Washington Times 20th Anniversary and finally the July 3rd expansion of the 144,000 to the second generation. Then on July 4th Father proclaimed God's Independence Day and launched the Clouds of Witnesses nationwide in all 50 states (a major Newspaper in almost every state and some national papers). The hurricane hit.

The ministers went through a long dark night. (One pastor said recently, it was a long dark night in Egypt.) But finally the daylight came. Those who stand now are standing on a Foundation of Faith in the DP and a Foundation of Substance with a direct experience with Father. They are deeply convicted in their hearts.

The Video - Tear Down the Walls for World Peace is quite interesting. Dr. Lonnie McLeod of New York

Theological Seminary (He is also teaching at UTS) gives very thoughtful yet profound insights about taking down the cross. Also, Dr. McGhee shares about how he persecuted the movement but now he sees where it is coming from and he knows that he must follow.

That's the foundation upon which Rev. Edwards spoke. He testified that he was challenged. The following a summary of his testimony. It was right there in the same hotel we were meeting in when in September of last year on the tour to proclaim the Clouds of Witnesses and the Messiah Rev. Edwards received a desperate call from his wife. The fire chief, zoning, and two other chief inspectors were there to find infractions in his church. They find minor violations and locked up his church and his Philadelphia Christian Academy) (K -12). Rev. Edwards said to his wife, "Buy them lunch and try to make them happy."

Rev. Edwards determined that although this was a crisis, this must be a test. He determined to stay on the tour. The inspectors were there because someone, who was against what Rev. Edwards was doing with

Second Generation Workshop in Alabama

by Steven Roppoli

The Family Church of South Alabama had our first All Second Generation managed workshop (ages 13 up). Requested, organized and scheduled by some of our senior youth, Daniel and Barret (my work schedule was so tight, but they said we can do it!) with staff help from Benie, YoungSu, Coree, Unja.

The two night three day workshop was completely managed by senior SG members. Lectures of about 45 minutes each by two SG each, panel discussions and special movie presentations were prepared. (The Other Side of Heaven) new release (Mormon missionary on his first mission to Tonga; PG). with questions and discussions about the movie after.

Second day special message in the morning from Rev. Kim then we had a sports festival-type activity by teams. Four different events with points awarded to each teams then tallied up for prizes in the end. Every team received a prize.

Advisors to the workshop were Rev. Won Geun Kim, Regional Leader Steven Roppoli and In Guk Seo, married SG from U T Seminary. MC was Benie and Barret. Lectures by senior SG staff. Only adults involved were for meal preparation and overnight chaperones. We all slept in the church.

We had over 40 SG from three states AL, MS, LA. Yes there will be lessons learned and we will have a review and suggestions meeting before the next program, however this is the first "letting them run with the ball" so to speak to see what our SG can do. ❖



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to touch it, wanted it to just fade away. But Father told us we had to read it and proclaim it at every meeting. We prepared Archbishop Stallings to read excerpts from the Clouds of Witnesses at every meeting, and on the morning of the September 14th blessing Father asked, "Who's reading the Clouds of Witnesses?" Then we could answer, "Archbishop Stallings is reading it. It's on the program."

We proclaimed it, and many ministers were almost lost. It became life or death for Christianity. We had no way to go but to turn to the Divine Principle. We couldn't just embrace and say, let's fellowship and sing a song together. We had to get down to rock bottom truth.

At the first Divine Principle clergy convocation last October in Ocean City, we found the spirit world had changed. You know how ministers would complain that we didn't talk about Jesus when we taught Principle of Creation, the Fall and so forth? It was conflict all the way, and by the time we got to the Mission of Jesus things were really tense. We just hoped that we could still be friends with them afterwards! Previously through Dr. Hendricks' fine work with Bishop Pak we had laid a foundation of biblically oriented teaching through True Family Values. That edified and strengthened the ministers. But now we're on the solid rock of the Divine Principle. The ministers are eating it up.

When Dr. E.V. Hill stood up in support of True Parents, I saw something I'd never seen before. Dr. Hill was a close friend of Jerry Falwell, a keynote speaker at the revivals at Liberty University. Dr. Hill told me that 53 people called him to not go to the Dec. 7 blessing, and he said, "You'd know their names, Rev. Jenkins. I won't name any of them, but they faxed me, phoned me, e-mailed me, and some even visited me to stop me going to this blessing." He said, "I need some help." So we asked Rev. Leroy Elliott to write him a letter, and he said, "Come on inside." In the video about the blessing he said, "I can see better now, I can walk better. My wife looks better to me now. I thought this was nothing but a cult. I stayed away from this as long as I possibly could, but then one day the missionaries touched me and I couldn't resist." This was after 15 years. He came to the RFK blessing and had an experience with Jesus and True Parents. He realized Jesus is in this thing.

After hearing from Rev. Elliott, Dr. Hill called me back and said, "I got all the ammunition I need. Those evangelists are just worried about man's righteousness, not God's righteousness." Then he stood absolutely strong. At the Dec. 7th blessing he totally testified that Father is the savior of the family.

In December when we were going church to church with the clergy, there was a lot of time to go deeper with the ministers. One day we started reading "The New Future of Christianity" with Archbishop Stallings. He said, "Why didn't you read that to me before?" His request was that we read from it at the beginning of every Divine Principle convocation and at our one-day seminars. It was given September 18, 1974, almost 30 years ago. Father laid down every major point of the Principle. By the time we get about 40 minutes into the reading, ministers are usually standing up

because it's one Bible verse after another. Jesus revealed in John 16:25 he had many things to say to you but you can't bear them now, but when the spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. And "I have spoken many things to you in parables, but the day is coming when I shall no longer speak in parables but tell you plainly of the Father." On that foundation it is very clear that we teach that God's revelation will open the parables and symbols of the Bible. Then when they read Father's speech, that's what they feel—that Father has the code book to the Bible.

When Father reveals that John the Baptist was Elijah, and that Jesus was so clear about it, the scales fall from the ministers' eyes. That's why major leaders are coming in. Ministers are bringing 10 or 12 other ministers that they know.

Rev. Elliott and Rev. E.T. Bird are friends, and originally they had agreed that we were a cult. But then Rev. Elliott changed, and Rev. Bird used to persecute him. Rev. Bird is president of the National Baptist convention in New Jersey and he fought one night with Rev. Elliott—"What are you doing with Moon,

changed the atmosphere in our discussion group! He said, "I'm not worshipping a cross. I love Jesus. I want the essence—Jesus' love. That's the essence, not symbols." He said that all the progressive churches are taking away their cross.

Then Rev. Bird said, well, I took my cross down a while ago too. He just wouldn't tell us. He was always reserved, but he's a righteous, pure, good minister. He can shake New Jersey. The governor, everybody knows him.

At Dr. Hill's homegoing service in Los Angeles, the mayor of Los Angeles sat there for three hours waiting to speak because you have to honor the man of God. These are the kind of leaders who are coming into Father's family now as blessed couples. Father gave Dr. Hill a special calligraphy because he's a blessed couple. His wife totally believes that we're one family. She had Rev. Ku, myself and Naoko, the missionary sister who witnessed to Dr. Hill, ride in her limo to the funeral. We were with all the relatives. So when Jerry Falwell and all these leaders were on the stage, Rev. Ku and I were walking in with the family.

I told Mrs. Hill, this calligraphy says,

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man?" Rev. Elliott said, "Jesus is with him." Rev. Bird said, "We don't need any outsiders telling us what to do."

When Rev. Elliott does a revival he usually has audiences of 2,500 and he brings in a lot of new members for the churches. Then he told Dr. Bird, I'm an outsider; I'm from Chicago. Maybe I should cancel tonight if you don't need any outsiders. Then Rev. Bird said, "no, no, Leroy, hold on."

That kind of conviction is in our ministers. They understand that this is real. Finally Rev. Elliott touched Rev. Bird's heart and Dr. Bird came to the convocation. He's a tough guy, but he listened to the Principle. We read the Clouds of Witnesses, and explained how the purpose of these seminars is to take down the cross. This providence is so incredible, and we don't know the preparation behind in the spirit world from the conditions Father is setting.

One of the Muslim participants in Washington said that in the Hadith, a core writing of Islam, it says that the Messiah is the one who will come and smash the crosses. One Moslem brother stood up and said, "Man, Rev. Moon is the Messiah because in our teaching we've been studying that the Messiah is the one who will come and smash the crosses." Then a major Brooklyn minister said, "Man, I got rid of my cross a long time ago." That just completely

congratulations, and that Dr. Hill will now be an ambassador for God between heaven and earth. He can go anywhere in the spirit world. She said, "Tell me about it. Last night he came to me and whispered in my ear and I knew it was him. I didn't see him but I knew it was him. He said, 'Ladine, just to go rest now. Everything will be all right.'" He's already with her. I talked to her two days ago. She's having conversations with him. I think a new age has dawned.

Future of Christianity

This kind of transformation is occurring in Christianity, but it's not just emotional. It's spiritual but based on the word, so when the spirit subsides, they still have the word. In this speech "The New Future of Christianity" Father reveals the essential content of the Principle, but at the end he make it clear—approximately 2,000 years have passed since Jesus Christ's death. Now God is once again ready to send his son in the capacity of the 3rd Adam. Throughout history God always fulfills his goal at the third attempt. It is true that the number three is the number of perfection. This time God will definitely fulfill his age-old ideal by blessing the perfected Adam and Eve in heavenly matrimony, thus laying the foundation of the Kingdom of God on earth. This ultimate condition is prophesied in the book

of Revelation as the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

Thirty years ago Father prophesied that his blessing would be the marriage supper of the lamb, and the Lord of the Second Advent is that lamb, that Adam. The Lord is coming as the perfected Adam and he will restore the perfected Eve. Then they will be lifted up as the first true parents of mankind. At last God's joy will be complete.

By the time we finish reading this, the ministers are shouting. And then we go into the teaching of Divine Principle, which is very beautiful. We put Mrs. Eu's version into Powerpoint. Eventually everybody will have their own Powerpoint so the words of the Principle come on the screen and the diagrams move automatically. Mother told us on a recent tour, please use technology as much as possible to convey God's words.

We have to see how God is working behind the scenes. Back in April 2002, before the 144,000 clergy blessing, one pastor from Chicago went with our Texas state leader to meet another minister. He looked at the minister and said, I know you, don't I? The Texas pastor responded, no, I've been in Houston for about 25 years, but I've always known you. You have a big church and I was a pastor down the road but we never met.

The Chicago minister said, were you a helicopter pilot in Vietnam? I was the guy who was wounded, dying on the field, and you were the only helicopter pilot that would fly in under enemy fire and you saved my life, man. They hugged and they cried together.

The Texas pastor said, what do you want me to do? The Chicago minister said, I want you to come to this Divine Principle seminar. The Texas pastor did come, and he got it 100 percent. At the seminar he bought 10 Principle books and went back. He was very excited, and then all of a sudden we hear he's having Bible study on Wednesday night with the Divine Principle books. He has his key leaders studying Divine Principle, and on Sunday he's teaching from the Principle. In Chicago this time he got 25 more books and bought 12 ACLC memberships at \$100 each for 12 of his leaders. That kind of commitment is going on. He said, if this Divine Principle gets out to the Christian church and they understand, Christianity is going to explode because this is the undeniable truth. The deeper I go in the Bible, it's unshakable. It's real. It's what I've been praying for.

Where do we want to go? We've got to take down the cross. Also our youth and CARP must build our youth education movement. The time has come for teaching Principle to our young people. CARP is working to set up education centers in San Francisco, Washington, and all the major cities. It's going to happen. The spirit is pouring down upon the earth. We've got to get our young people ready by sending them to STF, and we ourselves have to know we have the authority and the power.

Archbishop Stallings

Then the religious leaders who can shake America are coming in to the blessed family. That's why the blessing is so powerful. Father wants us to continue blessing the ministers. We have 1,000 ministers who are educated in Divine Principle and we're asking them to go out and bring 12,000 to the one-day convocations. We want to educate

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CROSS TO CROWN CEREMONIES

ATLANTA

by Tom Cutts

We had a "Take Down the Cross" meeting at an Atlanta church on Wednesday, May 7th. It was amazing. Bishop Man Ho Kim, Bishop Murjan Rasheed, Rev. Jean B. Kasongo, and Rev. Tom Cutts visited the Bible Study of an ACLC minister.

The ACLC pastor testified about how she really struggled with the idea of taking down the cross when she first heard that Father Moon wanted us to go beyond the cross. For several years during her television program, she held a cross in her hand during the entire program. She always carried her cross to the hospital and when she touched people with it, they would be healed. In her church there was a large picture of her holding a cross. She couldn't understand why

God would tell Rev. Moon one thing, and her another.

When she prayed about it, Heavenly Father told her He had given her the cross to hold onto as a symbol of her faith. It gave her something tangible. But her faith had matured now, and she didn't need the cross anymore. So, she took down the crosses in her home, in her church, and she no longer holds up the cross on her television program.

On Easter Sunday, she made cardboard crosses for each member of her congregation. Before handing in their crosses, each person used a red pen to write his burdens on his cross. The red ink symbolized the Blood of Jesus. Then they approached the altar and turned in their crosses.

During the Bible Study, the pastor

shared that one day Rev. Cutts called her and left a message about ACLC on her answering machine. When she returned home, she saw that the call was from him, and felt, "Oh, I just wish ACLC would leave me alone." So she didn't return the call. But later that evening, when she was in prayer, God told her, "When you reject them, you reject me." She burst into tears, and repented deeply. She cried and cried.

At the end of the Bible Study, Bishop Kim gave an ACLC Crown lapel pin to the pastor, to her husband, to her younger sister who was attending the Bible Study, and to Bishop Rasheed.

Then we heard an amazing testimony from the pastor's sister. These two ladies come from a clergy family. Their father is a bishop, and all five of the chil-

dren are pastors and have their own churches. When the younger sister heard the testimony about taking down the cross she got up and spoke. What she said shocked everyone. She testified that just last Sunday the Holy Spirit had told her to take down the cross. During her Sunday service, she even had a young man, who had entered the service with a large cross around his neck, take off the cross, take it out of the church and place it in his car before rejoining the service.

The next day after the Bible Study, the ACLC minister sent Rev. Cutts this email.

<< I truly enjoyed the visit by the ACLC leadership last night. I am still rejoicing in the Lord this morning. I am wearing my crown today and I am proud of it. I feel a change over my life since I laid my burdens down. >> ❖

by Rev. Bismarck Bamfo

May 5, 2003 Dinner conference was one of the most successful monthly ACLC/TFVM conferences in recent time. Many of our core ACLC minister became fallen stars after the Cloud of Witness proclamation on September 18, 2003, True Mother's speaking tour. However, the wind of change, the revolution of heart and spirit igniting by the Divine Principle conferences across the nation is resurrecting our minister once again.

April 5, conference in Boston, April 14, conference in Providence, preparation toward the ceremony to remove the cross on April 18, in Worcester and Fall River and the 3 days North American Leaders conference in New York City left us with doubt about the prospect to success of May 5, Dinner conference. As a result we reserved only 40 seats for the evening. However, a total of 79 attend-

ed including 56 ministers and their wives. We indeed created a good trouble.

One of the ministers commented to me, "Don't worry about us, it is not your fault, it our fault because we were late." Extra tables and meals were ordered and some even did not eat. However, spiritually they were well fed and responded enthusiastically to Rev. Philip Schanker's presentation on the Mission of the Messiah leading to the necessity to remove

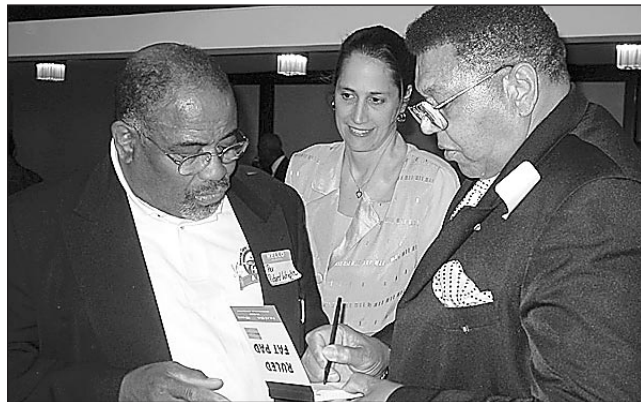
the cross from the churches.

Rev. Wayne Gadie, Emmanuel Baptist church Medford and a good friend of Rev. Dr. C. Philip Johnson was the keynote speaker. He encouraged the minister present and Christianity in general to be broad minded to understand new ideas that will help to resolve our current crisis. He further emphasized the role of Father Moon as one anointed by God to do the mission of the messiah. "As Christians we

also have all been anointed and commissioned by Jesus to do the mission of the messiah."

Most of them are gaining confidence in ACLC, the role of True Parents and the content of the Divine Principle. What is the proof? It quite simple! They don't come alone, as it used to be in the past. This time, they are coming with their wives and members of their congregation. In addition, they are taking responsibility to own their participation and membership by paying. What a change? It is happening.

Again our thanks go to God, True Parents, our Regional Director Rev. Kil Hwan Kim and brothers and sisters who worked tirelessly to bring these ministers to the conference. Thank you brothers and sister for your unchanging heart to do the will of heaven! ❖



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ACLC repeatedly called them to cause trouble for him. His congregation then met in the parking lot for several weeks, but finally dwindled to 20. Rev. Edwards wanted to give up but by the power of the Holy Spirit and his confidence that God was leading him, he hung on. (Though many have heard the testimony before, in Florida it was as if it was told the first time because you could see the strength and joy with which it is being told.) Now he has around 240 members (140 attended last Sunday). On top of that he went to a Home Depot to buy materials for the inside of his church building (the locks finally came off!!) and a pastor from his former denomination walked up. The pastor said, are you Rev. Edwards? Are you the one that was preaching with Rev. Moon? (Rev. Edwards tells this in a very humorous way.) Jesse related that he wasn't sure if he wanted to say yes. For a second he thought to himself, "This pastor might be coming over to punch me." Nevertheless he said proudly, "Yes, that's me."

To his surprise the other pastor stuck out his hand and said, "I want to shake your hand. You are the one who had the courage to stand up for what you believe in front of a whole denomination!!" Recently, that pastor joined Jesse's church as asst. Pastor. It is amazing.

Then Rev. Edwards shared that recently he received the call to pastor a second church because the pastor (of his old denomination was retiring). Rev. Edwards testified that he now has two churches. By this time the Pastors in Miami are truly uplifted, smiling, clapping and shouting. Then Jesse, said, "This is the time. It is time to believe. Jesus is guiding us this way. I found God in the ACLC like I have never experienced before. Its time to end the era of the cross. I took my cross down on Sunday. I made an 8 foot crown for all the congregation. I realized that if Israel had believed there would be no cross. If Israel had done what Jesus asked them to do, we wouldn't have racism, denominations and division of the body of Christ. Jesus would have been King and would have brought the Kingdom right then.

Because of faithlessness the cross went up. Today, I'm telling you church that because of Faith, the cross, the bloodshed

and the old history can come down. Yes we cherish the cross because through that burden Jesus showed us how to love in the midst of suffering. What we cherish is Jesus victory of love at the cross. If there had been faith the son of man had power to forgive sin. Jesus told the man with palsy your sins are forgiven, now rise and walk!! Jesus has all power over sin. Now today because of faith he is coming in glory and victory. So I want you to come now and trade your cross in for a crown.

At that point Rev. Byron Filus came forward as one of the 120 that founded the ACLC. He stood with the Crowns (lapel pins) and every pastor and all the guests came forward carrying white crosses that had been given out to everyone. They brought their crosses forward while Rev. Teeters sang the hymn "The Old Rugged Cross". "I will cling to the old rugged cross and exchange it someday for a crown." As each one laid their cross down, Rev. Filus gave each a crown. Every single pastor came forward. They laid down their crosses in Miami. Revival will now spread like wildfire (Father prophesied that this would happen.) Miami is on fire now. The spirit of pentecost has come to Miami in the

form of Rev. Edwards. Rev. Edwards speaks a testimony of victory and his conviction gives all who hear him great strength.

Then Rev. Jenkins called for Rev. Beck to come forward. (One of the 120 founding members who went to Korea in May of 2000 to found ACLC). Rev. Beck was diagnosed with a severe kidney problem and several months ago was given only 2 weeks to live. (When he heard that he bought a new guitar and said God still needs me here. My time has not yet come.) Now several months later his lives. Jesse and many pastors prayed for Rev. Beck and then 70 others naturally lined up to receive a prayer from the leading pastors.

The program concluded with a powerpoint presentation on the second coming. In that presentation it is revealed that Jesus will work through a man born on earth. Revelation talks about the man who overcomes, Revelation 3:21: "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne." The one who overcometh is here. Let us be bold and confident to proclaim the good news. ❖

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100 in each state and have rallies on Good Friday. Archbishop Stallings is now making a ceremony of how to take down the cross. He's our hero and we've got to pray for him and protect him.

He has a very strong anchor to True Parents in his wife. It's really beautiful to see his wife becoming one with his church. When Archbishop Stallings took down his cross, that was not a simple thing. Father really wanted him to fulfill that in the year 2002 because Father proclaimed it at the Washington Times. Archbishop Stallings wanted to wait until Easter, but instead he stood up right before midnight on God's Day, with a wrench, on his own ladder, and he's taking the cross off the wall. The members are coming in for the midnight prayer and they go, "What are you doing?!!!" He replies, what does it look like I'm doing? I'm taking this cross off the wall.

Father was hearing this report and was laughing so hard. Peter Kim asked him, what did you do with the cross? He replied, I hid it in a room because if the members find it, they'll crucify me on it. So first his members didn't understand and there was huge turmoil in his church, but because Sayomi just keeps serving and loving that church, they can change. Also, Archbishop Stallings has 12 churches across America and he's united his bishops, bringing them to the DP seminar.

Now his members have settled down because they love Archbishop Stallings,

and he has raised other leaders so the church is totally unified. Sayomi is that incredible sister. We need to pray for her. Her husband is really a hero who is directly engrafted to True Parents. That's why Father named their son Shin Young. Father only gave the name Shin to his grandchildren. What does that mean? It means Father accepts Archbishop Stallings representing Christianity as his own family. That's Father's heart, the incredible heart of True Parents, never putting a barrier between his family and others. Father is always reaching out to bring Christianity and the world in directly to his family.

When Archbishop Stallings spoke in New Jersey, there was still turmoil in his church when he spoke at the DP convocation. He gives the main message on taking down the cross. You could feel he wasn't there yet, but now in Chicago, LA, and Washington, he's flying. The people are shouting after he speaks. Father said, once you take down the cross, an incredible resurrection of Jesus is going to occur and a Pentecost is going to occur in the church.

Father gave us a new direction—after we educate the 12,000, then on Good Friday we take down the cross; Easter Sunday we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Father is revealing to us that when we do that kind of internal condition, when they fulfill their rightful place with Jesus, then the spirit that's causing the division with Judaism, Islam and Christianity can change. So we must repent, and at the same time we

must pray for our president, pray for our nation. But we also must really strongly preserve and protect this elder son nation. This is God's nation to usher in the Kingdom of God and unify with the Fatherland and Motherland. No other nation is prepared to do this. We must jealously protect the American spirit, but we must do it with love, with heart.

We have to have confidence that it's already decided in the spirit world.

Therefore, we have to go beyond this war in Iraq. We have to declare war ourselves, war against division of Muslim, Christian and Jew, war against division of our mind and body. We've got to declare our own war. It says in Ephesians, we fight not against flesh and blood, but we fight against principalities in high and dark places. Our battle is in spirit.

Therefore, if we win the spiritual battle, all unity will come externally. Father has already won the spiritual battle. It's inevitable that the Muslim, Jewish and Christian families are going to come and reconcile. But we have to be bold and strong. Mohammed and the rabbi and Christian leaders have already proclaimed True Parents in the spirit world. They are absolute about it, and Jesus is leading the way. Heung Jin nim and Daemonim are leading the way. We have to have confidence that it's already decided in the spirit world. But if we don't stand strong on earth with that kind of resonance then they have no base with which to work.

Father told us, if you don't read Clouds of Witnesses then it won't have power

on earth; it will just reside in the spirit world. But when you speak the truth that Jesus revealed, that Father is the Second Coming, then Jesus' spirit can move and it moves in the original minds of the Christians on earth. Then a base is formed on earth for the myriads to pour down. In the Last Days I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh. Amen. That's reality.

Are you going to be that base for Moslem, Christian and Jew to become one? Do we have confidence to march into the enemy camp? We will not march with weapons of war but weapons of love and truth. We have the authority of God's King, his son, True Parents, the authority as owners of Cheon Il Guk. We are the sons and daughters of the King, are we not? Therefore, we must usher in the kingdom now. This war will speedily pass away, but the remnants of the war, it's our job to clean it up.

We will not let this become a world war, will we? I will give my life, my fortune and my sacred honor. There's nothing that I'm not willing to sacrifice. I'm telling you before heaven and earth here at Belvedere, if it takes my life, my fortune, my sacred honor—I believe this and I will die by it. That's Father's life. One thing I learned from being with True Parents the last three years, Father never stops risking his life. That's why he put his body in this situation right now. But I also saw Father as a living Messiah. Every time he walks across the valley of death, he throws himself into the world of death, but he always resurrects and he always brings victory. ❖

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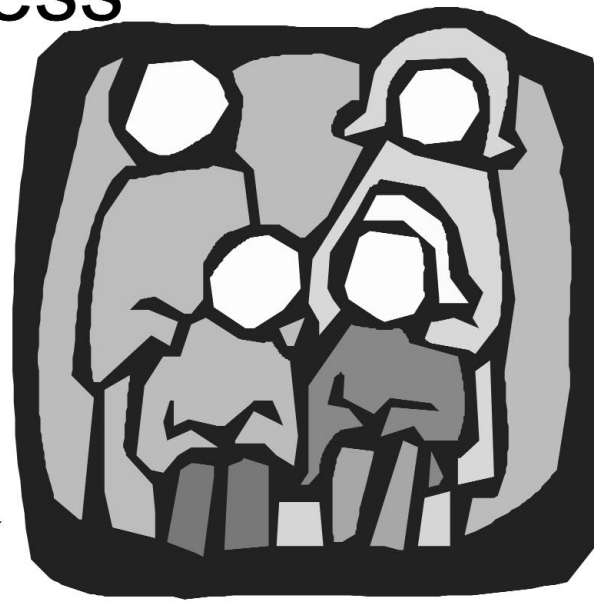
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STF Workshop in Colorado

by Larry Krishnek

Estes Park, Colorado, stands as the gateway to the Rocky Mountain National Forest. It has also become an important stop for STF members, on their way to completing this first leg of the formula course, as well as the members of the ILTP (World CARP's International Leadership Training Program).

The YMCA of the Rockies has become almost a hometown for the STF. Three times a year everyone meets together to share testimonies of growth and victory as well as receive inspirational guidance and education. We talk a lot, eat a lot, play a lot, recommit, reorganize and then head out for new challenges. This year the workshop began on Easter Sunday, April 20th and concluded on the 24th.

Mr. Ittetsu Aoki, STF Director, and his staff invest their whole hearts in planning and making preparations for every workshop, but our experience has been that Heavenly Father always has more to give us than we expect.

This time God sent us our Continental Leader, Dr. Yang; FFWP President, Rev. Jenkins; Jin Man Kwak, VP of World CARP; Mrs. Alexa Ward, President of WFWP; Rev. Phillip Schankar, Jin Soo Kim, International 2nd Generation Director; In Soo Kim, National 2nd Generation Director; Rev. Hun Suk Lee, Seattle Regional Director, and Rev. Park, the Rocky Mountain Regional leader, and there were many parents present for a few of those days.

The workshop opened with 2 days of Rev. Phillips Schanker's Divine Principle lectures. As always everyone received so much understanding and inspiration from his heartistic delivery.

Rev. Jenkins arrived on the afternoon of the 21st and had only a few hours to be with us but made a powerful impact in the short time he had. He received a traditional STF greeting; jumping and shouting, whooping and hollering - a good compliment to his energetic and creative Unification/Baptist preaching style. He encouraged us in our witnessing outreach by sharing his testimony of the beginnings of his spiritual journey. He had been a dental student at Ohio State University. He prayed to God one night asking that



he not miss the second coming. Then he told God, "If you need me, you can count on me." The very next day he met his spiritual mother. He implored us to be like her; never give up, keep calling; God will work.

The next day Dr. Yang was with us. An historical meeting took place between Dr. Yang and all the leaders present discussing important matters of 2nd generation education. Later he met with the STF participants and presented his exciting analysis of the providence with Christian Ministers which helped the STF members understand the providential work that their parent's are involved in. Dr. Yang also shared his moving personal testimony.

Another highlight of our workshop was the heartistic and insightful talk presented by Jin Man Kwak, representing Hyun Jin Nim. Jin Man conveyed the hope and expectation of HJN for the second generation.

The theme of this workshop was The Formula Course and I. Rev. Joshua Cotter presented an overview of the 7 year formula course for second generation and the Core Values' lecture. Hyun Jin Nim has outlined a 7 year course which includes two years of STF training or public mission in their home country, 4 years of college with active involvement in CARP and 1 year of foreign mission work.

Colorado provided us with an exciting array of spring weather; thunderstorms, heavy snow falls, sunshine, a little rain and some hail. This added to the adventure element of the outing day especially for those who opted to hike in the snow. Others participated in sports or in some cases spent time with their parents. The evening entertainment was MC'd by Mrs. Cynthia Hiromitsu and STF 2nd year member Vincent Aparo. It included a diverse and international mix of music, skits and other performance with participants from Japan, Korea, Europe, Mongolia, Taiwan, the Philippines, Russia and lots of other places as well as the USA.

Each of three evenings were dedicated to 3 hours of testimony which allowed for dozens of brothers and sisters to share a part of their experiences of transformation and meeting with God. The workshop was truly both an inspirational time as well as a great time for all involved. ❖

CARP Active in Congo

We have a World CARP club growing in the Congo. The DR Congo has 10 provinces plus the capital Kinshasa. Since the beginning of the war in 1998, 5 of them are under the control of the warriors and just 5 others with Kinshasa are under the government's control. So we are directly in touch with the 5 concerned by the government and we are trying to organize them. The provinces that are not directly concerned by the government are indirectly in touch with us.

Martial Arts have always been an important part of our CARP activities in this part of Africa. In 1990, Mr. Jun Flores, a member of W-CARP Philip-

ppines, came to teach Won Hwa do Martial Arts Philosophy and Techniques. Since that time, many World CARP members have been concerned about and joined the club for and it has interested many young people. In October 2001, Mr. Kadima Jean Pierre, the W-CARP Congo president, explained the necessity and the importance for CARP to continue to lead in martial arts and workshops were held attended by many athletes. Among 32 who attended the regional seminar in Brazzaville, Congo, 23 of them came from DR Congo and the others represent others martial arts or disciplines like Shotokan, Judo etc.

More recently, three members attended the 'Youth National Forum' held by the Youth Ministry and the Youth Nation-



al Council on the theme 'Youth's role for the development of the Nation' (10 . 14 February 2003) Mr. Olivier Buangi, Secretary General, met the athletes of Tong Il Moo Do after their continental seminar in Brazzaville and explained them about the World CARP view of Martial Arts and their link with True Families Values

In DR Congo, just 2 towns are the centerpieces of TMD activities. So, 60 athletes are interested about TMD phi-



losophy and Techniques and are core members of the club. In Matadi in Bas-Congo province there are 20 athletes directed by Master Kumbi Prospere. And in Kinshasa, we have 40 athletes who are directed by Master Alain Imbu.

If you would like to support the chapter in DR Congo, or any other of our smaller chapters please write to Koichi Nohara at nohara@worldcarp.org. ❖

ACLIC PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

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slavery.

We visited the ancient ruins of the Roman forum. One of the most profound experiences was at the end of the forum. There we visited the prison (dungeon) that Peter and Paul were kept at separate times. Dr. C. Phillip Johnson stated, "Being in the prison of St. Peter and Paul made me feel the sense of urgency and greater sense of importance of the mission we have been called to. We have been receiving communications from the heavenly realm that we must be victorious. Many times we do not take our missions seriously enough."

The prison affected everyone. At the base of a 2000 year old building you enter through an iron gate and proceed down a winding stone stairway. There you enter a stone room that has a very low ceiling and is somewhat shaped like a small dome. Peter was imprisoned here. Paul was imprisoned here. It was real. Then we were told that the stairway was put in latter. The way you were put into the prison was through a hole cut in the ceiling. It was dark and damp.

Paul prayed in that very prison

cell and determined that his new religion based on faith in Jesus would conquer Rome. He believed without doubt that, though he had but a handful of followers in the magnificent and all powerful Rome, that Jesus would win the empire for God. As he prayed, it is recorded in scripture that water sprang forth and allowed Paul to baptize other prisoners. In the floor in that dungeon was a spring feed basin about 2 feet in diameter and about 3 feet deep. We

baptized one another in that dungeon. The water was pure and clean. Therefore whatever suffering we may experience we must believe and find the spring water in our suffering that will sustain and cleanse us.

Blessed Central Families, how serious must we be at this time. Paul, with absolute faith in the Lord moved Rome. From this dark and damp prison cell Paul experienced confirmation that God would give Jesus the power to turn

Rome around. Our blessed central families must have this kind of faith. In every nation. We can turn the nation around. America is certainly deeply parallel to Rome. One is amazed at the architectural congruity of both America and Rome. Rome was truly the most powerful civilization on earth and if Jesus had been received Rome would have built the Kingdom of God on earth. America is the modern day Rome. It has the most powerful military, economy and the finest constitutional republic that has ever been established. To fulfill its destiny our beloved America must receive the Lord.

Can the nations of the world be turned toward the Kingdom of God, can America lead the way to the Kingdom of God? Blessed Central Families, the power of these Christian leaders bound together in blood lineage through the covenant of the blessing are also bound in blood with us and together we will help America lead the nations of the world to God's Kingdom of Cheon Il Guk. We have the power of True Parents who have been crowned King and Queen of all Blessed families. There is infinite power to be unleashed through our proper relationship with True Parents. Each morning at Hoon Dok Hae the 120 clergy gather and we read Father's words. The incredible foundation that God prepared for Jesus did not receive him. Now its time mend this history. ❖



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Johnson, one of our national ACLC executive committee, had a life-threatening illness and had to be rushed to the hospital. Right at the end of the conference he revived and was able to rejoin us. We know that all of these historic events are occurring based on immense indemnity conditions set by True Parents in the last 40 days. True Father overcame a life-and-death battle, a trial to directly plant the condition of his indemnity in the Middle East to reconcile the Christian, Muslim and Jewish faiths.

Our particular focus here has been the unity of Christianity and Judaism. A conference was held in the same hotel that we have stayed in for the last few days, the Hyatt Regency in Jerusalem. Hotels are almost empty in Israel because of the terrorism. The bombing near our hotel prevented our guests, the rabbis and representatives of the Jewish community, from coming on time. Nevertheless, they had courage and they came. Over 120 representatives of the Jewish faith and leadership came for the one-day symposium.

Dr. Yang gave a powerful opening address, calling for unity of Jews and Christians, based on understanding our common faith in God. We are calling for reconciliation and for love based on Christians taking down their crosses and repenting for the fact that they did not understand that Jesus should have lived and been received by Israel. Also he called on the Jewish leaders to understand that now is the time to come together and embrace Jesus. The two brother religions should become one. This will be the basis for the healing of the struggle between the Moslem and Jewish communities.

Very significant rabbis attended and were presenters on the program. A major figure who is an Ambassador for Peace, Dr. Glaubach, gave a welcoming address. The opening session was chaired by Dr. Frank Kaufmann, entitled "Forgiveness, Love and Reconciliation." Archbishop Stallings gave the opening talk in this first session and we could see how God is with us. The Archbishop walked a very narrow road of inspiring the Christian leaders who were there, while at the same time inspiring the Jewish leaders to set aside our differences and come together not simply in love but also in common faith in God, knowing that our two religions were both created by the same God and that Christianity is the



younger brother. Archbishop Stallings stepped out of the box and said we as Christians have not understood the meaning of the cross. Therefore, to set a condition for reconciliation we took

our crosses down and came to Israel with a humble heart seeking our elder brother. He also said that we Christians must repent for the Holocaust and for all the anti-Semitism that occurred throughout history. He called upon the rabbis there to please forgive us.

At the same time he also

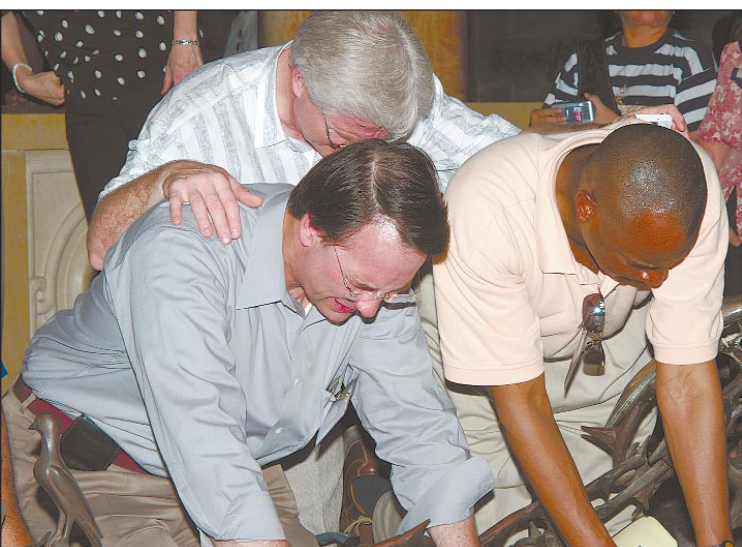
called on the rabbis to really understand that Jesus wanted to be loved by his people, that he was sent by God to build the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, and if there could have been understanding at that time, the kingdom would have come. Therefore, if understanding can be fostered at this time concerning Jesus and Christianity and Israel, then the Kingdom of God can be expanded upon the earth. The anointing of Archbishop Stallings was profound. It completely transformed the audience. [One clear sensitivity that was expressed by our FFWP representatives from Israel was that we must embrace and give truth in a way that does not make the Jewish guests feel pressure because in the past many times Christians tried to convert them by preaching at them.] Archbishop Stallings succeeded in this mission and the whole atmosphere was transformed. We knew that True Parents' indemnity covered everything. It was like a dream.

However, there was also a tremendous storm going on. The bombing occurred in the morning; then during the day a radical Jewish group tried at three different times to break into the hotel to stop the conference. In 1993 the same group was able to force the hotel that was hosting True Mother on her speaking tour to cancel right at the last moment. Our members approached 15 other hotels but no one would receive True Mother. Finally a hotel owned by Palestinians received True Mother and the event was a success. However, we were reminded of the courage of our True Parents, the heart of True Mother to go into these impossible situations where danger existed everywhere. At the hotel the event was put together at the last possible minute—the video even had to be shown with two brothers holding up a white sheet as a screen. Rev. Kwak and Rev. Peter Kim had to set up the microphones. Things were very, very unstable. Yet True Mother spoke courageously and boldly and fulfilled her mission and responsibility. In these important countries we realize that her world tours had far more sacrifice connected to them, far more indemnity for our True Parents than we ever knew. Mother was truly protected by God.

We found this to be the same for our conference. The same group attacked our conference three times, passing out leaflets, trying to enter in, trying to get the hotel to cancel. The former president of our WFWP in Israel was also the chief of our security and this blessed sister stood strong and kept them from entering. Finally when they made a third attempt, she called the police, and interestingly the police called the Border Patrol, which is a unit of the Israeli Army, and the army came to protect our conference. Inside the hotel the conference was tranquil, but on the outside a ranging storm was going on, unbeknownst to most of the guests.

The conference had its own spiritual turmoil. Our objective and challenge was that the Jewish and Christian leaders would come together to affirm certain things about Jesus and receive and honor his messianic role in a loving way. Archbishop Stallings opened the doors wide. A leading rabbi who has spoken with Archbishop Stallings at international conferences in the past was deeply moved by the his spirit and presence and his love for Father and Mother Moon. This rabbi, who is prominent in Israel, somehow has been touched by True Parents. He gave a speech with great depth and understanding of the reality that

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God is working through Judaism and Christianity, saying that most of our scriptures have the same contents. If we can live those contents then we can come together. He also was extremely respectful and embracing of the ten sheiks and imams who attended, some of whom are Palestinian.

We truly could see from this experience that the religious leaders can and do want to come together. The extreme violence that takes place in the communities is not from the heart of the religion. It's coming from people who misunderstand the scriptures or use the scriptures for their own misguided purpose.

We had discussion groups around tables just as we've done at ACLC conferences, which was invaluable for us to know each other. There were 251 guests—131 Christian leaders and 120 rabbis and Jewish leaders. Around the tables we discussed prepared questions, such as how forgiveness can help us come together, and have you ever forgiven or loved a person from another religion. This kind of question led to a positive dialogue and discussion. We broke for lunch and many of our representatives stayed together with their Israeli counterparts. However, some people were still reticent and had a tendency to sit with people they were more familiar with.

The second session began with a famous professor who was a former city councilman of Jerusalem. Next Dr. Andrew Wilson gave his paper on how the cross, as explained by James Carroll in his book "Constantine's Sword," is a direct barrier to Jewish-Christian unity. Dr. Wilson had tremendous courage and marched out into the very deep water of presenting why Jesus was rejected and why Jesus must also be embraced in order for Christianity and Judaism to unite and work together in heart. He also highlighted the failure of Christianity to truly love its spiritual origins in Judaism and the Old Testament. It was a serious presentation that had profound impact on the audience. The discussion after the second plenary was far more challenging, and yet somehow the spirit of peace remained with us.

The Jerusalem Declaration

Then Archbishop Stallings was called upon to introduce the Jerusalem Declaration, written by representatives of ACLC, Dr. Kaufmann, Dr. Wilson, Rev. Jenkins, Dr. Yang, Rev. Daugherty, Archbishop Stallings, Rev. Hod, our president in Israel, and Dr. Abe, the national messiah to Israel. The first paragraph reads, "In a spirit of understanding, harmony and reconciliation, believers from both families of Judaism and Christianity wish to repent for the dark parts of our past and to seek a bright future together, caring for the plight of all who suffer and long for a better world. Assembled in the holy city of Jerusalem, in the land where God chose His covenant people and sent His prophets to purify our faith and lead us in paths of righteousness, on this 18th day of May, 2003, for the sake of God and a world of peace and love for all humankind, we join together with one heart to declare:"

The declaration goes on to highlight faith in God, that both faiths have suffered unspeakable horrors for the sake of their respective faith; that we wish to cleanse our lives and all future history

from the moments of not loving innocent people; when our faiths have been persecuted and also have persecuted others. We want to work together with the prophets and saints and sages and founders of our religions who are now in the spirit world in order to usher in an age of peace and goodwill. We Christian believers repent that we have celebrated what was actually the moment of God's greatest sorrow by glorifying the execution which ended Jesus' phys-



ical life, shattered the dream and promise of the prophets, and blocked the coming of God's kingdom for 2,000 years. During this time we have too many times failed to embody the love of Jesus and instead perpetrated a history of anti-Semitism. For this we repent. We Jews as God's chosen people want to open our hearts to God to see ancient events with His eyes and liberate ourselves once and for all from this burden of the crucifixion. This simple, innocent Jewish young man, Yeshua, was loved by God and the one in whom He placed his hopes and dreams, but he was not received by the rich and powerful among his own people. For the sake of their own status and comfort they turned him over to be executed by a hateful foreign power. For this we repent. On this day we have devoted ourselves anew to living your will. We affirm the work of Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon to bring our families of faith together. We will make one family of God with the blessing of True Parents to establish a world of peace and ideal families.

Archbishop Stallings introduced the resolution. It wasn't easy. He invited the main rabbi up on stage, and then God worked a miracle. One Ambassador for Peace, Dr. Shalev, was assisting Rev. Porter from Chicago to hold up the declaration, which was printed on a 3.5 x 2.5 foot poster. Because Dr. Shalev happened to be standing next to this leading rabbi, he could give him a clear explanation of the declaration in Hebrew, tremendously helping the rabbi. Some rabbis were upset that the declaration would even be considered, but when Archbishop Stallings asked this prominent rabbi in front of 250 people to come together with him to sign the declaration, in a moment inspired by God he replied, I will sign it if my Moslem brother will sign it with me. The sheik stood up with courage and marked forward and all three signed the Jerusalem Declaration. This opened the floodgates and everyone rushed to the front to sign. There was an overwhelming feeling that a victory for True Parents has been accomplished substantially.

Concluding Banquet

The concluding banquet had an overwhelming feeling of victory and joy. Dr. Abe, Dr. Yang, Pastor T.L. Barrett, and a prominent rabbi gave short addresses. The rabbi called us to be serious and understand the suffering that was going

on. He brought forward a family from his synagogue who had just recently lost their 19-year-old son to a terrorist bombing. The father came up and told us that his family was at the hospital when his son was dying, and the doctor came to him and said, if you sign this paper then your son's organs can be used to save an 8-year old Palestinian girl. Will you do so? The father took a moment and prayed and said, yes, I want to let my son's life help someone

else live. He signed the paper and this 19-year-old Jewish boy's organs were donated and the Palestinian girl lived.

These are the stories we need to understand that are going on in Jerusalem, both on the Palestinian side and the Jewish side. The people and the religious leaders do not want the conflict that is occurring now, but without a deep moving of the Holy Spirit there can be no healing that will penetrate all the way to the point of conflict. This is something the political leaders cannot do. It can only come from the religious side. We saw that the rabbi was teaching this family well.

Rev. Jenkins spoke, giving a Power-Point Presentation showing ministers taking down the cross, praying at Paul's prison, praying where Jesus was in prison, and then saying that we came to Israel to become one, that Christians must learn from our elder brothers. There's a scripture that says one day strangers will come to Jerusalem and hold onto the coats of the rabbis. Rev. Jenkins called the main rabbi and said, I want to hold onto your coat to learn the ancient scriptures. Will you teach us? The rabbi held up his coat and said yes. Rev. Jenkins went over and held the coat of the rabbi. This kind of spirit was guiding everything.

In conclusion, Rev. Jenkins called on Jewish, Christian and Muslim leaders to follow the True Parents, who have a messianic anointing to bless the family and to lead the three religions descending from Abraham into the Kingdom of God. Many participants were crying, many were deeply moved. Rev. Jenkins showed pictures of the blessing of True Parents, particularly the Sept. 14, 2002 blessing with Moslem leaders, Christian leaders and Jewish leaders praying over the couples, and a beautiful picture of True Parents conducting the prayer of blessing. Rev. Jenkins concluded with a call for a new Israel formed from the three religions descended from Abraham—Christianity, Judaism, and Islam—to rise up.

The Holy Spirit touched everyone. People didn't want to leave. People were overwhelmed. A great blessing of God had occurred and the anointing was upon us. We stayed for 2 hours afterward. One rabbi came forward and said, I now accept Rabbi Jesus and I welcome him back home. The head rabbi held up his coat and said, for the first time

in my life I could see what God wants to do through Christianity. If Christianity was like the spirit at this evening's banquet then I can see Christianity and Judaism uniting as one and everything could be solved. I really was touched by God. He was deeply moved. Rev. Jenkins said to the rabbi, for us to come together we have to repent for not understanding that Jesus should have lived and been loved by his family in Israel. For us to come together we have to love Moses, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and love Jesus. Rabbi, will you join me in loving Jesus? In front of the audience the rabbi said, yes.

An incredible spirit led us to this moment. We know that it is founded on True Parents' way of indemnity and their lifelong teaching and wisdom. From this holy place of Jerusalem I now call upon the Second Israel to rise, to fulfill our destiny connected with Cheon Il Guk, that every blessed central family must become a temple of God and live according to the teaching of God.

We must restore all the historical failures of the three religions descending from Abraham and bring about a new day of God's blessing and peace through the blessing of marriage. Rev. Jenkins also showed pictures from the blessing of Archbishop Stallings and told how Pastor Barrett's marriage was healed, and called upon those present to join this new family movement while keeping their own faith tradition. Father Moon does not try to convert. He tries to show how God is working through each religion when we come together.

Now we call upon our blessed central families and Christian leaders in America to rise and join with the first Israel so we can embrace the sons of Ishmael and reconcile our sad history, opening a new history in the Kingdom of God. Thank you for your prayers, America.

Sadly, another bomb went off today, so our work is not yet done, but the seed of God's Kingdom has now been blessed by the rabbis from Judaism, the Christian leaders who took down their crosses, and the imams who signed the Jerusalem Declaration. The seed of the Kingdom of God has now been planted forever in Israel.

Archbishop Stallings' Reflection:

The American Clergy Leadership Conference accomplished an historic mission in Jerusalem in this gathering with Jewish rabbis and leaders as well as a small delegation of Muslims who were present for the symposium on Jewish-Christian reconciliation.

The ACLC expressed its profound gratitude to the Jewish community for being the foundation of faith on which Christianity has been built, and also expressed its deepest sorrow and repentance for all of the pain and suffering that the Jewish people have experienced as a result of our ignorance and the misunderstanding that fostered a climate of anti-Semitism in America and around the world.

The ACLC believes that the beginnings of a continued relationship of brotherhood with the people of Israel will continue as we work together to grow in mutual understanding and appreciation of each other's religious heritage and tradition, to challenge one another to re-examine the life of Jesus in a new context as we work together to restore the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. ❖

The House at the Rock of Tears

by Linna Rapkins

It was time to move into the little stone and cardboard shack by the spring on the hill! There were no closets, no kitchen, no bathroom—just one room large enough for two people to stretch out, with some space at one end for their things.

They found a piece of canvas to put over the dirt floor. This would be their carpet and bed. A flimsy wooden box used for shipping oranges—called an orange crate—was pulled out during the day to serve as the table. There was an old kerosene lamp to light up the nights.

Just a few steps away was a little spring of water. "Tomorrow we will dig the dirt out of that little spring so the water can come up more freely," said Father to Won Pil Kim. "But tonight we sit down and give thanks and enjoy."

Father's friend from his student days, Duk Moon Aum, came, and they had a celebration.

They cooked their dinner of rice over an open fire outside the hut. As before, the only kind of rice they could get was old and was mixed with little stones that stuck in their teeth when they ate it. That kind of rice would be thrown out or given to animals today, but they were grateful to have even that. Father washed it carefully by the spring and got the little stones out. He cooked it over the fire. He had learned how to cook rice so the top part was cooked without burning the bottom part. Ask any woman today if she can cook a perfect pot of rice over a fire, and she will say, "No! I cannot do that. I need a rice cooker." It is very difficult.

They ate outside overlooking the other hills and the city below. As the sun disappeared for the night, Father turned to Mr. Aum. "Duk Moon-A, please sing a song for us." Mr. Aum sang a Korean folk song.

As would happen many times in the days and nights to come, Mr. Aum sang for hours—Korean songs, Italian folk songs, opera songs, many kinds of songs. His voice was strong and carried out over the hills of Pusan as a kind of blessing.

Father sat quietly watching the lights flickering on in the city below. His mind seemed to be far away, close by, everywhere all at once. He seemed to be thinking of the past, the present, the future. The music and the night blended together with the thoughts of this special man who would become our True Father.

Sometime after midnight, the three men said one more prayer and went into the little house to sleep. Even though it felt like a palace compared to what they had before, it was actually very small. With three adults, it was crowded. Father and Mr. Aum slept on each side by the walls, and Won Pil Kim, the youngest of the three, slept in the middle with his head down by their feet and his feet up by their heads.

The stars twinkled down on them through the cracks in the roof. The September breezes blew in on them. The little spring bubbled happily, and the trees reached out protectively over this holy ground. The hills sang a new song.

The Rock of Tears

Each morning, Father woke up before the sun. In the darkness, he would climb farther up the Pom Net Kol mountain for meditation and prayer. He had received so much through revelation, but there was still much more to learn. He had to spend time praying to learn these things

and make plans for the months and years ahead. As always, he spent many hours just being with Heavenly Father, comforting Him and loving Him.

Father's favorite spot was a rocky place that stuck out from the hillside like a little cliff. Behind him was the woody area of the mountain as it continued higher. Before him were the valleys and hills of Pusan. He looked out from this point each day, until he knew by heart every curve and dip of the other hills against the sky. He paid no attention to the cold hard rock beneath him.

As he poured out his heart to Heavenly Father, he repented again and again for all the pain that had been brought to Heavenly Father over the years. He repented for the churches, who had not united with him. He repented for those who had left him.

Another person might have said, "Heavenly Father, I have already prayed many hours for the world. I have endured pain in prison. I have cried many hours for the world and for You. I cannot cry for you anymore. It's time to get a little rest."

Father didn't think that way. Again and again, as he prayed for each part of history, he sobbed with grief as he felt the agony and loneliness of God. Just as he had done when he was younger, he cried until it seemed that there could be no tears left in his head; yet they continued to pour like a torrent down his face and onto the rock beneath him. Morning after morning, this was his life.

Later, among his disciples, the big flat rock where Father usually prayed became known as the "Rock of Tears." It was washed by Father's tears so many times, it must be the holiest rock in all the world.

The First "Divine Principle"

When Father climbed down from the mountain each day, he had many things to do. His mind was always far ahead of his body, planning what had to be done and how to do it. He walked quickly wherever he went, as if this was the most important moment in all history. If others were with him, they could hardly keep up with him.

He felt so impatient—impatient to get things done; impatient to find more people. So many years had passed, and he had only a few people with him in Pusan. He was already over 30 years old.

Now, there was another urgent job to do. He must write down all his revelations. Up to this point, Father had been teaching the people himself. He read the stories directly from his well-worn Bible and explained to each person what the stories meant.

But he knew he couldn't continue forever teaching each person himself. It was important that he write everything down that had been revealed to him, so that more people could learn about these stories and so that the details would not be forgotten. Soon God would bring him a person who could make it into a book, and many people would come to hear God's words. Father had to be prepared. Every moment was precious and urgent.

When Father returned from his morning prayers, therefore, he immediately sat down to write. Many times, as Won Pil Kim left for work, Father was already sitting by the orange crate writing furiously, trying to keep up with all the information that came to him from God.

He learned to sharpen many pencils before starting so he could keep up with the words that came into his head. Some days, when Won Pil Kim, Mr. Aum, or someone else was there, their job was to sharpen the pencils with a little knife. Father wrote so fast, the pencils wore down almost immediately, and they could not always keep enough sharpened for him.



Father's hand always got very tired. From time to time, he gave it a shake and then continued writing, even though it hurt so much.

When Won Pil Kim returned from work in the evening, he would often find Father still writing at his little "desk." His eyes were red with weariness, his hand cramped into the writing position, his legs stiff from sitting on the floor all day. Often, he had forgotten to eat anything.

As the days went by, the stack of finished pages grew. Sometimes, ideas would come to Father before he could get a sheet of paper, and he would quickly write them on the cardboard walls. Soon the walls and ceiling were covered with writing. Information was coming from heaven day and night, and it had to be written down before it was lost.

One night, Father suddenly sat up and shook Won Pil Kim awake. "Won Pil-A! Won Pil-A! Wake up! Light the lamp—bal-li, bal-li (quickly, quickly)."

Won Pil Kim sat up with a jerk and quickly lit the old kerosene lamp. He looked with sleepy eyes at the pencil and paper Father had set before him.

"Please write what I tell you," said Father, without further explanation.

Won Pil Kim picked up the pencil and poised his hand over the paper. He gave his head a shake and rubbed his eyes with his other hand to get rid of the scratchiness.

Father began to talk. Won Pil Kim's pencil moved up and down as fast as he could make it go, as he tried to keep up with everything Father said. Father told all about the Lord of the Second Advent. He explained why such a man must come to earth, what he must do, where he will come, when he will come, everything. Father didn't have to stop and think what to say next or rewrite any of it so it would

sound better. The words came out of his mouth as if they were already written somewhere. They were coming directly from Heavenly Father.

Soon, Won Pil Kim's hand was throbbing with pain. Father kept sharpening more pencils for him, so he could continue writing without stopping. The words kept coming. Then, it stopped just as suddenly as it had begun.

"Thank you," said Father. "It is finished." He added these pages to the rest of the stack.

Won Pil Kim lay gratefully down on the canvas mat and closed his eyes. His hand still felt cramped, as he fell asleep for the few minutes remaining before wake-up time. The first Divine Principle had been written, and the last chapter was in his handwriting.

When morning dawned, Father was already on the mountain praying. Won Pil Kim got up to prepare for work, and as he ate his morning rice and thought over what had happened the night before, the day felt very special.

"I see it now!" he exclaimed to himself as he started down the hill. "Now I understand! Moon Sun Myung is the Lord of the Second Advent! He is the second Messiah. That's why he told me years ago that

there would never be another group like this one. I've lived with him and worked with him all this time, and I didn't really understand." The events of the night kept going through his head.

"So that's how he gets his revelations!" he thought in awe. "It comes through him directly from God. He hears it in his head, or sees it in his mind—or something! When he writes so furiously all day, that's what is happening to him. now I see!"

He reached the bottom of the mountain and picked his way through the bustling streets. But Won Pil Kim hardly noticed the people on their way to work.

"If I hadn't done that writing for him last night, no one—no one—would ever have known how he receives his revelations. He had to let me learn it, so I could explain to others!" He shook his head incredulously.

As he reached his place of work, he noticed for the first time the crowds of people around him.

"They have no idea," he thought, as he watched them scurrying about. "They think there's nothing more to life than work and food. A bowl of rice and a warm floor is all they ask. They don't know the Lord of the Second Advent is here—now—in Pusan!"

He felt like shouting the news to them, but just then he reached the door of his place of work. He paused.

"How can I do such meaningless work at a time like this? The Messiah is here. I would rather be doing his work, God's work." Should he go back up the hill? He thought it over a moment.

"No!" he answered himself. "I, out of all the people in the world, can earn money today for the Lord of the Second Advent!"

Won Pil Kim slid the door open and stepped in. He would earn the money with love today. ❖

Nature of God and Man; the Purpose of Life

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In the same way that plants and animals have to reach a certain level of growth before man can harvest or have full use of them, so human beings are to mature spiritually before God can "harvest" us.

Such maturity is achieved as man becomes one with God's heart; when man fully responds to God, God bestows on him His love and His power. This is called Direct Dominion.

Divine Principle teaches that the promise of the Direct Dominion is in living heart to heart with God as matured persons. In this union, God governs by love, and laws and commandments become unnecessary. Under the direct rule of God man is completely free-liberated to be who he was meant to be. Direct Dominion, therefore, should not be confused with a one-sided domination, but rather understood as a mutual loving companionship. It is the crowning jewel in one's interior life, opening immense new vistas of love, joy and beauty.

A Shared Task

In one of the most memorable works of Feodor Dostoyevsky, the story of the Grand Inquisitor, Christ has returned to earth. He has embarked again on a ministry of healing and charity and, to his surprise, is subsequently whisked off to prison. Here he confronts the Grand Inquisitor. Christ is told he must again face death, for he is again guiding people in the wrong direction. He is leading people to freedom and self-responsibility, "fearful burdens" too

great for man to bear. It is better, Christ is told, for individuals not to confront self-responsibility to the Church, they are given what they need: bread and other symbols of security.

While it is no doubt overstated, Dostoyevsky's story makes its point. There is a tendency in all of us not to take responsibility for our own lives. On occasion we would like to give that burden to God, to the church, or to any figure representing strength and authority.

Despite such tendencies, Divine Principle, with much of contemporary thought, affirms the critical role individuals must play in shaping their own destiny. We cannot pass off responsibility to someone else. Each of us is the captain of his own ship.

Of course, this is not to say that we are alone. For Divine Principle, God is on our side. There is an organic partnership between man and God. However, God's efforts on our behalf become effective only when we do our part. In the course of growth, of achieving the Direct Dominions, of building the Kingdom, God does His part and we must do ours. Until our portion is completed, God's efforts are futile. The Lord helps those who help themselves because He can only help those who help themselves.

In light of this principle certain habitual practices of Jesus become more understandable. When Jesus healed the sick he first asked if they believed in him. When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you

believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes saying, "According to your faith be it done to you (Mt. 9:28-29)."

Faith was the condition that allowed God's healing energy to work. Without that faith, no healing was possible. Likewise Matthew tells us that Jesus promised people seeking for answers that they would find them, but urged them to first do their part.

"Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened (Mt. 7:7-8)."

If we ask why it is we have been given this portion of responsibility, two reasons suggest themselves. First, each of us is created as a child of God. We are given the freedom to make choices and the obligation to take responsibility for them. In this way God allows us to participate in the creation of our own selves. In a sense, we thus become co-creators with Him.

Secondly, Divine Principle explains that God wanted man to be lord over all the world as His representatives. However, a person can rightfully have dominion only over what he has made and none of us made the world. Therefore, we must make some condition whereby we can become creators ourselves. By taking responsibility in our own self-creation, Divine Principle tells us, we qualify to inherit the Lord's right


of dominion.

Sharing Responsibility

Naturally, compared to the care God takes for our growth, our own responsibility is minute. The two cannot actually be compared. Nevertheless, we can figuratively say that God's portion of responsibility is 95 percent while ours is 5 percent. Five percent of the job, however, cannot be fulfilled by 5 percent effort. Even though we are responsible for only a small part of the total task, we need 100 percent effort to fulfill it.

We may say then that God is like a master stone mason building a magnificent stone wall. He has laid almost all the stones Himself, heaving just one unplaced. We are asked to lay the final block. As co-workers with God, we are then to take part in the glory of the finished product.

Because historically humankind has not fulfilled its 5 percent, God has had to wait for adequate human action. No matter how long it may take, this principle of co-responsibility has remained unchanged. We live in a world of suffering, not because God's lack of concern, but because humanity has not fulfilled its responsibility. We shape the destiny of the world by our actions, and our decisions determine not only our own success, but that of God as well. ❖

National Won Jeon Shrine
 A National Won Jeon Shrine has been established at  historic Ft. Lincoln Cemetery near The Washington Times building. This special support is offered to the Blessed Central Families nationwide to:

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IN MEMORIAM

Ray Bratcher

Monday May 5, 2003, our brother Ray Bratcher passed without warning into the spirit world of an apparent heart attack. He was at home in Cincinnati at the time. His wife is Miriam is from Brazil, and they have a son about 10 years old named Nathan.

Ray was born in Germany (his full name is Rainer Bratcher) and has lived many years in America. He was a Saeilo machinery representative for several years, and recently worked for another company.

Ray is known for his warm, upbeat, positive good nature and his strong love and admiration for his wife and son. His family is an

exemplary family devoted to True Parents and God's providence. He was very pleased about the recent developments in the ministers providence.

He was so excited when he reported how certain ministers "really get it! There are some who really understand Father's vision!"

His wife said that this last period of his life in Cincinnati was a time when he was the happiest he has ever been. During this period his wife said he dedicated himself to supporting and working with the Christian ministers. The Seung Hwa ceremony took place Thursday May 8 at noon in Cincinnati.

Gwenn Bair ❖

IIFWP Pakistan National Seminar

by Zulfiqar A. Kazmi, Ph.D

The IIFWP Pakistan Chapter convened a one day National Seminar on March 29th at Lahore on the subject, "Universal Peace and the Global Significance of Religion." The Ambassadors for Peace Foundation, Pakistan (APFP) were co-sponsors for this important event.

Hon. Syed Afzal Haider, former Minister for Justice, a leading expert on religion and an IIFWP Ambassador for Peace was the keynote speaker. Allama Mushtaq Hussain Jaffery, Imam Qazi Tajweed-ud-Din, Allama Javed Akbar Saqi and Mr. Zia ul Haque, former Editor of the Pakistan Times and Ambassador for Peace also addressed the participants.

Approximately 150 people representing all walks of life participated.



Dr. Zulfiqar A. Kazmi, President of IIFWP, Pakistan, requested that the office bearers of the Pakistan Chapter arrange this seminar because of the current Middle East situation and the IIFWP initiative for peace in that region.

Hon. Syed Afzal Haider said, "War is the worst thing known to mankind throughout his long history. It brings about the killing and destruction of human beings, the loss of their power and their defacement. It also causes the demolition of



civilizations, stirs up hatred, disgust and resentments amongst the people and passes psychological problems onto future generations."

He said that the Founder of IIFWP, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, has focused on two fundamental ideals for peace: Service and Education. Knowing that world peace cannot be achieved by force, but instead requires the transformation of the human heart and mind, the IIFWP has initiated a wide range of educational programs and seminars dedicated to topics such as strengthening the family, promoting interreligious cooperation, renewal of the United Nations, international



public service, and character education.

Other speakers spoke about the recent war in Iraq and stressed that war should not be prolonged. After the war, the reconstruction of Iraq should be seriously focused upon. All the participants emphasized the need for the UN to play a role after the war and to help the people of Iraq establish a long-lasting peace, tackling all the other problems created by the Saddam regime.

During this seminar all participants extended their heartfelt thanks to IIFWP Chairman, Rev. Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak for considering Pakistan as a location to establish an IIFWP Peace

Embassy. ❖

IIFWP Myanmar: One Step At A Time

by Peeter Saarna

After 2 years of not being able to send people to international conferences, due to problems procuring passports or getting permission from the government to let people leave the country, we decided to start monthly meetings.

Our first meeting was in December 2002 at the Fuji Cafe in a private room with sofa style seating and a plate glass window overlooking a lovely garden.

Our first session focused on Rev. Dr. Moon's speech during Assembly 2002, called, "Renewing the United Nations." We introduced ourselves, read the speech, drank Cappuccino juice or tea and had discussions. There was a nice brotherly spirit present at the

meeting.

The second meeting, in January, was held at Mi Casa Restaurant, a more upscale place than the last, in a private room. We read Dr Gordon Anderson's paper, "Governance and the Role of Religion in Peace and Security." [Note: Dr. Anderson is the Secretary General of the Professors World Peace Academy.] His paper can be found at: <http://www.iifwp.org/Activities/2002/Convocation/> This facilitated discussion amongst our various participants. We were happy to have a top Moslem leader come.

After meeting with Rev Amos



various coffees, teas, juices as well as deserts. The paper read was, "The Social, Cultural, and Global Significance of the Family," (which was read at the World Association of NGO's inaugural conference over 2 years ago).

Again the spirit was good. The participants seemed sincerely moved by the words read. U Maung Maung Ta Haj volunteered to be the Chairman of the next meeting. I volunteered to be the Reader and 3 others volunteered to prepare comments on next month's paper, "Loving Your Enemy in the Face of Terror." [From a report written by Nadine Andre at an historic meeting with Rev. Dr. Moon, Minister Louis Farrakhan, and 21 religious leaders after September 11th, 2001, the great terrorist attacks—see: www.iifwp.org/Activities/2001/Assembly/Nadine.shtml ❖

Meditation

A Few Lessons about Teamwork from our Friends, the Geese!

Fact 1: As each goose flaps its wings, it creates an "uplift" for the birds that follow. By flying in a "V" formation, the whole flock adds 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew alone.

Lesson: People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.

Fact 2: When a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of flying alone. It quickly moves back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front of it.

Lesson: If we have as much sense as a goose, we stay in formation with those headed where we want to go. We are willing to accept their help and give our help to others.

Fact 3: When the lead goose tires, it rotates back into the formation and another goose flies to the point position.

Lesson: It pays to take turns doing

the hard tasks and sharing leadership. As with geese, people are interdependent on each other's skills, capabilities and unique arrangements of gifts, talents, and resources.

Fact 4: The geese flying in formation honk to encourage those up front to keep going!

We need to make sure our honking is encouraging. In groups where there is encouragement, the production is much greater. The power of encouragement, which is to listen to one's own heart or core values, and to listen to the core values of others, is the quality of honking we seek.

Fact 5: When a goose gets sick, wounded or shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow it down to help protect it. They stay with it until it dies or is able to fly again. Then, they launch out with another formation of geese and try to catch up with the flock.

Lesson: If we have as much sense as geese, we will stand by each other in difficult times as well as when we are strong. ❖

Chin we decided to professionalize our meetings. We appointed Rev Amos Chin to be the Chairman of our February meeting. It was decided that I would be the reader and that at the February meeting we would announce the venue and date of the March meeting as well as decide on the Chairman, Reader and 3 commentators for the March meeting.

The February meeting was held at Cafe Dibar in a private room. We had



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WHERE WE CAME FROM

Bohemian Halloween

by Claire Bowles

Growing up in my Bohemian home during the post-beatnik 1950's, there were some things that were expected of a person. One requirement was that you read books that had merit. Another thing was that you knew good art from bad art. Another requirement, and a far more important one than the other two, was that you had to be eccentric. The collective consciousness of the community would perceive, decide and then dole out appropriate reprimands. A lack of eccentricity was punishable by ridicule, humiliation or (in the worst case) banishment...depending upon how hopelessly un-eccentric you were.

I had a wonderful, childlike longing to please my mother. Therefore I must needs be eccentric. Of course, my perception of what was required of a person in order to qualify as eccentric was sorely skewed. I was a child and therefore could only think as a child. The adults around me seemed to think that I should know everything without being told so asking questions was impossible. Under the terrifying gaze of my beautiful mother's discriminating and penetrating eyes, I absorbed information from the world I saw and behaved in accordance with that information. To be found suitable to exist in the community, I had better not be perceived as un-eccentric; to know what was considered eccentric I observed the people in the community; to be eccentric, then, was to be like the people in the

community of eccentrics of which we were a part.

I absorbed like a sponge because I had seen banishment, had heard the ridicule, had felt the scorn when I repeated a thought that I had heard somewhere which wasn't eccentrically correct. My self-preservation antenna were on full alert at all times. Though I couldn't seem to ever avoid the sting of the invisible whip which flashed from my mother's mind when I wasn't being unique enough, I gave it my all. I studied originality, uniqueness and eccentricity till I was exhausted.

There were times when it was easy to observe and discern true eccentricity in action. Such a time was my mother's "surrealistic" Halloween party.

My mom and step-dad were preparing for this event. My mother was painting a huge eye on a green scarf. She copied it expertly from a book of Salvador Dali's paintings. Wearing a long pale green nightgown, and with the scarf tied over her face, she looked like the tall tree-woman that appeared in the book. My step-father was sticking fake hair, pulled from long, cheap wigs, all over his body. His naturally hairy chest bare and small horns bobby-pinned to his head, he announced that he was Pan. With his beard and curly hair, he looked exactly the part. Bare feet had to do...there just weren't any hooves to be had.

It was warm enough and the party was being held on the patio which my mother had made of sandstone slabs scrounged, found, salvaged and dug up from the hills near our house. My

bedroom was looking right onto this area, and from my bed I could see the guests arriving. A person covered in aluminum foil; a woman all in black netting; a throng of bizarre people in costumes were dancing to jazz and buzzing with talk, but then my heart leapt. My real father walked across the yard to the patio with his date. I knew it was him even though I couldn't see his face. The object of every little girl's desire, the cause of so much longing, increased ten-fold due to his absence in my daily life, was before me. He was wearing his fencing helmet, with ostrich feathers affixed to it rakishly. From neck down was all white sheets. His date was identically dressed. I must have snuck into the whirl of people to see my father, to be a part of the whole mesmerizing blur of imagination expressed outrageously, to be a part of the freedom of mind. How deliriously contented they all must be! So confident in their eccentricity that they didn't have to worry about IF they were original or HOW to be unique!

In a kind of conversion experience of religious proportions I decided then that the most wonderful thing in the world would be to be a beat-nik.

Thereafter I dressed every Halloween as a beat-nik. Sometimes that would be a baggy, horizontally striped shirt and black tights. Sometimes it would be an oversized sweatshirt and black tights. Sometimes a man's white shirt and black tights. Black tights seemed to be required as the official uniform of a proper beat-nik in my mind.

I didn't realize that beat-niks were

basically long gone by this time (1956-59) and in 5 or 6 years would be replaced by the beginnings of what we would call hippies. But the romantic ideal of the beat-nik became my goal.

I know that my parents didn't use the word beat-nik. I believe it came from a children's book my mother had called "Suzuki Bean, the Baby Beat-nik". In the book, Suzuki Bean has neglectful beat-nik parents who scold her for having a 'square' friend. The friend is from a rich New York snob family who neglect him as much as Suzuki's parents ignore her. The friend is snubbed by Suzuki's parents when he comes for a visit to her Greenwich Village loft and Suzuki is snubbed by the friend's parents when she visits his Central Park apartment. They decide to run away and find a place where beat-niks can be beat-niks and squares can be squares and everyone can live together and love each other.

Idealistic thought. And one that I still cherish. ❖

Camp Sunrise Open-Air Cabin Program

by Lewis Burgess

Looking for a nice, cool place to spend this summer? Here's one for you! This summer (2003), Camp Sunrise begins its Open-Air Cabin Program with the initial offering of a single open-air cabin for rent, Cabin 42. Cabin 42 accommodates up to six campers and is available for advanced-rental for the 2003 summer season at a very attractive pre-season rate. This offer is on a per-month basis for the months June, July, August, and September. Since only one cabin is presently part of the program, we can only offer one month slots on a first come, first serve basis. If you are interested, please contact the camp director, Deborah Grodner, as soon as possible to receive an application. In following years, additional open-air cabins will be made available to families, relatives, friends, and/or associates. A description of Cabin 42, associated camp facilities, program features, costs, and how to apply follows.

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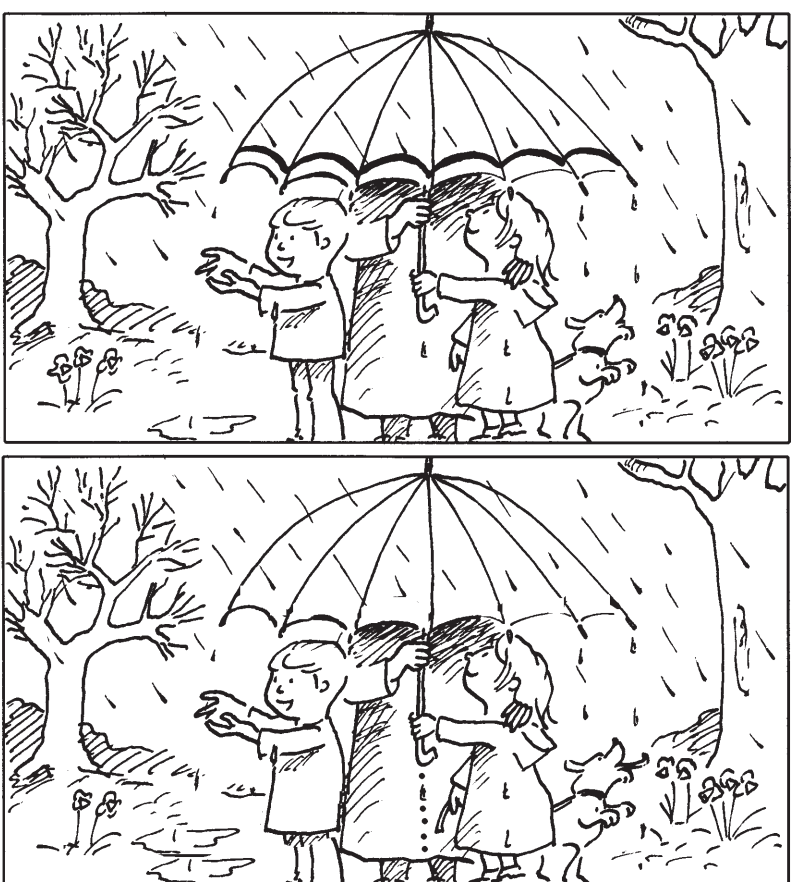
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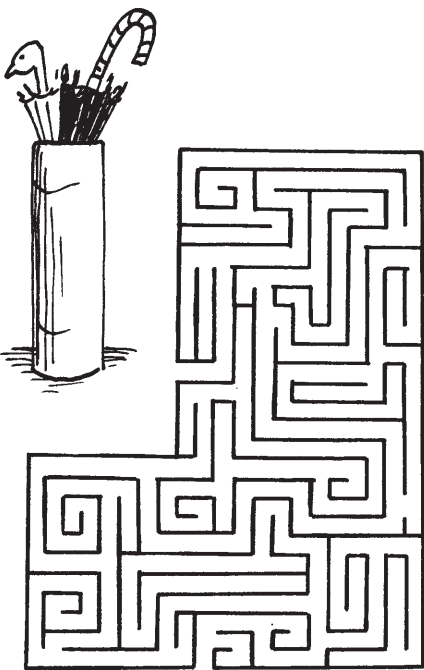
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FOR KIDS

by Françoise



Find the seven differences between these two drawings of keeping dry in springtime showers



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Moment of Meditation
Repentance prayer is air for my spirit self.

Everlasting Fire

Heung Jin Nim
star of the depth
shining light of fire

Please come
to find our true cloth
the voice lost in our darkness

how beautiful
the way
how brilliantly rising
Your bright heart
as the blue sky

how beautiful
the way
how gracefully
rising
your everlasting fire

Agnes Bernat, Romania

40 YEARS IN AMERICA

by Dr. Michael Mickler

Dr. Mickler is Vice-president and Professor of Church History at the Unification Theological Seminary.

A second reason why the revival took hold related to the character of Heung Jin Nim and the circumstances of his death. By all accounts, Heung Jin Nim, who was seventeen when he died, was an exemplary son. Rev. Moon described him as "the most exemplary, obedient son, with the greatest piety...the most comforting son to Mother and me." He was known to be particularly concerned about safeguarding the security of his parents. The circumstances of his death were tragic. Having visited the church seminary in Barrettsville, New York with two friends, their car was struck by a tractor trailer which had jack-knifed on an icy stretch of road north of Poughkeepsie on December 22, 1983. Though seriously injured, his two friends survived. Heung Jin Nim, who suffered massive head injuries, lingered in a coma for ten days before expiring at 1:18 a.m. on January 2, 1984.

Given Heung Jin Nim's exemplary character and the circumstance of his young life, so full of promise, there was intense pressure to find meaning in the tragic turn of events. This happened in several ways. First, the boys who had been traveling with Heung Jin Nim testified that he had swerved the car at the last moment to take the brunt of the impact himself and save them. This may have been in keeping with Heung Jin Nim's character or elevated it further and in that way may have offered some consolation. However, it did not address the issue of why the tragedy happened at all or, more precisely, why God let it happen.

On January 3, 1984 Rev. Moon referred to Heung Jin Nim's death as a great sacrifice. He and Mrs. Moon were out of the country at the time of the accident, conducting a series of "victory over communism" rallies in Korea. A number of church and non-church spiritualists communicated to Mrs. Moon that December 1983 was a "very dangerous time" for Rev. Moon and that he "must absolutely be careful." Rev. Moon asserted that at the last rally in Kwangju, a city with a reputation for rebelliousness, thirty-six terrorists were prepared to attack but were prevented from doing so because "the auditorium was already completely packed by the time they arrived." With another 5,000 people outside, they "had absolutely no way to enter." However, during Rev. Moon's speech, Heung Jin Nim's accident occurred. According to Rev. Moon, "Satan lost his condition to attack me and then turned his attention to the next best, my second son."

As one who had laid down his life for his friends and stood as a substitute for his father, Heung Jin Nim "occupied the position of the living Jesus in the Unification Church." This meant that his sacrifice had a larger atoning significance. While he lay in a coma, Rev. and Mrs. Moon conducted a Unification Ceremony in the hospital chapel where on the foundation of Heung Jin Nim's "precious sacrifice," they called for the unity of Judaism, Christianity and the Unification Church; the unity of Korea, Japan and the United States; the unification of True Parents and their family and for the members of the Unification Church as well as all races of the world. After his passing, on January 3, 1984, Rev. and Mrs. Moon established the Day of the Victory of Love. Rev. Moon explained, "Previously, the realm of death controlled the realm of love....From now on, love will control the realm of death.... This is truly a historical day. The death of the most beloved son of True Parents might be tragic for Mother and me if death reigned in our hearts. However, we are not defeated by death. Instead, we are reaching out with the much greater power of

the love of God, and love now governs death....All tragic events of the satanic world shall be conquered by love and enter into its realm. No power under the sun can infiltrate the power of love. Heung Jin Nim's death is not an ordinary one; he transformed himself into the victory of love. His death cannot be treated as an ordinary secular death."

The Day of the Victory of Love found a permanent liturgical expression in the church's tradition of Seung Hwa ("ascension and harmony") ceremonies which began after Heung Jin Nim's death. Unlike traditional funerals, these ceremonies were not to be gloomy or sad but "beautiful, enlightening and joyful," using bright or light colors. However, Heung Jin Nim's victory transcended the church. To Rev. Moon, Heung Jin Nim was

"opening the door to conquer death" and his spirit was "totally free to come back here any time he wants to." A variety of spiritual communicators also said, "He will be back. He will come back." These sentiments were highly suggestive and enhanced members' receptivity to testimonies of Heung Jin Nim's appearances.

A final reason why the Heung Jin Nim revival took hold stemmed from the movement's openness to the spirit world. Unlike its aggressive evangelism, anti-communism, business ventures, or even its messianism, this aspect of the movement's life was not emphasized in the public media. The movement itself was ambivalent about spiritualism. There was a degree of reticence, even sensitivity about associations with shamanism and excessive preoccupation with the spirit world was discouraged. Nevertheless, those possessing charismatic and spiritual gifts played prominent roles within the tradition from its beginnings. Rev. Moon was the outstanding example. He reportedly was clairvoyant, clairaudient and could see into people's characters from childhood. Jesus appeared to him at age fifteen, and "For many decades," according to *Divine Principle*, "he wandered in a vast spiritual world...endured suffering unimagined by anyone in human history...fought alone against myriads of Satanic forces...[and] came into contact with many saints in Paradise." Many of the earliest members of the movement were spiritualists or spirit-led, and contingents of "prayer ladies" and mediums provided ongoing communication with the spirit world.

Much of this was inaccessible to ordinary members. It was part of the church's tradition, and most were aware that Rev. Moon had spoken on numerous occasions of barriers being broken in the spiritual world. Still, for many, this was a matter of long ago and far away. In this respect, the Heung Jin Nim phenomena and revival represented the mainstreaming of the move-

Heung Jin Nim:

ment's spiritualist tradition.

Spirit World

It may have been possible to deny claims of Heung Jin Nim appearances and channeled messages. However, there were two substantial occurrences that demonstrated that the movement meant business about the barriers between the physical and spiritual worlds being broken down.

The first of these was Heung Jin Nim's blessing in marriage with Hoon Sook Pak in February 1984. A Korean spiritualist testified that Heung Jin Nim's only regret, apart from not having served his parents long enough, was that he had not been blessed. The day before he died, Rev. Moon also promised him that he "would have adopted sons, that his tribe would go on." Hoon Sook Nim, Col. Pak's second daughter and an accomplished ballerina, stepped forward to be his bride, "accepting...responsibility to live her entire earthly life for the sake of God and solely for True Parents and her husband in the spirit world." Rev. Moon expressed confidence that her "example of loyalty" would empower members "to overcome...problems in dealing with Satan's attacks." As he expressed it, "What couple could complain at having to endure a forty-day, three-year or even seven-year separation period" when thinking "of the kind of life she is living."

The other substantial occurrence that served to mainstream the church's spiritualist tradition was the "returning resurrection" of Heung Jin Nim twenty-four hours a day in the body of a young Black Zimbabwean member. According to one account, "In July 1987, in the prayer room in a small house in the middle of Africa, Heung Jin Nim announced to a few members ('second selves' and 'chosen ones,' he calls them) that he would begin his activities on earth in the heart of Africa." This represented a decisive new phase beyond communicating "through a medium's voice or by automatic writing." Within a short period, Heung Jin Nim in his fully embodied form gained acceptance from Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, Executive Director of the movement's World Mission Department. Rev. Kwak utilized his monthly "Letter from the Publisher" column in *Today's World* to describe the phenomenon and offer guidance to the worldwide membership. According to Rev. Kwak, "Our movement has absolutely needed the kind of personal assistance he has been providing." He cautioned members against trying to question Heung Jin Nim "about your former experience together" as "many small details of our experience on earth are unneeded and forgotten when we go to the spirit world."

By January 1988, working at what one account described as "an incredible pace," Heung Jin Nim in his new form conducted four special three-day conferences in Africa, then successive conferences in Greece, Thailand, Columbia, Argentina, France, England, America and the Far East. The conferences were intense. After singing, prayer, testimonies and a short introductory talk by Heung Jin Nim, each began with individual confessions. With as many as 800 or more members present, this could take hours, with those present exhorted to pray or sing holy songs for each other the entire time. Once this was finished, Heung Jin Nim offered extensive commentary

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At the New York Conference, November, 1987

The Day of the Victory of Love

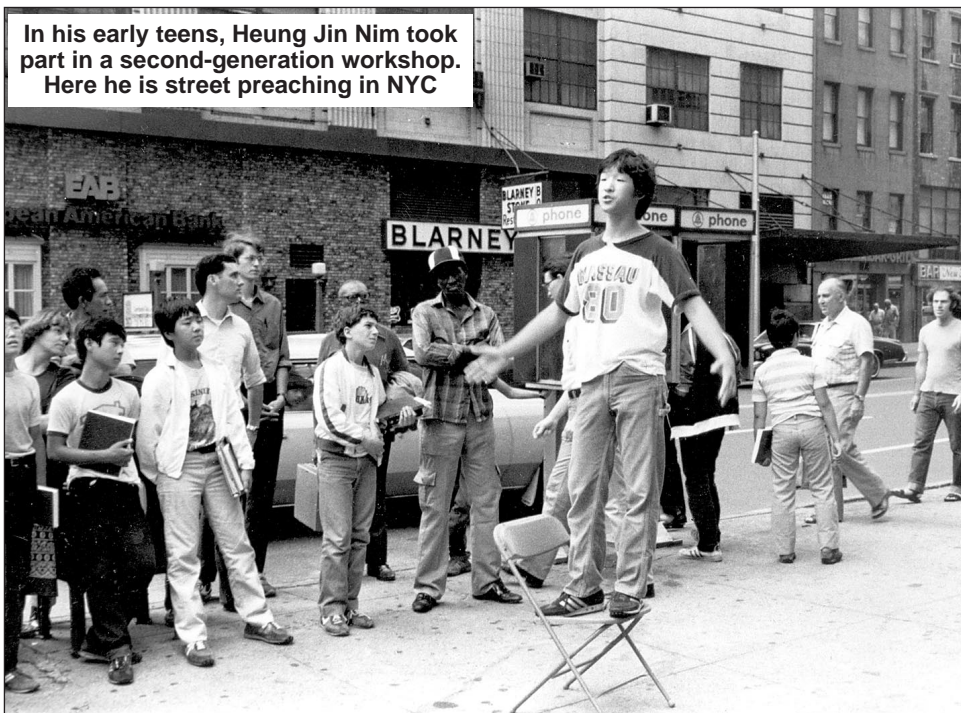
on the Principle and its application, including accounts of his direct experience with Biblical figures in the spirit world. Sometimes, these commentaries were accentuated "through dramatic role-playing, by calling upon people in the audience to take part in the scenes he directed." These lectures, punctuated by songs and testimonies or sometimes lively jumping and marching, also took hours, and there was no provision for sleep during the three days. Food also was not a problem since most members were placed on fasting conditions following their confessions. Heung Jin Nim showed special concern for infertile couples and called for couples willing to give birth to a child for them to adopt. There were "tears streaming from many eyes" as "the giving and receiving couples embraced with deep emotion." At the close of each conference, "participants were given a detailed schedule for their...lives of devotion and attendance," including time for morning and evening prayers and for study and discussion of the Principle. Many members experienced personal liberation. Public confession or confession with one's spouse was a prominent feature of "Black" Heung Jin Nim's conferences. They could unburden themselves of deeply-held secrets and "separate from Satan." Within an intensely supportive environment, they could repent, make restitution as needed, and have a "second chance" to become pure. Others achieved levels of spiritual intimacy which had been lacking.

Heung Jin Nim conducted three conferences in the U.S.: at the World Mission Center in Manhattan, at the Washington, D.C. church, and at a church workshop site in the San Francisco Bay Area. These were attended by approximately 800 members each. He also conducted a smaller session at the church's seminary at Barrytown, New York and several more private sessions. Most importantly, he met Rev. and Mrs. Moon and appeared to gain their sanction. According to one description, he "ran over to Father and practically jumped into his arms, saying 'Father! Father!' Then he embraced Mother tightly, crying, 'Mother! Mother!' " At the beginning of the New York conference, Hyo Jin Nim Moon, Heung Jin Nim's elder brother, spoke in tears, stating, "I have the most reason to be skeptical, but now I know it's my brother. Please receive him."

These conferences and the accompanying worldwide tour consummated the Heung Jin Nim revival but also terminated it. By summer 1988, Rev. Moon directed Heung Jin Nim's embodiment to return to Africa, an order that he disobeyed. At this point, there was a consensus that Heung Jin Nim's spirit had left the embodiment and an evil spirit had taken over. The reasons for this reversal were complex, but the basic problem was "Black" Heung Jin Nim's violent treatment of those he believed were not truly following True Parents, a situation that he found intolerable and for which he held the leadership responsible. In addition, reports emerged of his entering European churches on holy days and leaping onto altars for loud prayers, followed by group cheers and hasty exits. Some of this leaked to the press and became a source of embarrassment. In sum, even by the permissive standards applied to one regarded to be a member of the True Family, his excesses became too much for the movement to tolerate.

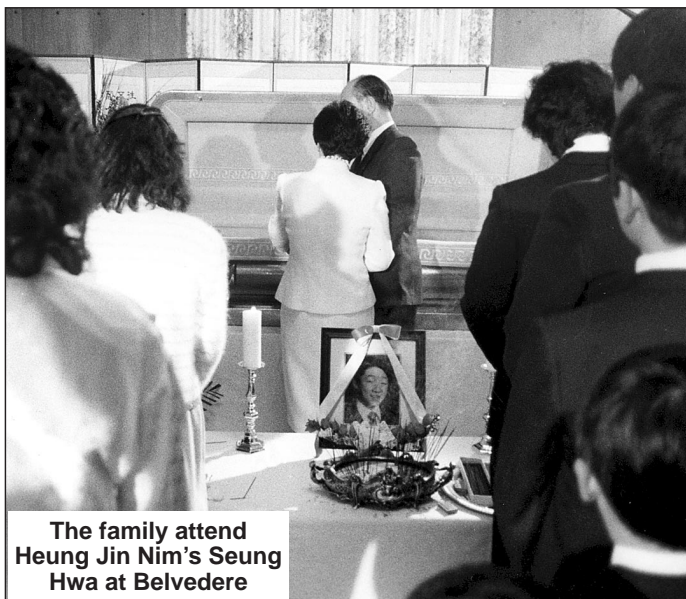
Once rejected, Black Heung Jin Nim deviated further. He sent a flurry of faxes to church centers denouncing the "evil Kwak" for misrepresenting his work to True Parents. Eventually, he turned against Rev. Moon. There was a reported book-burning of *Divine Principle* in Zimbabwe, and the former embodiment, who resumed using his original name, Clophas, traveled to Japan where he attacked the church in several interviews. He later impregnated and had a child by the wife of the church's Japanese missionary to Zimbabwe. He also began his own sect,

In his early teens, Heung Jin Nim took part in a second-generation workshop. Here he is street preaching in NYC



drawing out with him the bulk of the church's Zimbabwean membership, eighty or so members.

Black Heung Jin Nim's apostasy had little impact in the United States, where apparently he was no longer free to enter the country. However, members were confused. Many members had faith- and life-transforming experiences through his conferences. It was important to preserve the legitimacy of these while distancing the church from the more bizarre aberrations. The official position was that the initial appearances were



The family attend Heung Jin Nim's Seung Hwa at Belvedere

authentic. Heung Jin Nim really was fully present and his forgiveness was real. At some later point, after he had left the U.S., Heung Jin Nim departed his embodiment. This satisfied most. However, some voiced dissatisfaction and requested clarification about restrictions Heung Jin Nim had placed on sexual expression within marriage. Despite his later deviation, Black Heung Jin Nim consistently took a puritanical line. This took several years to resolve in favor of more open expression and was only one area of ambiguity.

Beyond individual and family considerations, a key issue was the place of spiritual phenomena in the Unification tradition. The Heung Jin Nim revival clearly was over. After 1988, there was little evidence of active channeling and several copy-cat embodiments were not credible. There was a short-lived episode in Malaysia, but in the U.S., several Heung Jin Nim "wannabe's" were regarded as deluded pretenders. However, this did not mean that the role of those with charismatic and spiritual gifts had ended or was even diminished. The place of spiritual phenomena within the tradition was too

longstanding and pervasive for that. Rev. Moon did not back off from pronouncements that the barriers between the spiritual and physical worlds were broken, and in the mid- and late '90s, the movement was impacted by a fresh spiritual revival of even broader scope, though more controlled than the Heung Jin Nim revival of the 1980s.

Registering Tribal Messiahs

During this period the movement desired to increase its membership base, but had yet to hit upon a viable recruitment strategy, especially in the West. Between 1978-83, Rev. Moon "spoke about home church and nothing else." After that, there was a "total mobilization" of members on IOWC teams for three years, from 1983-86. They were mobilized for the CAUSA signature drive in 1986 and for the ICC minister providence in 1987-88. In late 1988, Rev. Moon re-introduced the home church providence, but in a new form. Based on his triumphant return to Korea and recognition by the Nampyung Moon Clan, he asked that members return to their hometowns as "tribal messiahs" and work in a similar fashion to win their relatives. This also was in accordance with the period's dominant theme of "settlement in Canaan."

The situation was complicated in that American members were simultaneously asked to undertake a worldwide pioneer witnessing condition to evangelize for extended periods in foreign countries over a twelve-year period. In addition, they were asked to assist in the massive C.I.S. workshops. Nevertheless, Rev. Moon asked all members to register as tribal messiahs in 1991. Many families pulled up stakes and relocated to their hometowns. Unlike in Korea, where there still was an extensive village culture as well as clan and lineage-based associations, many American members whose families were scattered in every direction were unsure of precisely where their hometowns were. The vastness of America also contributed to couples and families becoming isolated. In Korea, church couples presumably could maintain a residence in Seoul while working with their families and relatives on weekends or during vacations. Or, if they relocated to their hometown, the country was small enough that they could still fellowship with members at worship services or other occasions. However, in America, couples might live two or three hours away from the next church family. Or there might be five or six families in a state. In many cases, with young families and inadequate incomes, tribal messiahs faced major challenges.

The American movement between 1985-92 found itself in a bifurcated situation. Through *The Washington Times*, the World Media Association, CAUSA USA, the Summit Council for World Peace, AULA, International Leadership Seminars, the Professors World Peace Academy, ICUS, the Universal Ballet, the Assembly of the World's Religions and numerous other organizations, it gained access to and interacted with leaders at the highest levels. At the same time, the movement's grassroots base was underdeveloped. This created a somewhat top-heavy organization. However, it was consistent with Rev. Moon's "1:3:10" principle whereby the movement spent three times as much on ecumenical and interreligious work than for its own support and ten times as much on social projects. In other words, the movement intentionally allocated only one-fourteenth of its budget for self-support and maintenance functions. This also was consistent with Rev. Moon's intention not to create a new religious denomination but to transform the world. It was this determination more than anything else that propelled the movement forward into the next phase of its development. ♦

The Gate is Open. Now Let's Help Each Other Pass Through It

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Notes from a sermon by Tyler Hendricks on February 9, 2003 to the Red Hook Family Church

The Messiah's greatest burden, and God's, is the human portion of responsibility. He has to work through us. He has to limit his power and authority in order to allow us our freedom and responsibility, our co-creativity, and our dignity before the creation.

Because of this, God, Jesus and True Parents have suffered. The prophecies that the Messiah would appear as a suffering servant are not inconsistent with the Divine Principle. In fact, the Second Advent chapter virtually foretells that he will be rejected and will walk the same path as Jesus, although he will triumph over it through the benefit of the age.

So let us remind ourselves of the meaning of the Messiah as the suffering servant, and realize how much it illuminates our relationship with our True Parents: "Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed." *Isaiah 53:4-5*

Let us recall Jesus' passion in the Garden of Gethsemane "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death." *Matthew 26:38* Jesus had the power to change his fate, as he testified at that moment: "Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?" *Matthew 26:53* But he did not violate the principle of human responsibility, and relied on his disciples.

When we attend activities at Cheong Pyeong Lake, we confront the reality that we are in the same position as those disciples. The following text is from Heung Jin Nim's message from spirit world, mediated through Mrs. Hyo Nam Kim ("Daemo Nim") on January 1, 2002. Father had this entire speech read to the congregation on the evening of January 31, at our opening session, and then again the following morning, February 1.

"God expected that Blessed Couples would make unity of heart with God and True Parents by living with absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. Satan cannot invade such Blessed Couples. But when the Blessed Couples acted in unprincipled ways, they made conditions for Satan to invade them. In fact, most Blessed Couples expected that the victory of True Parents would protect them; they didn't look deeply at themselves to check whether they had anything for which Satan could accuse them. They didn't reflect on whether any fallen nature remained in them. Therefore, at least from now on we must work hard to purify ourselves from evil and sin and be reborn as original, true children." *Heung Jin Nim's Message, Jan 1, 2002*

Indeed, True Parents' task is unbelievably difficult. God and Jesus gave him the weight of the entire world when he was 15 years old, and he accepted it. He kept it to himself for a number of years,

but by the early 1950s, he had promulgated his messianic mission through the publication of the Divine Principle. In the current English translation, we have many expressions of God's mandate to our True Father, proclaimed publicly at the beginning of his course. For example, at the end of the Moses and Jesus chapter, we read, "Christ at the Second Advent is to ... build the actual Kingdom of Heaven on earth." (EDP 282) It goes on to state "Christ at the Second Advent will begin by laying, both spiritually and physically, the family foundation for the Messiah. He will then expand its scope to the clan, society, nation, world and cosmos. When this foundation is secure, he will finally be able to build the Kingdom of Heaven." (EDP 286)

True Parents declared this to be conditionally completed at the Pal Jung Shik in 1989, but they have been working tirelessly to complete it substantially ever since, as the mandate and prophecy of the Divine Principle is not for a conditional Kingdom of Heaven, but for the substantial kingdom, or nation. The fruits of this labor were in evidence in Seoul recently at the "World Peace Summit." The representatives of world leaders were in attendance, including Wahid of Indonesia, Green of Guyana, Kemakeza of the Solomon Islands, Lech Walesa of Poland, Betty Williams of Ireland, and more. We also heard from the former mayor of Seoul, who is now governor of that province, Yong Nae Kim.

The mobilization of thousands of members from Japan and America to work throughout Korea at the time of the North Korea - South Korea crisis coincided with Divine Principle prophecy. Divine Principle states that the peaceful conclusion of the third world war is the precondition to the establishment of God's sovereignty.

"The world wars have taken place to fulfill the worldwide indemnity condition to restore God's sovereignty. ...three final wars in which the heavenly, Abel-type world prevails over the satanic, Cain-type world. This is a condition to restore through worldwide indemnity Cain's murder of Abel. After that, the world of God's sovereignty can be established." (EDP 367)

The third world war, that war between communism and democracy, cannot be deemed concluded until the division of the Korean peninsula is ended (yes, then there's Cuba, but let's worry about that later). Divine Principle foretells that the resolution of the third world war is the precondition to the creation of the sovereign nation of God, which we call *Cheon Il Guk*. This was why we were in Korea, indeed.

While we are in the prophetic mode, let us draw from the endless resource of the book of Revelation. What strikes me as important these days in that book is not only the prophecies of the wedding feast and the 144,000, which we have been hearing a lot of over the past years, but the warnings given the seven churches. The Spirit is telling the churches that they are in danger of collapse, but is always holding out the invitation to "he who overcomes" to partake of the glory of God's kingdom. That glory, as described in Revelation 5:10, is exactly what we are

promised today within the advent of the age of the *Cheon Il Guk*: "...with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. *You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.*" Revelation 5:9-10

In the verses preceding this, we have a description of Christ at the Second Advent, our True Parents; "...the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has

Christ at the Second Advent will begin by laying, both spiritually and physically, the family foundation for the Messiah.

triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.' Then I saw the Lamb, looking as if it had been slain... He came and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. ...[the four living creatures and twenty-four elders] sang a new song: 'You are worthy

to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe" Revelation 5:5-8

Here we have a striking admixture of the suffering servant Messiah, "the Lamb, looking as if it had been slain... you are worthy because you were slain," and the Lord of Glory, "the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed." This is exactly True Father's course. Our elder Dr. Frank Kaufmann testified to me that once, many years ago, he showed our True Father's picture to a medium who knew nothing of him, and the medium's response was, "this man should be dead. He has endured suffering the extent to which any man should have already died."

This has helped me realize the oneness of True Father and Jesus. To reach 1 billion Christians, we have to know the meaning of spiritual salvation. Divine Principle affirms spiritual salvation. True Parents came to earth on the foundation of spiritual salvation. Spiritual salvation was bought by the blood of Jesus, shed on the cross for our sins. We give that short shrift, and it rightly drives Christians crazy. There is no physical salvation without spiritual salvation. And there is no ultimate understanding of physical salvation until we deeply understand spiritual salvation.

In the oft-used term, blood lineage, we have to understand both words. "Lineage" gets more attention for us, but we need also to understand the value of the "blood." Unificationist preachers should be able to thoroughly convey the absolute value of the cross of Christ. Only then do we have the authority to call for it to be taken down and only then do we really understand the suffering sacrifice of our True Parents.

Becoming the priests of the CIG

The main point I want to pursue is stated in verse ten, "You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth." This is what our True Father is telling us we have now become, as "owners of the *Cheon Il Guk*."

Father said that if we bring success on the tribal level, God would take care of the rest. God has to take care of the nation, world and cosmos, and He will. It is not within the human portion of responsibility. "Do you know the laws of

the heavens? Can you set up God's dominion over the earth?" (Job 38:33)

Communism and socialism are human attempts to organize society. They are miserable and tragic failures. Only God's "invisible hand" can organize society, working through the myriad hands, hearts and minds of His true children. The "invisible hand" metaphor is Adam Smith's, of course, from Scotland. But I see a parallel with the Confucianist doctrine that if the emperor's family is at peace, then the entire kingdom will be at peace.

This shapes what hit me on the deepest level over my attendance at the seven-day workshop at Cheong Pyeong Lake. These are what I consider the highlights of my notes from talks given by our major leaders. Of course, these notes were taken in a condition of being sat upon and walked over by numerous *sikkhu* (family members), but I think they are fairly accurate, at least to the English translation coming through my headphones.

First, from True Father on the evening of January 31: "Can each family restore another family each year? Then if you bring four families with six members each, and each of them brings seven spiritual children each year for three years... People who sacrifice themselves will go to the Kingdom of Heaven. You don't go there because you won an award... Visit each home and restore them to God."

The question about restoring families was the first thing that Father said. The numbers there represent Father's idealism in multiplying the results that a fully energized, organizationally liberated membership could bring. And Father pointed out that awards don't build the Kingdom, but true sacrificial love. Namely, visit people in their homes. Get local, get intimate, become friends, solve their problems. And "restore them to God." That means we should bring people, in their homes, into a life-transforming relationship with God through True Parents.

Next I will quote from Reverend Chung Hwan Kwak's speech on the morning of February 2. After True Parents departed, Reverend Kwak asked us to remain with him. He shared very deeply, finally at the end calling us all for mutual forgiveness, as he asked ours and he bestowed his: "Many blessed families are failing. The providence is delayed. What shall we do? What is your excuse and justification? We neglected to do everything True Parents asked, because of old habits. We need to repent and reproach ourselves. Tell your children we can't go on like this any longer. We need to redirect our lives. We need to educate. Recover our identity and bring our children back to the original course. We need to package our product with love and truth and help them see what we have is the best, and everyone will follow.

"Once we set the standard in one place, it can quickly expand to the world. Utilize technology for God's will, to let people know that religion is the center."

About utilizing technology, he was referring, I believe, to the internet. As we all know, however, the Internet is just a tool. To say, use the Internet, is like telling a carpenter to use a hammer. Of course, using a hammer will get his job done a million times faster, but a good deal more goes into building a house than just using a hammer, and technology refers to all

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Part One Update!

What follows is a two part short story. An earlier version appeared in September of 1997. In my opinion, there is need for an update. (All of the characters and places herein are fictional.)

Our tale is set in a small town somewhere in Mississippi. Rich and poor, old and new may be found there. Little do they suspect what awaits them.

One summer day, a salesman arrived in town. He was a handsome fellow named Bill Mixner. He knew people, and he knew American society. Also a little about technology, and how people relate to it.

Almost every home in town had a VCR and a microwave oven. This was 1995, and few had a personal computer yet. These items were regarded, by most everyone, as hi-tech magic boxes. They do your bidding, and as long as the local electronics-repair guy knew how to fix them, that was quite enough.

The local repairman's name was Jim Faircloth, and he lived with his wife Marta in a ranch style home near the southern edge of town.

About noon on a Monday, salesman Bill checked into the American Eight motel, out by the interstate that passes north of town. The contents of the cargo trailer he'd towed along were soon deposited in a storage locker.

Bill Mixner spent his first afternoon driving around, observing the community. Right before five he stopped by City Hall, where he paid in cash for the permits required of him. He was too sophisticated to waste energy dodging the local cops—even if redneck Sheriffs were a thing of the past.

The next morning Bill was ready to go. On the east end of town he'd found the local 'junk strip,' the Magnolia Highway. It was lined with repair shops, junkyards, and seedy taverns.

Briefcase in hand, Bill walked calmly into Dale's Auto Body. On the desk behind the counter, a heap of collection notices was visible amidst the clutter.

Bill smiled. "Dale here?" he inquired of a boy in oil-stained coveralls.

"He's back there." The boy pointed.

A monstrous Rottweiler dog growled; Bill edged around it and found Dale bent over the engine of a cherry red stock car.

"Mighty nice. Yours?" Bill asked cheerily. Bill hailed from Detroit, but his southern drawl was nearly perfect.

"Yup," said Dale, and gently closed the hood. "Race it on weekends."

"Costs a bundle to run, don't it?" "You betcha," Dale affirmed. "Don't believe we've met."

Bill shook hands, ignoring the grease. "I think I can help you."

Five minutes later, Bill sold Dale a forty dollar Bill Reducing Calculator. It consisted of a calculator and an electronic book-keeping calendar.

Bill explained, "This device contains a very special feature. It actually reduces your bills! You merely do them up on this handy helper, and you need pay as little as fifty percent of the billed amount. Its memory contains the collection policies of the IRS, the credit bureaus, and major industrial suppliers."

By five, Bill had worked his way a mile along the Magnolia Highway, and sold thirty-two of his calculators.

At that same time, Dale returned home to his trailer and set to work on an impressive stack of bills.

The last stamp licked, Dale tossed everything into his mailbox and set out through a stand of pine trees. He crossed a railroad track, then tramped westward towards Jim Faircloth's house.

Marta Faircloth was just finishing the last touches on a hearty supper when she glanced up to see their back gate opening, and a large, beefy man slipping through.

"Honey, Dale's here!" she called. Her husband was in the living room, watching the nightly news.

Jim grabbed the remote and switched to a baseball game. Dale wouldn't be interested in news.

By ten, both supper and the baseball game had reached their conclusion; the Braves had won and the men were in a genial mood. There was a lull in the conversation, and Dale proudly brought out

his new purchase.

Jim examined its functions, and frowned. Dale didn't like the look of this. Jim had been to college, and that had to count for something.

Marta came in, and Jim quickly explained. If he had frowned, his wife positively scowled. She was good with numbers.

"Dale," Marta said quietly, "if you weren't such a good buddy of ours, I'd say *caveat emptor* and not laugh until you'd gone home."

Dale wondered what that meant, though he didn't ask. It sure sounded like he'd be needing a refund.

A careful examination of the User's Manual revealed that one was available, upon paying shipping costs to the manufacturer—in Hong Kong.

The next morning Marta arrived at work early. She was the bookkeeper for Crawford's General Store, and it was largely due to her behind-the-scenes expertise that the shop had survived the opening of the Wal-Mart out by the interstate. On her way in she nodded politely to a stranger, a well dressed man in his fifties.

Bill Mixner smiled and walked on. He had other plans for the downtown area.

The Magnolia Highway was long, and it took Bill the rest of the day to finish the area. It was time to switch tactics.

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That evening, Bill returned to the motel to meet the arriving Fred Brown, his business partner. Fred was younger, and had an aura of boyish sincerity that women found difficult to resist. He'd driven in from Atlanta with another trailer-load of product.

This community was a center of regional commerce. Despite the Wal-Mart's impact it took Fred two days to work his way around downtown. Meanwhile, Bill started driving out to the smaller, surrounding towns.

By three o'clock on Thursday, Marta was more than ready for her regular after-



noon break. She'd been doing the shop's annual inventory, and she was bushed. She headed next door to the diner, where she joined her friend Ellie May for a glass of iced tea.

Ellie was always perky, and today she was downright jubilant. "I've been so worried about that old Winnebago of ours," she told Marta. "We can barely afford the repair bills, and my hubby really wants to take it out fishing this weekend. Why, the fill-ups alone are eating us alive."

Ellie opened a box and took out a thin, rectangular contraption the size of her hand. Wires dangled from both ends. "I just bought this thing. We're going to wire it into the RV, soon as I get off work."

Marta eyed it curiously. The stamped-on label read, The UltraTurboBlaster®. The instruction booklet showed how to clip the 'regulator wires' onto a car engine, and listed the benefits: decreased engine wear, improved gas mileage, and a substantial reduction in road accidents. At sixty-five dollars, said the booklet, it would pay for itself in less than three months.

Marta asked Ellie where she might get one. Dale kept their own vehicles running, but not everyone had a mechanic for a best friend. Possibly her sisters could use something like this.

"I bought it from a traveling salesman," Ellie explained. She grinned. "Handsome fellow, too. Said he'd be around."

At that Marta remembered Dale's unfortunate purchase, but the man Ellie described sounded like someone else.

They finished their tea and left the cafe. Ellie worked at a brick-faced office building on the other side of Main Street. She was just about to cross when she exclaimed, "Why, there he goes now."

Marta turned and saw a tall, dark-haired man entering a shop a block down. "Tell you what," she told Ellie. "How's about you and your husband come over to our place for supper tonight."

"Gladly. I have to work late anyway, so we were just going to microwave something."

"Remember to bring along that thing you bought."

That evening Dale also came to the Faircloth's for supper, and got to know Ellie and her husband. After supper, Dale took a look at the mechanical miracle device. He was less gracious in his reaction than Marta had been. The refund, in this case, required shipment to Indonesia, and the metal-encased device weighed a lot.

Intermission: Here we shall leave our friends until next month. ♦

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kinds of techniques. For instance, how to run a Bible study is a technique that can be learned. To grow a church, to reach people, Bible studies are a basic tool. How many of us know how to run an effective Bible study?

I repent because the Seminary does not teach its students this skill, or how to set up a rehab center, or open a church in a storefront, and so forth. So, to utilize technology for God's will means to go out and learn all the spiritual techniques and methods that are bringing success. Over the past years, the Seminary is becoming such an institution. This has come through the introduction of field internships and stronger emphasis upon field education. It has come through the ministry concentrations. And it has come

through the new "Discovery Course" that guides each student on a path of discovery, of God and self, of one's mission and calling, and one's purpose in life in service of God, True Parents and all humankind.

I hope that we all may realize that while True Parents are victorious, we have a good deal of work to do before that victory is substantial. It is not True Parents' work; it is ours, using the tools they have given us. In this regard, the words of Reverend Sun Jo Hwang, President of our Korean church, are insightful: "We have been part of the providence of indemnity, but haven't practiced true love. So this is grace, based not on what you've done, but what you pledge to do."

And finally, words of Mrs. Hyo Nam Kim, given on February 4, her one chance to speak with our group: "The owner doesn't do because someone asks him to. He decides himself." This surely emerges out of her life experience. Did True Father

direct her to begin her prayer ministry at Cheong Pyeong Lake many years ago? Did he tell her to do thousands of bows and take ice-cold baths and make all the conditions that she made? I'm not privy to their personal relationship, but I've never heard anything that would indicate other than that this was her personal dedication, her own idea.

Did Father come up with the practice of *ansu*? Did he orchestrate the development of the Cheong Pyeong Lake complex? As far as I can see, these are the fruits of the personal ministry of Mrs. Kim, with the guidance of the spirit world. I respect her enormously for it. She was able to offer everything properly to Father, and Father blessed her work and undoubtedly gave her guidance and goals. But Father never could have found a member out of the blue and just asked her to do those things. God chose Mrs. Kim, and Father worked together with the dispen-

sation of God. Cheong Pyeong Lake and the ancestor liberation process is her personal ministry. She is the owner. Consider again her words to our group, and the depth of her experience out of which they came: "The owner doesn't do because someone asks him to. He decides himself."

Brothers and sisters, we stand before an open gate. How can we pass through? We pass through only when we bring substantial results in our families of three generational unity, in our clans and tribes and in our communities. We have more steps to take, as many steps as it takes to build the real Kingdom on earth. That will be the consummation of this third level of the blessing. As Rev. Kwak said, we cannot expect things to change until we change. Father's first question was, can you restore another family each year? Let us help each other pass through the gates. ♦

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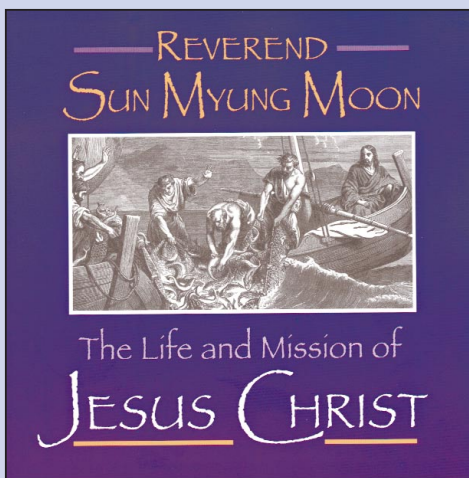
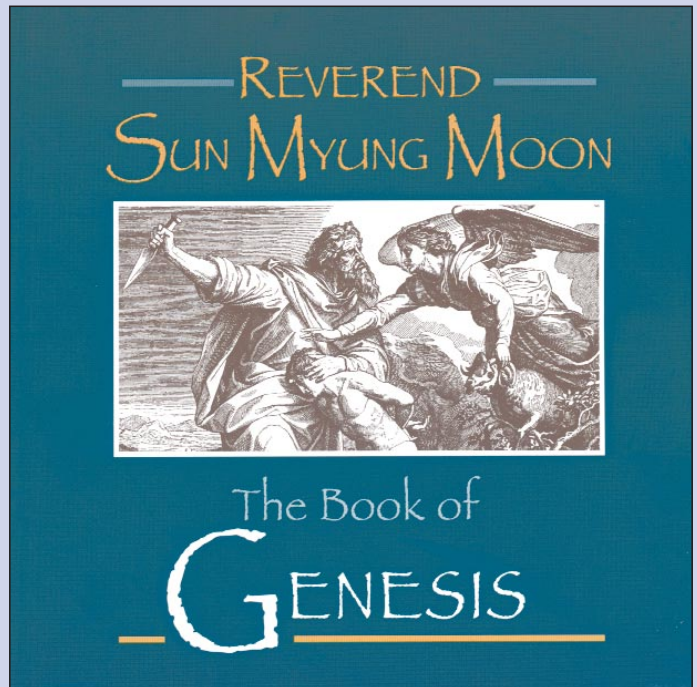
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