Atlanta

by Tom Gatte

Thirty ministers and elected officials from Atlanta attended the Chicago and Washington, D.C. National ACLC Convocations. They were deeply moved by their experiences. I thought to myself, “Wow, can we bring this spirit back to Atlanta?” But we did!

On Thursday, March 21, one hundred fifty guests attended the American Clergy Leadership Conference. There were 120 ministers, about half of them attending an ACLC program for the first time. At the end of the program there was an invi

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Virginia

by David Caparra

Heavenly Father’s mighty marriage dedication campaign spirit came down to Fredericksburg, VA, April 19, at the ACLC prayer breakfast organized with the support of 3 area couples and AFC. Of the 44 participants, 36 were clergy and state leaders including Cabinet, faith-based liaison, and two state legislators. The spirit was one of dynamic excitement and possibilities for our community and nation, as Rev. Fauntroy, Rev. Jenkins, Bishop Johnson and Peter Brown led the poignant commitment to

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Ohio

by Dr. John K. Nwamba

With just four days notice, we received a message that Rev. Dr. Charles Kenyatta who has been matched with Mrs. Sun Bok Lee (Mrs. Hsu) was coming to speak to our city, Columbus, Ohio. As we have a weekly Prayer Breakfast Meetings every Saturday, we sought that it would be appropriate for him to speak there. However, in accordance with his national schedule, he had to speak on Tuesday night. We were in a bind so the Korean national messiah, Rev. Shin, called some Japanese missionaries for a midnight Prayer Vigil.

On this foundation, we invited all the core ACLC pastors’ couples and the newly blessed ministers’ couples. To our surprise, over 300 people came. The night before the dinner meeting, we met with Bishop Andy Lewter, who is the President of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance and Pastor of Full Gospel Baptist, and we invited him to join the dinner meeting. He said that he knows Dr. Charles Kenyatta very well and he is an old friend of him, he was very curious to learn that he is a fiancé to Mrs. Hsu. He said, “I have to come and listen to his testimony”. In addition, he came for sure and sacrificed his Bible Study. Many other great ministers, Dr. Sokoto Fulani, Pastor of

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DC

by David Malloch

This March and April, local ACLC leaders, Rev. C. Phillip Johnson and Rev. Cleveland Sparrow conducted Blessing Ceremonies in their churches. Rev. C. Phillip Johnson prepared everything by himself. He sent a special invitation card to his congregation and led the ceremony. All the congregation received Holy Waze.

Nobody told him how to conduct ceremony, but he knew it and he did it. He had just come back from NY convocation and he was really hot. (In fact, while he was in NY, he was invited to East Garden as one of 12 key ministers and received special guidance from Father together with other key ministers.) Rev. Sparrow also conducted Blessing ceremony. He was also very excited to give Blessing and he actually did it.

Now, together with these

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Seattle

by David Malloch

The first Sikh Blessing in Seattle took place on Sunday April 7, 2002 at the Gurdwara Singh Sabha. About 250 couples received the Blessing. Sikh Peace Ambassador Dr. Tarlochan Randhawa, Regional Director Rev. Hun Suk Lee along with David Malloch and Daniele Cohen organized the event. In attendance were Rev. Gurn Sik Song, National Messiah to Italy and Rev. Jung Yuel Choi, National Messiah to the Dominican Republic. Fifteen Japanese missionaries lent their support.

Planning this Blessing required careful consideration how to maintain respect for the Sikh faith and how to administer the Blessing within the bounds of Sikh culture and tradition. The Blessing was given through the Sikh holy bread, phersad, a mixture of flour, sugar and butter. The taking of pershad for a Sikh is one of the most holy

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Denver

by Peggy Yujiri

We had a wonderful event in Denver the evening of April 4. It was one of the very first events of the “We will stand for Family and Save the Nation” 50-state tour by ACLC ministers. We were honored with the presence of Rev. Charles Kenyatta and Mrs. Hsu. Their testimony really won everyone’s heart. As Minister Gerald of the Nation of Islam put it, “That was the punch!” We found out about Rev. Kenyatta’s coming just the night before the event, but it was just what was needed to bring the Blessing message home to our audience.

Although we had prepared for 100 guests, it soon became apparent that we had far too few seats and meals to go around. Many more people started showing up and we had to set up extra tables. Our Japanese missionaries and local staff stayed in the foyer as our guests filled up

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by Reverend Sun Myung Moon

Beloved Heavenly Father. Today is 2002 April 4, at 10 o'clock, the 22nd of February according to the lunar calendar. We start this ceremony in Korea fourteen hours ago. To connect the 1st and 2nd Israels and unite America and Korea, we carry this out at the same time on the same day, as two become one. This eliminates resentment and allows you to settle here. establish True Parents and indemnify the Old Testament age, New Testament age, and Completed Testament age and resolve the han of God. In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve started the fallen lineage and all human history suffered in pain as a result. Now, True Parents have come and set up God’s line. They have made the new foundation, centered on God. Now with one heart and one mind we go forward into the age of total blessing. We move on centered on Heung Jin Nim and spirit world, with Young Jin Nim, Hye Jin Nim, and Hye Jin Ye. We center on the saints and sages, especially of Christianity, who connect all providential history, intertwining the religious leaders and moving on to overcome the narrow and incomplete character of the religious world. True Parents bring the inter-religious, international idea into the realm of liberation, with everything centered on God and True Parents. Our responsibility is to bring this into reality. For this we make a new determination and new start. Now is the time to set up the world and move forward into a new heaven and earth, centered on True Parents’ total indemnity. This represents the perfection of Adam and Eve, through absolute faith, love and obedience. On this foundation we can eliminate paradise and hell and pave the way of the heavenly highway. All mankind can go this way to connect to your heart and ideal. Please bless the world. Through the blessing, please connect the Cain side with the Abel side. You are the king of the blessing. To guide and connect to True Parents, to return the spirit world this way, we depend on God. We can establish God’s fatherland. We can accomplish the Cheon Il Guk, the age of the realm of history of the denominations, the realm of the liberation of heaven and the essence of unification. Father, I deeply appreciate this declaration that allows you to set this condition. Today, the 2nd year of the Cheon Il Guk, 2002, lunar 2/2, 22 hours, 22 minutes and 22 seconds, is the time of giving the blessing in Korea and Japan, centered on the central people, the blessed couples. In America, we offer this ideal with the four saints and four True Children in the spirit world. We receive the blessing, and each central figure is totally mobilized to set up your ordinance.

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We come here this day to set up this offering and liberation ceremony. Today, the 2nd year of the Cheon Il Guk, 2002, lunar 2/2, 22 hours, 22 minutes and 22 seconds, is the time of giving the blessing in Korea and Japan, centered on the central people, the blessed couples. In America, we offer this ideal with the four saints and four True Children in the spirit world. Today, the 2nd year of the Cheon Il Guk, 2002, lunar 2/2, 22 hours, 22 minutes and 22 seconds, is the time of giving the blessing in Korea and Japan, centered on the central people, the blessed couples. In America, we offer this ideal with the four saints and four True Children in the spirit world.

Then all blessed couples in spirit world and physical world unite to indemnify the Cain and Abel relationship, centered on the parents of heaven and earth. They are inter-religious, international, internal, “user NGO,” and are resolved to establish God’s fatherland, with absolute faith, love and obedience. With faith in God and total unity in True Parents’ original true love, life, and lineage, we can establish the foundation that we lost in Adam and Eve. We can establish the national foundation with absolute faith, love and...
side more than 2/3. So God’s side has to pay the 10% tithe. In the time of indemnity, 10% tithe is very important. You receive a salary, and to make it right you offer money clean and fresh from the bank. If you do so, your life will never suffer difficulty. The important thing in the religious life is indemnity. Offer the most important thing in your family to God. For example, offer ten percent of your jewelry to God. Share the other 90% with your tribe, as a legacy. If you give it to your children, they will quarrel over it with each other. From now on, the practice of parents bequeathing to their children is not the right idea. Your wealth should be offered to the nation, not to your children.

What you gain in your life, offer to the nation. One beautiful tradition in America is that of wealthy people giving away their wealth to the society, not to their children. I am this way; I offer everything to the world, to benefit the next generation. The ideal of the Unification Church is to serve the world. So, in response, you should support the True Family, just as the archangel should have protected the children of Adam and Eve. The blessed couples did not fulfill their responsibility, so the True Family is in trouble.

Whatever Satan takes, I can restore to its original place, at any moment, with no problem. Of the four True Children in spirit world, three are sons and one is a daughter. They are totally united, one Eve and the three sons representing the three ages. These are principled numbers. They couldn’t fulfill everything during their earthly life, so now young people are growing in the spirit world. We should memorize them. The spirits of babies who died are growing. They reach above 16, then, when I give the direction, they receive the blessing. That comprises 100 million couples. Even previously married couples receive the blessing in the spirit world.

God, all humankind becomes one family, and connect to the whole spirit world. Spirit beings can come down to the earth to move on and support in this time, the time to liberate all people on earth. This time is now.

Today, lunar 2002.02.02. We tear down all the walls of spirit world and equalize all the spirit world centered on God and True Parents. Right and left, brothers and sisters, all are equalized with one heart, mind and body, creating the realm of one family centered on God. This represents the tribe and nation: and the position of the messiah. It is God’s time to fulfill the messianic position, by the coronation ceremony of God’s kingship. Everything is in your hands. You are the all transcendent, all immanent, all abundant and all sovereign God. You can totally dominate this and liberate all creatures from the depth of sin. I create; I am beyond; I can totally embrace. Come into the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth and in heaven.

So far, Lucifer and evil spirit powers come, join and support this time of liberation. Everything is done well, on earth and in heaven. All blessed couples totally understand and join together. We work based upon this ideal at Cheongpyeong Lake, with assistance from heaven and now on the earth. The foundation of God. Now we move on to the coronation ceremony of True Parents’ kingship, and then the total living offering fund.

The children born on earth should be persons of filial piety, patriots and sons and daughters of God. Those people are to liberate all humankind, liberate all religions, and liberate political entities. We are to be the kingship and the NGO. Now is the time to move on to the new world and the new heaven and earth. We declare the age of the autonomous nation and the special liberation and completion of God’s time and age. Centered on God, all humankind becomes one family.

Indemnity offerings

History moves forward on the foundation of indemnity offerings, as the key indemnity. It is not easy to overcome the number nine. That’s why God has less than 1/3 and Satan’s
tion and should give you rebirth as her son. She is your mother first, then your wife. The archangel could not fulfill his responsibility, so this restores it. That's why I told some couples not to start family life for seven years. But that condition is over now; it is no more. In some nations all the men are killed but the women and children remain, carrying the seed. Women paid indemnity, the men were in the servant level and they went through eight stages.

The three-year separation period, a public course, follows the period of indemnity. You can go on a parallel line, only by the foundation of True Parents. You cannot make it yourself. Women are part of True Mother's body. So all women are one, and all Adams are one. You all are one person. You are descendants of the archangel. Women are the bride: that is the point of Christian. Christianity is the bride religion with no bridgegroom. So the male ministers abuse homosexuality.

So society is looking for Eve, the bride. Three billion people, those who have the womb, are Eve. They should offer it to their husband. American women should offer everything to their husband, the bridgegroom. You restore him from the position of false husband to the true husband, the messiah. He brings true love. That's why the Lord of the Second Advent comes, and why women should love him above everything, be so in love with him that they get sick. Even men should cry and weep missing Father.

So in the world we lost two people, one on Adam's side, and one woman. We have to bring them back to the world and take out the old lineage. Just pray for all people, then take out what represents each decade of your life. People miss True Parents in all night. True Mother is like you, but she follows the track of history. Three generations developed and were privileged for the sake of creating her. It required a three generations process to create her. In Korean history, women made trouble, but in True Mother's history, which is actually seven generations, each generation had one daughter only. You cannot just have any woman give the truth. Three religious groups connect and believe that the messiah is coming as a human being.

That's why Daemo Nim went through three churches. It is not easy to make that preparation. You do not know that, but it relates to the fact that three American women—white, black and Hispanic—tried to kidnap me. I was scared. It is so important to keep purity. I can explain this, but two or three years would not be enough. But in spirit world I can share it all in a few seconds. This is a heavenly secret. Because of women, I have had a difficult time over several decades.

Husbands: Don't complain if you have to sit down at night and eat alone with your children. You have been restored from the archangelic position. Which is stronger, my love for Mother or hers for me? American style, the husband loves his own more than vice-versa. Don't show your strange way. If you go to spirit world you can find out how much God loves True Parents.

[Father talks with American women in front of their cultural predilections and how hard it is to change 6,000 years tradition. How American women divorce their husband and hate their sons, and prefer the daughters. That's why this country will perish.]

Why do I talk about this with women? If a nail is in a plank, how do we take it out? Hit it from below, and then claw it from the top. From now I can ask everyone to participate in a special training session, like the KGB in Russia, and survive it. The Unification Church members can do anything, but the problem is you women.

God's heart is expressed through the father of the prodigal son. The parents cannot hate the children. Therefore there is no need for hell. In America, what is the concept held by fathers and mothers? Do they put away their children and enjoy themselves? This is "couple-ism." It does not work in the Kingdom of Heaven. The family should live together. You are blessed central families. As such you are representatives of the True Family.

God follows True Parents. Why? Because God could not get Satan to surrender, except through True Parents. Are you better than God? You should love Rev. Moon more than you love God. Do you? If not, you should repent so much. "I am here at this liberation ceremony with God and True Parents, but I am so arrogant." Do you like these hard words from Father? Or do you just want to eat the fruit of the offering table?
The program began at 7:00 p.m. with dinner in the Fellowship Hall of the Atlanta Family Church. At 7:45 p.m. the program moved into the Sanctuary. The Japanese missionaries sang a very beautiful Christian hymn that really opened the hearts of the guests. The new videotape, "Stand for Marriage and Save the Nation", was shown. The movie introduced the Blessing very nicely, and people were wondering how they could participate.

Then Elder James Tukes and his wife, Sister Santeria Tukes, gave a testimony about receiving the Blessing on Sunday, March 17, during the Atlantas 144,000 ACLC Blessing Preparation in Atlanta. Their pastor, Apostle John Davis, Sr., attended the Washington, D.C. Holy Convocation on the very next day, Sunday, March 17, he offered the Blessing to the couples in his congregation in Atlanta. The following Tuesday he received an excited telephone call from Elder Tukes. He said, "Pastor, pastor, you are going to like this. After drinking the Holy Wine, and participating in the Marriage Blessing, my whole life has changed. I have fallen in love with my wife again. I have to get up at 1 am every morning to go to work, and she never gets up with me. But yesterday morning, she got up, and we prayed together and she blessed me. I see her in a whole new way, now. Our love has changed, too, it’s a different kind of love. God is doing it, His anointing is in the Blessing and the Holy Wine." After the Elder Tukes’ testimony, it was announced that the Blessing would be offered at the end of the program. The whole audience was eager to take the Holy Wine.

Then Pastor Jesse Edwards spoke. His speech was dynamic and hit all the right points. He shared how in the past year his church has grown because he was doing the right points. He shared how in the past year his church has grown because he was doing the right points. He shared how in the past year his church has grown because he was doing the right points. He shared how in the past year his church has grown because he was doing the right points. He shared how in the past year his church has grown because he was doing the right points. He shared how in the past year his church has grown because he was doing the right points.

On March 28 we had another incredible Blessing meeting, this time in the beautiful ACLC Executive Committee meeting. Our ACLC Executive Committee has met monthly since January, and our March meeting happened to fall on Maundy Thursday, the day we commemorate the Last Supper of Christ with His disciples. Our meeting included Lady Hyun Shil Kang, Rev. Zin Moon Kim, Rev. Man Ho Kim, and twenty-one ACLC ministers. Our local committee represents a diversity of faiths including Baptist, Methodist, Pentecostal, triumph the Church and Kingdom of God in Christ, United Church of God in Christ, Mormon and Muslim, as well as white, black and Asian. After our program, Mrs. Kang exclaimed, "This is good, this is good," and Rev. Zin Moon Kim smiled, "Good job." As Bishop Murjan Rasheed drove away from the meeting he burst into tears. "I couldn’t help crying, I was so deeply touched by the spirit of unity, love, and giving that I felt during our meeting." We began with an Invocation from President Apostile Willie Malcom, a member of the National ACLC Executive Committee. Then we received an anointing from Rev. Man Ho Kim, the Chairman of the Georgia ACLC. He emphasized that world peace can only begin when mind and body are unified. Conflict in the family is actually an expansion of the struggle within the individual. In the same way, all global conflict is an expansion of the war within the individual and family. Rev. Kim concluded, "It is a miracle that we are here today representing such a diversity of races, and religions. Throughout history, religion has been source of most strife. We need understanding and dialogue between religions. Ministers then shared about their experiences the Washington, D.C. and Chicago Convocations. Rev. Kayce Ofodile shared that after the very first words were spoken in Chicago, he heard the Spirit of God say, "You see, you do it in isolation. Even if you had everything you need to do the job - even if you had all that God has - you could not accomplish the task alone.

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family dedication together with many local speakers. Local pastors and their wives eagerly helped to lead a communion and ask for future marriages. One of the state legislators commented on the program, “The central problem is sin, which the governments cannot solve. Jesus is the answer, giving the church, saving the nation!”

We were blessed to have an array of pastors crossing the racial and denominational boundaries, with significant white mainline alongside leading African American clergymen: Lutheran, Unitarian Universalist, Islamic, and Baptist. And the ministers are united with True Parents, I felt Jesus was saying to me that Heaven was waiting for the Family Reunion. We want to support the Family Reunion, the church available. They were not just waiting for the Family Reunion, but Churches and abolition of racial barriers, and even Muslim and Jewish clergymen.

"True Love Thing To Do" abstinence education campaign, a love offering was made for the local abstinence movement with a personal gift to the minister of the Children's Home. We also decided to hold a prayer vigil for Marriage from April 28 to May 4, to join our prayer vigil for the community. Thank you Rev. Jenkinson and AFC RD Peter Brown for tremendous support and all the Dempsey and Erickson family (please pray for their daughter Arianna who is suffering greatly amidst her beautiful sacrifice.)

Dr. Kenyatta praised True Father for his ministry of rebuilding families as the cornerstone for world peace. The fact that at the age of 82, Father Moon could choose a wife for him shows that God is real. He gave a profound message in short terms. He called up front the entire family of Mrs. Hsu, two daughters and their husbands and grandchildren. It was beautiful to see them and he said they are now our children and wished them long life. 100 years. Mrs. Hsu also gave a moving testimony of her encounter with Father and how she accepted the matching.

After Dr. Kenyatta address, we did an altar call and all ministers’ couples participated in the Rededication Blessing Marriage. We had a wonderful event that inspired ministers to value the Family Movement and the ministry of True Father. Dr. Kenyatta (82 years) and Mrs. Hsu (72 years) is a great testimony for all ministers to do for Rev. A and Marriage and Save the Nation. The evening was colored by the Choir from King- dom Life Christian Center with Pastor Sam Adeyemi as Emcee. In addition, the Choir from Ohio Family Church and the solo by Mrs. Lee uplifted every one.

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ACLC Sikh Blessing in Seattle

This Blessing was just the first step. There is a Sikh population of about 10,000 in the Seattle area and 100,000 in Vancouver, BC. Two more Blessings are planned for April 14 and 21. April 21st is the day the Sikhs celebrate Kalsa, the biggest holy day in the Sikh calendar. Thousands of Sikhs will attend from the Seattle and Vancouver area and will be part of a very big Blessing at that time.

ACLC Ministers’ Tour in Denver

Edwin Cornier mentioned that his guests were skeptical and cool when they first arrived at the program. By the end of the evening they were so inspired and warm that they did not want to leave.

Rev. Patrick Tessmer, pastor of the New Apostolic Church, said, “I am inspired by the idea of bringing the experience of first love back into marriage through the holy juice blessing.”

Mrs. America Peacock (minister’s wife) said: “It is so valuable to remember that marriage is so important. I was very touched by Rev. Kenyatta. And there was so much spirituality in this program!”

Rev. Steven Williams is pastor of the Aurora First United Methodist Church. He said: “I like the idea of rededicating our families. I will do this at our church on Sunday, April 28th.”

Mrs. Morgan, wife of Pastor Oscar Morgan of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, said: “The speakers at this program were all wonderful, but especially the pastor from New York (Rev. Kenyatta) and his wife. I could feel the unity: it was wonderful.”

Linda Cornier also made a special breakthrough today. She went with Japanese missionaries to the offices of Denver mayor Wellington Webb. They did not have an appointment, yet Linda persisted through the objections of the Mayor’s staff to see Mayor Webb for even one minute. He personally paid off: the met the mayor and shared the holy wine with him. (Wellington Webb is well respected nationwide as an African American elected official who has done excellent work as Denver’s mayor for the last 8 years.)

We told them that we would provide the Holy Juice cups for all pastors intending to do the Blessing this Sunday in their churches.

Twenty-three pastors requested and received 580 cups on their way out of the program!

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Not only did they come themselves, but the brought others from their congregations. Rev. Jesse Griffin from Minneapolis gave a wonderful testimony of the work of ACLC. He testified that he gives the Blessing once a month in his church and that it has made a world of difference in his church. He challenged all the clergy present to do the same. He said, “It doesn’t take much time, it’s no trouble at all, and you will be surprised what a great blessing it will bring to your church. Just try it!”

Rev. Griffin called all the couples to the front and it seemed that every single couple hopped out of their seats and went forward and drank the Holy wine together. After the Holy Wine, Rev. Kenyatta and Mrs. Hsu were introduced. They were all wonderful, but especially the pastor from New York (Rev. Kenyatta) and his wife. I could feel the unity; it was such a highlight; it was such a wonderful experience of first love back into marriage through the holy juice blessing.”

Edwin Cornier mentioned that his guests were skeptical and cool when they first arrived at the program. By the end of the evening they were so inspired and warm that they did not want to leave. Rev. Patrick Tessmer, pastor of the New Apostolic Church, said, “I am inspired by the idea of bringing the experience of first love back into marriage through the holy juice blessing.”

Mrs. America Peacock (minister’s wife) said: “It is so valuable to remember that marriage is so important. I was very touched by Rev. Kenyatta. And there was so much spirituality in this program!”

Rev. Steven Williams is pastor of the Aurora First United Methodist Church. He said: “I like the idea of rededicating our families. I will do this at our church on Sunday, April 28th.”

Mrs. Morgan, wife of Pastor Oscar Morgan of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, said: “The speakers at this program were all wonderful, but especially the pastor from New York (Rev. Kenyatta) and his wife. I could feel the unity: it was wonderful.”

Linda Cornier also made a special breakthrough today. She went with Japanese missionaries to the offices of Denver mayor Wellington Webb. They did not have an appointment, yet Linda persisted through the objections of the Mayor’s staff to see Mayor Webb for even one minute. He personally paid off: the met the mayor and shared the holy wine with him. (Wellington Webb is well respected nationwide as an African American elected official who has done excellent work as Denver’s mayor for the last 8 years.)

We told them that we would provide the Holy Juice cups for all pastors intending to do the Blessing this Sunday in their churches.

Twenty-three pastors requested and received 580 cups on their way out of the program!
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FREELANCE CONTRIBUTOR

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We started on March 21st in one area with a map given by our Regional Leader. We drove to the churches but the map wasn't very helpful. Then we received a list of churches from the flag providence. We visited forty of them with a video ("We Will Stand") and a pamphlet. After April 4th, we visited the responsive or supplying churches for the first time. It was a very good impression of us. On this second visit, we thought it was important to get support from sisters living in America to avoid a language problem. Whenever they needed missionaries' help for their area, we helped them with pleasure. Then, when we needed them, they were willing to help us back. Through this, we created good good and action with them and trust in our relationship. Based on the impressions of the most negative church,壁的世界"

Blessing Testimonies

Northern California

We experienced the reality that "Absolute Obedience" and "Absolute Faith" is so good because we had a concept that Caucasians are less likely to accept us. We know this is because of the support from spirit world and the conditions that True Parents made. Therefore, we would like to offer all of our results to heaven.

MARCH 25, one of the minister outreach teams have requested to change their assigned area where residents are predominantly Cau-

Southern California

The quote "When missionary sistests the spiritual wall of the most negative church would be collapsed (by spirit world)" occurred to me and persuaded this team. The team took it very well, and began to think they should feel ashamed if they don't try 3 times and thus started pouring our heart more.

The first time, it was difficult and the second time it was still a challenge. However, when they attempted to visit the third time, in spite of the pastor's (originally from Philippines) continued hesitancy to be involved, his wife showed interest and watched the introductory video which prompted her to take Holy Wine [that day]. Finally she decided to attend our evening program scheduled next Monday.

We are also receiving a good response from other ministers. One minister who is traveling in Canada now sent us pictures and a letter telling us about his Canada trip and his wish to meet with us again because he was deeply impressed by the meeting.

We were very happy to hear from him. This pastor's church is also the one we had to try 3 times and then the door was opened. We are looking forward to meeting with this pastor again very much upon his return on April 4.

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Father’s Words to ACLC Executive Committee

This is from a note True Father sent to the ACLC ministers.

God will be accompliished on earth, no matther what. Not because of the power of America, but by the power of the Truth. Only the Truth can prevail. If you are connected in heart to Jesus you can know these things. Therefore you have to listen. This is the completion of the Old and New Testament eras. People don’t know how to reach the heavenly realm. If you know God and the Spiritual World you will understand Rev. Moon.

The Blessing is not because I need 144,000 churches because it will open up the gate of the Spirit World. Once this gate is open all Heavenly will govern America. If Christianity fails God will go to the other world religions to accomplish His goal. However if God’s providence goes in a different direction it will take much longer for the Kingdom to be realized. I didn’t come to America because I’m fond of America. I’ve been bitternes persecuted here. I came to America because of Jesus. The only reason I’m here in America is because of Christianity. Christianity is the chosen religion and because of that America is the chosen nation to save the world.

You, the ACLC Executive Committee have to take up this mission together. The Blessing of the 144,000 Clergy will form the core of the second Israel. Now Father has expanded beyond Christianity. Father has the power to guide these 144,000 to save America and embrace all religions of the world. If you truly understand the Divine Principle and go out with your whole heart, who could reject you clergy. Who will insist on just being Presbyterian or Baptist. The walls must come down.

144,000 is not just clergy but churches and families that can form a Family Movement to save America. It has to become obvious to save America. I am here in America because of Jesus. What we are doing all together now is based on the 40-year course that I went through with Christianity from 1945 – 1985 and the victory we won. Because of Christianity I came to America. That is the only reason. God will however is not just to save this nation, but to save the whole world.

Blessing Avalanche in Raleigh

by Tim Davis & Rev. Jeasok Kim

The wind of the Holy Spirit blowing in Raleigh, N. C! On Sunday March 9th I stood with Bishop Robert Henry [Gethsemane True Vine Holiness Church]. An altar call was held and three couples were blessed includ- ing Bishop Henry. A minister meeting will be scheduled in the near future where the ALCCL will be introduced and his minister friends can be blessed and then their churches. (...the wind is blowing!!)

On Wednesday March 13th Pastor Nelle Smith of Matthew Chapel Holy Church agreed to let me lead her Bible study. Originally she was going to be there but she called away to S. Carolina for an emergency meeting. I arrived that evening with National Messiahs. Rev. Soojong-Joo, brothers and sisters from Raleigh community and Japanese mis-

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Nebraska

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PREPARATIONS FOR THE 144,000 Blessing Testimonies from Japanese Missionaries

**Translated by Hisagio Pelton**

**Oklahoma**

Every day we go out in three separate teams. This testimony is from one of the groups who goes out until late night. The team leader is a local Blessed family. They took off to the church visit with the insight given by the NM stationed in our area, “You’ll never come back to the center without giving Holy Wine!”

When Rev. Williams of New Jerusalem Temple was praying in his church, he was thinking of a pastor who served in one of the churches in our state. When he heard the team leader’s name, sounds very similar to the word, “Messiah” he really thought real Messiah paid a visit to his church!! After he listened to their explanation of why they came to save families in America, he felt he was stricken by thunder. Rev. Williams spoke of this testimony at Good Friday sermon. Additionally, he strongly persuaded this congregation that our Blessing movement is truly God’s will so approve a missionary. I can see your father and mother behind you.” We felt so grateful to be invited to the event, he told us.

**Maryland**

I was my second day after I arrived here. When I visited one church they were singing holy songs. When I saw the pastor, who was a woman, tears came to my eyes. It is probably because I saw the word “African” as part of the church name on the signboard when I came in. From that moment, the memory of my mission country, Dominica, a country that has many black people, came to my mind.

After the holy song, she hugged me strongly so I hugged her back. I felt as if she was my daughter. Also it reminded me that we missionaries came to America to love this country in the mother’s position. Everybody shed tears during the prayer after receiving the holy wine.

It was a big church holding 25,000 followers. Her husband is also a pastor. She was immediately ready to our introduction to the conference.

We will sincerely keep taking care of this church. In the end, I felt so sorry in front of True Parents that I did not come here earlier.

**Tennessee**

A pastor who we met two days ago visited our church, bringing his family. We had a prayer breakfast meeting together, they looked so happy. When we visited the church the other day, he received our flag. Then we showed the pastor and his assistant pastor two videos: “We are one” and Rev. Elliot’s testimony. After they watched the videos, the assistant pastor easily accepted and received the holy wine.

The pastor knew about True Father from before and said, “Some of my members are critical about Rev. Moon, but his preaching is based on the bible, I welcome anybody who accepts Jesus Christ.” He also said, “I want to attend this prayer breakfast meeting again with my senior pastor and minister.”

**New Jersey**

When we visited a new church on Saturday, we were able to meet a pastor as a missionary. I can see your face and your two grandchildren. They were so enthusiastic and already knew True Father and some ACLC pastors. But they have never attended any of our events so far. We talked to them about the blessing, showing an approach book. Then we gave the pastor the holy wine blessing on that day. We promised to sing a song and give their members the blessing at Sunday service the next day.

The next day, there were 5 couples at the Sunday service. After the pastor read the four vows, he gave a prayer while holding the representative couple’s hands. He also asked his members for a donation to support our movement, so we received 60 dollars! Even a guest speaker gave a prayer for us. Afterwards, we had lunch together with them.

We are so guided everyday to be able to meet good pastors in the realm of the victorious True Parents with tremendous support from the spirit world. But this time was the first time to receive a donation. We were so surprised that not only good people but also all things were prepared. We strongly felt that whenever we take action with confidence, trusting the victorious realm, everything was prepared for us.

This prepared person today! If we take care and educate ministers, they will come to understand and trust us more and more.

True Father has told us to visit all the churches in America at least 3 times. If we follow this direction, a lot of ministers will respond and become the central 12,000 Christian leaders of God’s providence.

The mother country’s mission is to take care and educate all these thousands of ministers. We missionaries have strong determination for this mother country mission!

**Washington DC**

We started to witness to ministers at 7 AM. We wanted to meet Abel-type ministers in our nine appointments. Unfortunately, we were unable to meet even one minister who would take the time to talk about the Blessing with us. So, we headed back to our center with no result. As we were driving however, we noticed one minister alone at a bus station. We decided to stop and introduce him to the Family Federation and blessing movement. Amaz-

ingly, he accepted our bless-

ing and drank the holy wine on behalf of his wife who has passed into the spirit world. Finally, after we prayed for him, this minister invited us to his home to talk more deeply about the Blessing. He also invited us to his church “any time” because the main min-

ister there knows our move-

ment.

Thank you God and True Parents for helping us to meet this prepared person today! If we take care and educate ministers, they will come to understand and trust us more and more.

**New Mexico**

I attended a Bible Study at one “white” church. When I greeted the pastor and testified about True Father and introduced this blessing campaign after the program, I was bitterly rejected. However, when the pastor’s wife who was playing organ came to me, I said, “You [and your husband] look like a wonder-

ful couple. Could you please take a picture with me?” This simple praise opened up their heart and I really felt the atmosphere was being changed positively. Then, I approached again, “How about we bless you?” Following this, both the pastor and I offered prayer and they finally took the Holy Wine as a couple. Moreover, they asked me to come back again! I was assured that the pastor’s spirit was moved and was being liberated from that moment.

I regard “white” churches and Catholcs as such a challenge. Yet, I can confirm everyday that even the toughest is being drawn [to True Parents and this blessing movement] with the help of the spirit world and God. So I can keep up my hope.

**Nebraska**

Despite the mass mailing which took up much of our time today, local Japanese members came to help us visit a predominantly white, mid-

dle-class residential area.

At one church, I was about to leave an invitation for our event because I did-

n’t see anyone, but then a pastor came. Initially, we didn’t notice he was the pastor. His wife had noticed we were there and told him about it. Later we found out that this pastor had already received the invitation by mail, and actually was wondering which of the three prayer breakfasts he should attend! He was grateful to be invited to the event, he told us.

This Protestant pastor had been a pastor in Zimbabwe for 36 years before returning to the US. Then, he was appointed as a pastor of his father-in-law’s own church 2 years ago. We started to visit this particular area just recently, but we feel very hopeful to find that there are ministers whom God has prepared and placed in this area.
Zambia Project Tackles HIV/AIDS

by Nicholas Chisha

On the 25th of January 2002 we had a meeting on HIV/AIDS (Living AIDS free) at the Ministry of Health and troubles of HIV/AIDS in Zambia. The project was very impressive with the content of our HIV/AIDS lectures (Living AIDS free) that at the end of the workshop requested us to conduct similar workshops in other army barracks where we could organize through his office, so that as many soldiers as possible can get hold of this education in order for them to make right choices concerning the protection method against HIV/AIDS.

It is our hope that one day we can mobilize a good number of soldiers for a special conference and have some of these soldiers trained to become lecturers in HIV/AIDS (Living AIDS free) so that this message can reach out to many soldiers as possible of our national army. There is a lot of work that needs to be done to help these soldiers especially the peace keepers because they are a part of our society if they are not educated on the importance of Living AIDS free then not only their lives will be at stake but other people in countries where they go for their peace-keeping missions, that is why this not only a national problem but also international problem where the peace-keeping missions, that is why this not only needs all people of goodwill to come together and work together to fight this scourge.

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to have the blessing in this church. This Pastor along with his wife were previously blessed at Raleigh’s 1st Blessing event. Bishop Dan Johnson had administered a healing session for them. Note: Pastor McAllister’s wife was not going to be present because of severe pain in her feet—a long standing ailment. Suddenly her pain mysteriously disappeared, inspired, she changed clothes faster than she had ever changed in her life (she said), and accompanied Pastor McAllister to the program.

I invited Rev. Jeo Seok Kim (Reg. Director). Rev. Soojoong, Joo, Rev. No Hi Pak, Japanese sisters and Raleigh members. I sat on the altar with Pastor McAllister and three other guest ministers. The Pastor introduced us very eloquently to his church which was filled with 150-200 people. I was nervous but prayed for God’s spirit to work and went forward in faith. The time came when the Pastor called me to his side at the pulpit and began to talk about the importance of the family and the ACLC. He then said, quite prophetically, ‘Let the spirit guide us now! So be it!’ I invited the Japanese sisters to sing. They sang so beautifully! You could feel the spirit of God filling the church.

Afterward I began to read the mission statement of the ACLC slowly and deliberately. As I looked people were deeply listening to these inspiring heavenly words. Many heads were nodding in agreement. Then I spoke about the meaning of the 144,000 Blessing. Finaly we gave the altar call. To my shock the entire church congregation rose to their feet and came to the altar. The Pastor stood by my side telling everyone to come forward making sure that no one was left out. People took home Holy Wine home for their spouse (if absent) and children. Pastor McAllister was very serious about everyone receiving the wine. He was totally supere.

On the 25th of January 2002 we had a meeting on HIV/AIDS (Living AIDS free) with the Mayor of Ndola City and three members of Parliament, to see how the Local Authority can be able to fund this project which they promised to seriously look into, because they also felt the project was very important for the citizens. The Mayor invited us to use their public hall to hold seminars and workshops for HIV/AIDS, which is very encouraging for us.

Workshop with Soldiers

Here in our country Zambia, we have been experiencing a big increase in the number of soldiers infected with HIV/AIDS, especially when they return from peace keeping missions abroad.

Due to this serious situation we implemented in each country.

Commandant of one of the Army barracks known as Kafubwa Barracks in Ndola to hold several HIV/AIDS workshops for the soldiers.

As you can see from the photos in this particular workshop we had 102 soldiers in attendance. The Commandant was very impressed with the contents of our HIV/AIDS lectures (Living AIDS free) that at the end of the workshop requested us to conduct similar workshops in other army barracks which he would organize through his office, so that as many soldiers as possible can get hold of this education in order for them to make right choices concerning the protection method against HIV/AIDS.

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IIFWP Seminar: Renewing Cameroon

by Michael Larson

On Tuesday March 26, in Yaounde, Cameroon, an estimated 123 participants from Media, Academia, Religious Associations, Political Groups, The NGO Community and Government participated in an International Leadership Seminar under the theme “Renewing the Nation: An exploration of principles and practices that strengthen families, educate our youth, and rebuild society.” There were 82 guests from civil society and government, 6 national leaders from other countries and 35 members from FFWPU, WPWP, CARP, IIFWP, PWPA and IFWIP.

The program opened with an invocation by Rev. Fritz Mbi Takang of the Wa-bala Church of Cameroon followed by the welcome address given by Hon. Francis Nkwain, the World Wide Mission with an invocation by IRFF, PWPA and IIFWP.

Guests from other countries and civil society and government were seated to listen to a presentation by Dr. Walch. Dr. Walch spoke on Charity Education and AIDS Prevention using a PowerPoint presentation. This was followed by a presentation using the IIFWP “Zero Transmission Mission Life Style” Flip Chart given by Pius Manchang the Executive Director of IRFF. Mrs. Kathy Rigney then gave brief comments on the AIDS presentation. This was followed by a talk on True Family Values delivered by FPFWU President Mr. Daniel Essomba Eryene.

After the coffee break Reverend Kwak delivered his lecture on “Spirit World and the Blessing.” The presentation was very well organized and the use of slides and other materials had all the participants on the edge of their seats. Most of the participants expressed their pleasure at the sincerity of Rev. Kwak’s message and how he connected his life experiences to the presentation.

At one point during Rev. Kwak’s talk the power in the city was turned off and there were no emergency lights in the hall. Rev. Kwak continued his presentation with out missing a beat and no one in the audience left the hall. The laptop that was used for the PowerPoint presentation was the only light in the hall because it was on a battery and this illuminated Rev. Kwak’s face making him look like an angel. Many in the audience speculated that the spirits in the spiritual world Rev. Kwak was talking about were having a battle over his presentation.

After finishing his presentation Rev. Kwak along with Dr. Walsh and others invited participants to come and receive the blessing. Around 25 to 30 couples and individuals participated.

At the closing banquet, two guests shared their impressions about the seminar. Mrs. Helen Chenidi (Director of HIV/AIDS programs with UNICEF) expressed her approval of the AIDS materials and information as well as her appreciation of the fact that IIFWP focused on the family as one of the major shareholders in the fight against AIDS. Mrs. Rose Kuh (Ministry of Education) expressed her great surprise at the fact that her whole life so far was a series of events with no central point. She stated that her role as a mother, a leader and a citizen were all defined through Reverend Kwak’s speech and that she now felt empowered to invest herself in living for the sake of others.

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Ivory Coast International Leadership Seminar

by Dr. Frank Kaufmann

Despite several recent changes in government, including periods of extreme social unrest, local IIFWP leadership successfully convened significant religious, political, and social leadership to participate in one day seminar in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, on March 24, 2002.

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Africa Africa! Mama Africa!
A scepter of God’s protection
What has become of you?
Where in your resentment, fights, amidst poverty, corruption and disease
Is your loving heart?
Mama Africa
First of all skies of abundance
From the north in the Atlas Mountains
To the south in the Drakensberg Mountains
From the pyramids of Egypt, to the northern fortress
Of Zimbabwe, down the mighty Victoria Falls.
What has become of your wisdom?
Looking up, beyond
The blankets of the blue skies,
Down underneath
The deep blue ocean waters,
All I see is, but an immemorable abundance
Of your fruitfulness.
Seek thy mighty true love and wisdom
And you shall find.
Mama, seek right!
Now is the time of your promise.
The time to find,
Yes, you shall find!
Yes, you shall find!
Viva Africa, viva all mankind.
Viva True Parents!
God bless the world.

by Michael Kiny

A promoter of peace, a lover of peace, a dispenser of peace, a radiator of peace... Wherever I go, I will go to promote peace, a ‘interreligious peace,’ “the Hon. Jerry Gana, Minister of Information and National Orientation, told organizers of a conference on peace in Abuja, Nigeria, recently. Speaking of the organizers of the event on prime time national television, he said, “I salute the wisdom of your objectives... I want to identity with this People of Peace.”

Gana said he was attending the conference, held Thurs.-day, March 28, 2002 at the Nicon-Hilton Hotel in Abuja, Nigeria, at the ‘direct’ request of Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo.

At the conference, entitled, “Renewing the Nation: An Exploration of Principles and Practices that Strengthen Families, Educate our Youth, and Rebuild the Society.” Gana was one of 16 Nigerian VIPs to receive the prestigious “Ambassador for Peace” award. Speaking in an interview shown to an estimated 30 million plus viewers of the NTA nine o’clock evening news, he said, of the award, “Of all the awards I have received, this is the top award...I am very, very delighted and honored.”

Asked as he was leaving the conference what was his mission as an ambassador for peace, he replied that it was to “promote peace so the family, community and nation can live in peace.” Looking to the nation’s presidential elections to be held next year, he mused out loud, “If I win, then the national elections we can have more conferences on peace like this one but on a national and a state level, we will have an atmosphere for a peaceful and hitch-free election.”

The conference sought to promote a new vision of leadership based on the principle of living for the sake of others,” said IFWP World Chairman Dr. Chung Heuan Kwak, who was the keynote speaker at the event. Lamenting that national and world leadership and institutions had historically been “dominated by self-interests,” Dr. Kwak encouraged political, religious, academic and NGO leaders gathered for the conference to live by a new vision of peace others and contributing to world peace.

The approximately 250 ministers and their representatives, senior government officials, academics, clerics, military and media who gathered for the day-long event were more than twice as many participants as conference organizers had expected. This was “la creme de la creme” of Nigerian society, one journalist noted.

Impressed not only by the high caliber of the participants but by the religious balance they exhibited, Dr. Sheikh Lemu, National President of the Islamic Education Trust and a highly respected Islamic scholar, said he was particularly impressed that this organization could bring serious Moslems and Christians together to discuss the event. He said he particularly appreciated the “willingness” of IFWP “to embrace other religions.”

“Such a genuine drive for peace by IFWP can really bring peace to the nation,” Dr. Lemu said. “There is no organization that can foster peace in this nation, it is IFWP.” He said God must have “inspired” Rev. Moon to found this organization and added that he identified with the organization’s “emphasis on education of youth, religious dialog and peace.”

At the closing banquet after the Blessing, Dr. Kasika said he understood from Dr. Kwak’s lectures the need for parents in a family to become true parents and expressed his gratitude for the worldwide education Rev. Moon is offering.

In a traditional gesture of Nigerian hospitality, former ambassadors and the African Refugee Foundation, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, made a special presentation to Dr. Kwak. “I dip my hand into my pocket and find one piece of Kola nut,” Amb. Obasanjo said. He then offered it to Dr. Kwak.

“Is this the poorest man in Nigeria might offer you – with his prayers,” Amb. Obasanjo said.

The Kola nut is a traditional symbol of unity and welcome, often used by traditional chiefs to welcome guests into their palaces.

Prof. Yusufu Ogbaje, Chaplain to the President, Secretary General of the National Interreligious Council and President of the Baptist Seminary in Oonoosho, offered the Christian concluding prayer. (there was also a Moslem prayer.) On learning that there may be another IFWP conference on peace later this year, he said he would like to personally be involved in organizing it.

In attendance at the conference was the Minister of Police Affairs, Mr. Steven Akoga.

In addition to the three government ministers, 16 VIPs and Founder of the conference, four other ministers sent their direct representatives: Abba Gana, Minister of the Federal Capital Territory; Abba Jiyaye Ahmed, Head of Service; Mrs. Pauline Tallen, Minister of State for Science and Technology; Chief Dubem Onyia, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs.

Also present were Former Minister of Science and Technology, Maj. Gen. Sam Momah; the wife of the Minister of Works and the woman leader of the ruling party, PDP, Dr. Josephine Aninih; President of the Institute of Work and Society in Akwa Ibom State, Chief Ifa D. Ekpott; Assistant Director General of Customs; the Vice Chancellor of Ahmadu Bello University, one of the preeminent universities in Nigeria; and about 140 other high-level dignitaries.

Dr. Kwak met with the Vice Chancellor after the conference and in the process of signing a Memorandum of Intent to establish a sisterhood relationship between Ahmadu Bello University with the University of Bridgeport and Sun Myung Moon University.

NTA, the largest television network in Africa, gave the IFWP event extensive prime time coverage for two nights after the conference.
Moldova International Leadership Seminar

by Ronald Koonce

The honored Chairman of IFWP, Dr. C. H. Kwak started his visit, March 22, 2002, to Moldova on a high note as he was greeted by four of Moldova’s most respected educators and activists at a welcoming dinner. They each wanted to convey their gratitude to the Founders, Dr. and Mrs. Moon whose “Cultivation of Heart and Character” curriculum has been used in the institutions that these educators lead.

One of the lasting impressions remaining after the One Day International Leader’s Conference held in Chisinau, the capital of the public of Moldova was the intense concentration and focused participation of the 130 leaders in attendance. The theme “Renewing the Nation: An Exploration of Principles and Practices that Strengthen Families, Educate our Youth and Rebuild Society” was very timely and relevant to all participants.

The invocator, Mrs. Elena Raileanu, set the mood of the Conference, reciting “The Essence of our Existence” an original poem which highlights the importance of true love as the primary human part in the Divine drama. Welcoming remarks were offered by Ambassador Nicolae Tau, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, who outlined the purpose of the Conference as identifying and recruiting Leaders who are committed to the principle of “living for the sake of others” and the vital importance of the family as the context within which future leaders can be nurtured.

Dr. Thomas Walsh’s presentation on “Character Education and AIDS prevention” was punctuated by Mrs. Valentina Sentosa whose gave a moving account of how the NGO called “La Strada” is fighting for the lives of thousands of women and girls who are unwittingly seduced into the sex industry by human traffickers.

This conference provided a model for the inauguration of a Moldovan Chapter of IFWP. Dr. C. H Kwak’s lectures provided a living example of inspired leadership in action that continued to build and finally peaked after his lecture. The Eternal Value of Marriage, Family and the Blessing. When couples were invited to come forward to re-dedicate their marriages, 37 couples responded.

At the closing banquet a number of exemplary public servants were confirmed the title of Ambassador of Peace for their untiring efforts in realizing the Founders’ vision of leadership in Moldova. Although it was getting late, many remained to discuss and plan how we can further practice and promote these ideals to realize the hope of all mankind, a peaceful world.

IRFF Zambia: HIV/AIDS Radio Program

by Nicholas Chisha

The story of HIV/AIDS is well known throughout the world, but here in Africa it is a very serious matter due to lack of correct information about this disease and its prevention. In Zambia we have lost a good number of young men and women because of this disease, that is why IRFF Zambian Chapter came up with this Radio Program on HIV/AIDS to inform the Citizens of the dangers of this disease and how they can protect themselves from this deadly disease. It was not easy to find a sponsor for this project because here in our country it is very costly to go on air, our prayers were answered when through Dr. Massimo Trombini (IRFF Europe) provided the very much-needed funds for the program to take off. This Program will be for 4 Months starting from October, 2001 to January, 2002. We would have loved it to be for a full year but due to lack of funds we are limited to 4 Months only.

The Program is divided into sections, which are as follows. First section look at the effects of HIV/AIDS on the family; second section, the impact of HIV/AIDS on Education; third section, the impact of HIV/AIDS on Development and Poverty; fourth section, the role of Parent and Guardians in educating their sons and daughters on the evils of HIV/AIDS; last section looks at the role of the Churches in education concerning HIV/AIDS.

On each section we invite people working in the field of HIV/AIDS from different Organizations including Church to come and share on this Program, we even have people living with HIV/AIDS coming over to share their experiences. We have also extended invitations to IRFF Kenya and Tanzania to come and share their works concerning HIV/AIDS with the Zambian people, because we believe networking on this subject of HIV/AIDS here in Zambia is very important. We can not build or develop without young men and women who are healthy, therefore if we do not address this issue of HIV/AIDS anything we do will just go to waste.

The response from the public has been very encouraging so far. We are very hopeful that one day with God’s blessings we will hold a Conference on HIV/AIDS here in Zambia to teach the truth about HIV/AIDS and the correct prevention can be communicated to Africa, there as been too much of false information which is misleading many of the people, that is why the numbers of HIV/AIDS here are always going up, when in other parts of the world a decrease has been recorded.
Hungary: IRFF Youth Service Project

This was the first IRFF project for both of us. The group that met in Hungary, March 25-30, 2002, was quite international, with people from 12 different nations - Hungary, Slovenia, Italy, France, England, Germany, Holland, Austria, Korea, Norway, Portugal and Saudi Arabia. We are all from very different cultures and backgrounds, some of the Hungarians on the team were also gypsies, which made the experience even more interesting and some of us were also here representing Service for Peace (www.serviceforpeace.org)

The first day was spent getting to know each other through orientation games and activities. First we had to learn each others names off by heart. We broke the ice by doing some games in small teams, such as making posters about our expectations of the project, and learning to listen to each other. The last activity involved discovering different characters by comparing ourselves to one of three different animals: a cool green fox, a "hot red lion" or a "warm blue St. Bernard." It turned out to be surprisingly accurate. At the end of the day we were divided into four teams of about six people.

So now we all knew each other (or at least better than before anyway), we could get down to the work. For the first project we were all set to different locations. Two teams were given the task of cleaning up the garden of a local organization, Fa'ag Baràh Kör. A "circle of friends" which looks after children. We had to rake leaves, remove dead and unwanted bushes and trees, and improve the general appearance of the garden. It was very rewarding to finish and look back over the garden. The results of our work could clearly be seen, and it was very satisfying to see that we had done a good job.

The other two teams stayed back at the hostel to repaint the main hall, the bathrooms. It wasn't such an easy job, because all the furniture had to be moved, and there wasn't so much extra space, but we were all motivated to finish the job before dinner, because otherwise we would have to finish it before going to sleep. So everybody really worked hard. Also people always found something to do without being asked. At the end everything looked really white, and really new, and we could benefit from our work for the rest of the project.

For the next three days we went to work in a nature park. Our job consisted of removing, piling and burning overgrown and unwanted bushes. Therefore making the area more clear and pleasant. On our second day we also had the privilege of planting new trees by the river. The mayor of Pécs also came to see what was going on, and helped by planting a tree.

On the third day we worked on the river - making it wider so the water could flow more easily. At the end of the day people were getting really muddy, but still enjoying the work.

On the last day of the project we went to a different site, and picked up rubbish on tourist trails and picnic areas on a mountain, meanwhile enjoying the nature and beautiful weather. Once we got started it was difficult to stop. A few of us still carried on after lunch, not stopping until it was time to go back on the bus.

Every evening we had different cultural activities connected to the project. We got to know the Hungarian and gypsy culture better through dance and music, we all had a chance to learn some Hungarian dance moves.

On other evenings we had presentations about IRFF, by Massimo Trombin, Service for Peace, by Agnès and about Fa'ag by Kritina, because these were the three main organizations involved in the project. Other presentations were more general, about the city, and about the nature.

The last afternoon was dedicated to closing the project. We had to reflect about the project. The general feeling that came out was that the project should have been longer. It also enabled the organizers of the project to get appreciate for their work, which was well deserved.

The final program on the schedule was a 'cultural evening,' in which all the participants performed a sketch or song, which we had spent many hours practicing and preparing for. The general atmosphere of this evening reflected the feeling of the whole project by it's simplicity but strong effects, and of course everybody received a certificate as a memory of the whole project.

We would like to conclude by acknowledging Agi, and Sonny the IRFF Hungary directors for their hard work and dedication, and Massimo Trombin the IRFF international field director for his contributions in this project, and of course all the participants that made it happen.

The sponsoring organizations were: IIFWP, IRFF, Unifrom Шалаш, TESCO Global Aruházak Rt Pécs
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The foundation of New Eden Academy, Bridgeport International Academy continues the development of an outstanding, academic program focused on the enhancement of the character of each student. The weekly planning committee, composed of parents, teachers, and administrators, has created a mission statement to reflect the goals of our college preparatory school.

A Winning Debate Team:
The 2001-02 school year was a time of transition in which the focus was on building a quality academic, character-based program to market to the local community and to international students. One of the most exciting and successful efforts was the Connecticut Debate Association and creating a successful debate team under the supervision of Joy Garratt, the Academic Dean and English teacher, and Greg Breland, a parent and university employee.

The Connecticut Debate Association is built on a long tradition in which more than three hundred debaters participate from the finest (and largest) public and preparatory schools in the state. Our little school, with one-fourth of its student body on the debate team, gained the interest of many, experienced debate coaches when Greg Breland won the first place trophy in the Lincoln-Douglas debate competition, and Masjo Ward took third place in extemporaneous speaking. Both boys were first year debaters, and we are proud of them.

Clubs and Activities:
Several new clubs and activities have been started this year. There is a juggling club, a swimming club, and a basketball team that has played several, local schools; Mike and Kati Brisbois are the basketball coaches. To the enjoyment of our students, Mrs. Kum Taek Park imparts her skills on pottery. Several new clubs and activities make planning these activities very exciting for a very active Student Council.

On May, 2001 our school received state approval, and on that foundation of accreditation in December BIA received authorization from the I.N.S. to issue 1-20 forms in order for international students to receive F-1 student visas. Since we are now able to admit foreign students, our planning committee held a day-long brainstorming session to lay out the basic goals and plans for the coming year. The goal for the 2002-03 school year is to admit up to twenty-five international students who will live in the school's dormitory and attend the new Intensive English Program (I.E.P.). Two ESL teachers will run this program and work side-by-side with the regular teachers and classes. The international students will be mainstreamed into the high school curriculum as they gain English proficiency.

The Intensive English Program will open to international students who want to become proficient in the English language while still in high school in order to prepare to attend college in the United States. Qualified students may also take two courses per semester at the University of Bridgeport as part of their high school curriculum.

Home Stay Options:
As we have learned in dealing with residential students, it is expensive to provide a good, full-time residential experience. Therefore, we can make this available only to students who can cover the total costs of tuition, room, and board. In addition, students who wish to arrange to stay with another family will be welcomed as day students. Several families in the Bridgeport community have expressed interest in making home stay arrangements.

Summer ESL Program:
A constant challenge for any independent school is the financial responsibility of providing for a qualified staff and faculty. The I.N.S. administration has met these challenges creatively in several ways, including a Summer English Enrichment Program (SEE) for international students between the ages of 10 and 16 years of age. This pioneer project worked well last summer and is envisioned to be even larger this summer. SEE has allowed BIA to continue to develop its regular, academic program.

New Classrooms:
Several dormitory rooms in Cooper Hall were converted into two, enlarged classrooms, in order to meet the academic needs for the summer and next year. A demolition crew of parents and students worked knock down a wall and removed the rooms.

Faculty and Staff Needed:
Bridgeport International Academy is looking to hire several teachers and staff members for the upcoming school year which begins in August, as well as ESL teachers and an activities director for the summer. The following positions are available:

(1) One dorm parent (or parent couple) to work in the dormitory with one or two residential assistants to provide supervision and care for international, high school students after school hours.
(2) One Mathematics teacher to teach mathematics, science, and/or computer courses for high school students.
(3) Two college students to live in the dormitory and serve as Residential Advisors on a part-time basis.
(4) One Activities Director interested in sports and organizing recreational activities for students after school and on weekends, as well as for P.E. classes.
(5) Several ESL teachers and Residential Advisors from July 1 until August 17.

Anyone interested in teaching or working at our Academy should send a resume to:
Dr. Hugh Spurgin, Bridgeport International Academy, 400 Linden Ave, Bridgeport, CT 06604; send a message by email to hspurgin@hotmail.com; send a fax to (203) 334-8651; or phone (203) 334-3434.

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Debate team winners: Chris Breland 1st prize (on right) Masjo Ward 2nd prize (second from left)
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by Mark Callahan

Imperial Japan occupied Korea in a most disrespectful, arrogant and ruthless manner by 1936, when Jesus Christ first appeared in a Jungian vision to the young Sun Myung Moon. Koreans were treated like chattel and the Korean nationhood at that moment in history could be likened to an animal stable. The First World War, sometimes called ‘the war to end all wars’ should’ve created a New World Order possessing the same freedoms and Edenic purity as the first Son of God ‘Adam’ had in the beginning of human history. Instead, the third Adamic figure (Jesus was the second) was born into a similar and unintended situation like Jesus in a stable.

All of the blood, sweat and tears from the sacrifices of ‘the Great War’ (originality, it didn’t have a number) should’ve brought an end to the long Spanish Restoration. Restoration means indemnity and by 1920, when the Paris Peace Conferences ended, all of the historical indemnity should have been paid. The Biblical Last Days were to begin after the First World War, when peace negotiations ended and the Messiah was born. That pivotal year, 1920 was to begin a period of Edenic joy, the peace negotiations between the victors and towards the defeated powers brought little positive as they renewed global tensions causing two more world conflicts.

This of course was not the intended outcome for the First World War from God’s providential viewpoint. As stated already, all historical indemnity should have been paid. At this point, it must be stated that the absolute predestination of all events as put forward by St. Augustine, John Calvin and other Christian leaders is not accurate. The history of all human activities from the creation of the world until today are not fixed and foreordained as part of God’s ultimate plan. That would presuppose evil being an intentional part of God’s purpose and that has never been the case. God has been trying to prevent and minimize the impact of evil at every turn and juncture of human history but that is another issue that cannot be addressed in this report.

At crucial turning points in history like the First Great War (1914-1918), God’s initial attempt to create a good condition (i.e. foundation, event, blessing) failed due to human error and had to be extended into three stages or three generations. After World War I, the victorious allies – United States, Britain, France and Italy failed to create democracy on the world level. America entered the war near its end in 1917 at a crucial moment when Germany appeared to have the upper hand and victory seemed within its reach. America did not enter the war to return the world to its pre-1914 status quo. This of course included the European powers that prized their hegemonic rule over the world. America was in the younger brother position to Europe. Like Abel, America came through the war largely unscarred and appeared blessed with good fortune. Elder brother Europe, was somewhat resentful and jealous like Cain towards the upstart nation of America. Preached its ideals of democracy and a world-level democratic League of Nations to govern international disputes, Wilson wanted to create a New World order (America was after all a part of the ‘New World’ discourse by Columbus). Wilson opposed the imperialistic and chauvinistic designs of its British, French, Italian and Japanese allies. Wilson also believed the League could be an effective base to oppose and defeat the new threat by Bolshevism (Leninist communism).

American Entry into the War

In the words of the United States president Woodrow Wilson, America entered the war “to make the world safe for democracy.” This was definitely in accord with God’s Will and it was only when America entered the war that a good cause and noble vision was raised for the war’s overall purpose. God had raised up America as a champion of democracy. It was an ideology that protected basic individual human actions such as the right to free speech, the rights of assembly and the free exercise of religion. These were necessary social preconditions that the ascending messiah (third Adam) and his followers would need for success, to avoid arrest and even execution. Democracy was a system that protected not only the rights of the majority (Nationalism) but the minority groups as well. The returning Lord Jesus could very well find himself being treated like the minority greatly threatening the mainstream majority religious views. Democratic rule on the world level through the League of Nations could have such safeguards in Korea. The Korean-born messiah would have grown up in a peaceful Edenic environment like the first Adam: Korean Christianity would not have had to undergo a bitter forty-year period of persecution by Japan.

American president Wilson expounded his ideals for world democracy in a famous Fourteen Points. Had these been implemented, there would have been a brotherhood of nations (League of Nations), mutual respect for different races of humankind (no racial superiority) and safeguards protection for colonies like Korea and their eventual right to self-determination. President Wilson did not want a vindictive peace settlement after the war. The victorious European allies did. Coaxed by angry France, the European leaders sought to punish and humiliate Germany as a means to keep Germany down and thus, prevent any future German aggression. The goals of the Paris Peace Conference in 1919 after the war were not really about peace but punishment. British Prime Minister David Lloyd George had some doubt about the French-inspired vindictive approach and he spoke prophetically about the next World War. But George saw no reasonable alternative. He wanted the Old World Order restored and not its replacement with an American one. The Cain position held by Europe does not readily give up its birthright to younger brother Abel. It is only possible through Abel loving Cain and this did not happen. Wilson was cerebral and intellectual: a great visionary but lacking humility and warmth of heart. This did not mesh well with the conceit already prevalent in Europe.

Near the end of First World War, the German government abandoned its autocratic ruler, Kaiser Wilhelm II and replaced it by a republic with representative democracy. Germany then surrendered with the hope that America’s vision for reconciliation could be followed. This natural surrender could have removed the old nature on the world level. The victorious European allies however did not want this kind of surrender. They wanted an unconditional surrender in which the new Germany was still strapped with the old regime’s crimes of aggression.

Peace Conference 1919

The Paris Peace Conference of 1919 was a miserable failure. France and Britain had paid a terribly high cost in the loss of human life and suffering and could not be easily consoled. They continued the imperial past by adding new colonial possessions in the Middle East like prized jewels in their national crowns.

The right to self-determination, which the treaty granted to the Poles and other ethnic people in the former Austria-Hungary Empire, was not granted to the German-speaking people. Austria and the German-speaking people of the Sudetenland sought unification with Germany. It was denied. This double standard by the victorious West against the German peoples’ right to self-determination made a mockery of such principles. Germany did not sense its relationship to the West as a brother nation being reconciled to the world family of nations. Instead, Germany felt it was still being treated as the enemy.

Japagen defeated Germany and its allies. It was receptive to the idea of a League of Nations and sought a racial equality clause in its charter. This principle of human equality (similar to the
Australian Peace Ambassador takes initiative in Egypt

by Greg Stone

about 2,000 people in Cairo and 500 people in Suez City gathered for four-hour IPWP afternoon seminars on February 6, 2002. These were the first IPWP seminars ever held in Egypt. They took place through the personal initiative of IPWP Peace Ambassador, Dr. Samir F. Hanna (Australian Peace Ambassador) who was visiting family in Egypt.

Inspired by the vision of IPWP that he had experienced in Conferences he had attended in Australia and Washington DC, Dr. Hanna seized the opportunities that arose during his visit to Egypt. Due to the interreligious tensions, especially between the Muslim and Christian communities there, Dr. Hanna found that there was great interest in est in the work of IPWP. On his own initiative and at his own expense he conducted two seminars to overflow standing-room-only crowds.

Most of the attendees were from local Coptic Orthodox communities and the seminars focused on character education and the value of religious conflict and the significance of the family. Another issue of particular local concern was the high level of unemployment amongst new graduates. Advice was given about possible projects where graduates could form as a "Graduates Club" and take their own initiative in creating employment and business opportunities.

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Second World War. Rev. Moon was the world level in which the messianic Korean patriot. In Korea after its liberation in 1945, Rev. Moon was also misunderstood, rejected and imprisoned. In North Korea and America too. Reverend Moon had to confront tremendous rejection, persecution and imprisonment.

The League of Nations failed to create a true democratic environment on the earth level in which the messianic and his movement could be nurtured and grow. This is similar to the symbolic first dove of peace sent out from Noah's ark. The League and Noah's first dove came back empty-handed and unable to find settlement of God's ideal for world peace on the earth.

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We Europeans have been trying to unite our continent for a long time. Luckily, God is always paving the way. There have been many political and economic developments already this year, such as the preparation of the European Constitution and the introduction of the European common currency. Now it’s time for a deeper and spiritual unity.

From the CARP perspective Europe still is roughly divided into two regions: the West including the four of the world’s major G8 nations, Germany, the UK, France and Italy, and the East, or former communist countries. Although CARP in the East has been growing since the mission was pioneered in the 1990s. In the West there has been some stagnation and even decline due to focus on other activities.

However, a new generation is coming to the rescue in terms of young spirit, manpower and leadership as well. Young leaders grasped the initiative and just held a West European CARP Workshop to get things moving again. The number of CARP students is growing steadily and practicing lecturing, with healthy doses of good fun. We had a night challenge game in the forest, soccer, American football with Jago and a very loud Yute game. There were group discussions on future CARP activities, singing, grilling, bonfires and prayer. We watched Hyun-Hee Nim’s speeches on video and listened to testimonies, including one specially written for this event by VP Ken Bates.

Other events in the program were a new model introduction lecture by Mark Bramwell, a presentation on Service for Peace by Ajay Rai, a PLA lecture by Jago Gavin, and guidance for successful inter-religious dialogue by Alain Roulot and Hannah Speller. In a lecture competition we discovered amazing new talent for teaching the Principle. Anne Penard from France was the winner? her introduction lecture could have convinced anyone!

Another fruitful exercise was to divide into teams and propose models for the new CARP houses that will be one of the first steps in rebuilding CARP communities all over Europe. Though some of the proposals were still in the visionary stage, particularly in the realm of finances, the team exercise helped everyone to take more active interest and ownership in building their own communities.

In the context of the 21-year history of European CARP, this workshop was a landmark event in developing the CARP movement in Western Europe. This development is truly gratifying, and is of course the welcome result of many people committing themselves to inheriting the World CARP mission. We look forward to great things this year!
by Chris Garcia

A Cloud Of Witnesses

TRUE PARENTS’ HISTORY FOR CHILDREN

Jesus needs me to make Korean clothes. 

“Just Omma’s—”  

“Chun-man-ayo!” (which means “a man has come!”, his /to much?) Omma wavered her hands impatiently for Juy Kyung to pipe down.

They walked along quietly. They had to come so early because Jesus had told Mrs. Ho that it was important that they be the first ones in the market to buy it. No one understood why it was important, but because it was important to Jesus, they absolutely followed it to the word. They passed many houses on the way—the mayor’s house, the police chief’s house. They crossed Myong Dong street, down to the other end of which were shop spocks where the soldiers stayed. 

They passed by a large house with a hand painted sign and a cross nailed to the door. They could hear people inside singing “Ave Maria”; it made them feel good.

Meanwhile, down in the public market, the cloth man was unlocking his little shed. He had set out some wooden boxes and set them up on the ground. He took down big rolls of cloth and laid them on the boxes. As he was searching for his measuring stick he saw the door open and Mrs. Lee and her little daughter coming down the street.

His heart beat faster; he could hardly keep from dancing. They belonged to that crazy lady’s church, the one everybody called “Bok Jung Kyo” (“God’s message”). But people called it that because the crazy lady thought Jesus would come and speak to her, and the Holy Spirit would make her stomach stop growling.

The door was shut tight, and on the other side they could hear the voice of Mrs. Ho praying desperately in a loud voice, and beating on the floor with her hands. Mrs. Ho was praying so fast that she couldn’t answer when she was allowed to come here and watch everybody work. She wondered if someday she would meet the Lord, too. She wondered what he would look like. Maybe he would be twenty feet tall, like a giant, with big muscles and a handsome face. He’d fly through the air and knock down some kind of a rich Korean meal being cooked on the stove. Jesus would look like a giant, with big muscles and a face that scared the people who were on the other side. They also could hear the voice of Mrs. Ho praying desperately in the loud voice.

They had to bow 300 times every day. Sometimes they were told to bow 3,000 times, which took ten hours. Everyone was sweating and working hard. After the first hundred bowers or so, it became pretty tough going, and many of the people weren’t very young.

As they passed by the kitchen on their way upstairs, Omma and Juy Kyung could smell the wonderful spicky smells of a rich Korean meal being made. They were prepared to put on the altar for Jesus. They were told to make two meals a day of the best food for Jesus and the Messiah who was to come. Juy Kyung had had nothing to eat for days except rice and kim chi, and sometimes a thin sea- weed soup. When those wonderful smells hit her, her mouth watered and her stomach grew so loud that Omma couldn’t look down at her, embarrassed. They had almost no money of their own for buying food, and Omma wouldn’t touch the large amount of money Mrs. Ho had given her for the cloth.

Near the stairs was the prayer room. The door was shut tight, and on the other side they could hear the voice of Mrs. Ho praying desperately in a loud voice, and beating on the floor with her hands. Juy Kyung was so struck with awe she stopped working, maybe. Jesus was in there, speaking with Omma. Omma led her wide-eyed girl upstairs to the sewing room.

That was where Omma worked.

The room was full of women of all ages working or kneeling on the floor with their sewing things spread around them. Mrs. Choi led one group who made western style clothes, Omma and the other group which made Korean clothes. They had to make three Korean suits and three English style suits every week. They were not allowed to use machines, and once they started they couldn’t get up and move around until their work was finished. They would sew three stitches and tie the thread, sew three more stitches and tie the thread, over and over. At the end of the day Omma would stand up with a backache. She hoped the Lord would come soon.

All this activity was because Jesus had told Mrs. Ho how beautiful she was in his lifetime. He never had good clothes or enough food to eat. It was terrible for the son of God to be the poorest and hungriest man on earth. So Mrs. Ho volunteered to make an offering of clothes to God and Jesus, and Omma helped her to do it. The food was later distributed in fragments to people like a Catholic Communion, and the clothes were stored away for that day in the future when they would be needed.

Omma was a little more settled to a ledge in the middle of the room who would cut it into shapes and pass it out to the other women. She felt so excited when she was allowed to come here and watch everybody work. She wondered if someday she would meet the Lord, too. She wondered what he would look like. Maybe he would be twenty feet tall, like a giant, with big muscles and a handsome face. He’d fly through the air and knock down some kind of a rich Korean meal being cooked on the stove. Jesus would look like a giant, with big muscles and a face that scared the people who were on the other side. They also could hear the voice of Mrs. Ho praying desperately in the loud voice.

Just then there was a great crash and a scream from downstairs. The stairs were teetering and the stairs stood up. You could hear men running around downstairs and some kind of shouting from the street. Omma told Ju Kyung to stay where she was, but she went clattering down the stairs right after her mother.

The room where the people bowed down and prayed was very small. In the middle of the mess was a big jagged rock, and there were spots of blood. A man was kneeling before it, and his hands to his head and blood was run- ning between his fingers. Two other men were trying to help him to his feet.

On the street outside a small gang of men were shouting things at them.

“Devil worshippers! You’re all going to hell!”

Jesus was so scared she grabbed onto Omma’s skirt and began to cry. Omma reached down and put her arms around her daughter. “It’s all right. It’s all over now; those men are going away.”

Juy Kyung looked up, her face all wet with tears. “I don’t know, daughter Ju Kyung.”

"Are you Christians? They talk like Christians.”

“Yes, dear.”

“Doesn’t Jesus love us, Omma?”
DIVINE PRINCIPLE STUDY
How, Where and When Christ is to Return

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Divine Principle suggests that the Korean War of 1950-53 was an event of special providential significance. Korea attacked the unsuspecting South in June 1950. The South Koreans fought back, assisted by sixteen nations of the United Nations. In this first major confrontation between communism and democracy, nations not concerned with the immediate issue thus participated in a conflict against a satanic, godless regime. In the eyes of God, such an event can have no small significance. Indeed, in light of Divine Principle, one may say that in a moment of crisis the world came to the aid of the Soviets to deter aggression in the Security Council, making the USSR's veto impossible.

Then Principle advances a third reason for the chosen role of Korea. Ever since the fall of man, God has graced over His broken creation. He has not been right to live, for all men have inherited death from His unceasing labor of restoration. As long as mankind rebels, His grief and suffering will continue. Because of humankind's continual rebellion, the servants of God historical- ly have been persecuted and have suffered with Him. Until God rests, His servants cannot rest. Farther along the sufferings of God, then, the chosen people are destined to go through a course of suffering themselves.

Korean nation

Korea is a nation which, like ancient Israel, has been tried through unmerited persecution and foreign oppression, most recently by Japan. For forty years, from 1905 to 1945, Japanese imperialists oppressed and persecuted the people they had subjugated. Koreans were deprived of their freedom, and countless numbers were jailed and slaughtered. Christians, who by and large refused to pledge their loyalty to the Japanese emperor, were particularly persecuted. It was part of a price to be paid for Korea's modern role. In the Last Days, the turmoil within this nation is likely to become increased. Through such suffering, the Korean people will continue to pay a necessary price for their crucial task in suffering and salvation.

Although Korea has been warned against many times, let us note that the reference has not happened. Since the chosen nation is to serve as a kingdom of priests, it should be innocent of aggression through-out its history. In fact, this is the case with Korea; it has never initiated an attack itself.

Fourth, beyond the indemnity Korea has paid, it has special and unique spiritual traditions which help qualify it as the central object of God's concern. For example, just as the Israelites knew through the prophets that the Messiah was to come to save the, so also the Korean people believed for centuries that one day a king of righteousness would come to Korea. This strong messianic expectation is largely a result of a Kore-an book of prophecy written over the hun-dred years ago.

In addition, the Korean people are known for possessing inner qualities which we must say could serve them well in their role as a chosen people. The unique history of this homogenous people has strengthened their character and deepened their faith. On the basis of this heart, Christianity was received beginning in the eighteenth century. In the view of Divine Principle, when God sent Chris-tanity to Korea, He made His final prepa-rations for the Lord of the Second Com-ing.

Mysterious ways

Despite all these understandings, the assertion that Korea is the new chosen nation of God will nevertheless strike many as quite surprising. However, let us recall that the God of history has often acted in surprising ways. Who would have expected, for example, that a shepherd boy named David would be called by God to be a king of Israel—and perhaps the greatest one at that?

In the same vein, how likely would it have seemed that the son of a humble carpenter, rather than a high priest or distinguished rabbi, would be called by God as the long-awaited Messiah? With such precedents as these, it becomes clear that we cannot expect the Lord to be guided by conventional human antici-pation and norms. It seems the require-ment placed on us, rather, is to be con-tinually open to new possibilities.

In any event, let us keep the role of the chosen nation in perspective. All people are God's children and all are loved by Him. The purpose of God's choosing a nation is thus not to exalt it over the world, but rather to use it to serve the world. "Whoever would be greatest among you must be slave of all" (Mk 10:43-44). With such a principle being the guiding ethic of one's appointment, the task of a chosen people is, at least initially, no more glorious or easy. Themselves is the sacrifici-al role of a servant nation.

Abortion: A Violation of Human Rights

by Raven Bradford Saw

Since the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion in January 1973, more than 30 million innocent, unborn babies have been butchered to death in their mothers' wombs.

In a recent study by Dr. David Reardon of the University of Rhode Island philosophy department, we learn that of 260 post-abortion women: 36% became self-destructive; 20% had a nervous breakdown; 10% were hospitalized for psychiatric care; 61% said abortion made their lives worse; and 28% had attempted suicide, over half more than once.

Mother Teresa once observed: "The greatest destroyer of people in our day is abortion because it is war against the child, a direct killing of the destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is an act of murder in the womb, an act of murder done without any reason, with no logical reason at all, an act of murder done in defiance of God's laws against murder, an act of murder done in defiance of common sense, an act of murder done to people who are innocent of any wrong, an act of murder done to people who do not have the capacity to do wrong, an act of murder done to innocent children of God who do not know evil."

Dr. Schwartz adds: "Legalized abortion...means abandoning this most basic human right, the right to life, to the very first people in one's life, to the most innocent of people."

In discussing the morality or immorality of abortion, Kant basic-ally was restating the Golden Rule so well enun-ciated by Confucius and Christ, namely: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you; do not do or say unto others what you would not want done or said unto you."

In discussing the morality or immorality of abortion, then, we ought to put ourselves in the place of the unborn child. For example, would we, as unborn babies, want our mothers and fathers to opt to kill us rather than give us an opportunity to live and accomplish something worthwhile with our lives? As unborn babies, would we want our mothers to abort us for personal, social, and economic convenience? Would we, as unborn babies, want our parents and physicians to kill us because they believed our mental or physical handicaps would mean that we would be born less than "perfect"?

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In My Opinion...

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"Yes, Ju Kyung-a, yes he does." "Then why don't they?" "I don't know. Shh, don't cry now." She petted Ju Kyung's little head and finally she felt better. Downsorens, they led the injured man into the kitchen, and a couple ladies came in to help. The wounded man brushed blood off her to sweep up the glass. Then Ju Kyung noticed that the prayer room door was standing open, and she felt better. Downstairs, they led the injured man to the hospital, and he was treated and returned to his family. It was part of a price to be paid for Korea's modern role. In the Last Days, the turmoil within this nation is likely to become increased. Through such suffering, the Korean people will continue to pay a necessary price for their crucial task in suffering and salvation.

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The church were still more a year away and did not interfere with preparations for the Washington Monument campaign which began immediately. The movement had much less time to prepare, only about 100 days as opposed to the 18 months it spent getting ready for Yankee Stadium. However, every- thing went much more smoothly. There were several reasons for this. First, the movement already was in a state of readiness, and there was little chance of a let down due to the less-than-ideal result at Yankee Stadium. If anything, mem-
bers were more determined. Con- versely, the movement’s opposition slackened. Ted Patrick lost his appeal on an earlier conviction and went to jail in July. The opposition of negative parents also dissipated and was not a significant factor in the cam-
paign. The hot summer months in Wash- ington undoubtedly played a role. How-
ever, its opponents may have gone on vacation, the movement maintained its focus.

A change of orientation and approach also had a significant effect. The atmos-
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Unlike Yankee Stadium, there were very few incidents. A Park Service spokes-
man said, “It was an incredibly order-
ly crowd...family-type groups.” The
Washington Star and other papers estimated an attendance of 160,000 to 260,000. Church spokespeople estimated between 50,000 and 100,000. The total amount coming on their own from the Washington area, according to church estimates, was between 160,000–260,000. Church buses from Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and New York brought approximately 40,000 guests. Six hun-
dred circulating buses in Washington, D.C. brought an additional 30,000. The
national Fireworks for the festi-
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Col. Pak was confident that the fireworks display alone could attract up to a million viewers. However, he expressed concern that “there would be the mobilization of at least 100,000 people” who would be “seri-
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Father and Col. Bo Hi Pak on the stage at Washington Monument

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by Dr. Michael Mickler

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tracted parents and “deprogrammers.” Michael Hurany, the church’s director of public affairs, termed it “frighten-
ing . . . that this kind of thing could have happened in America . . . .” It’s more like something that would happen in Com-
munist Russia .

The other ominous development was word that a U.S. House subcommittee investigating activities of the Korean Central Intelligence Agency in the Unit-
ed States was interested in Rev. Moon’s “close ties” with the Korean government. According to the New York Times, “as he was mak-
ing final plans for . . . Rallies, Rev. Moon . . . addressed service of the subpara-
testant [who] tried to present Mr. Salonen with a subpoena to appear before the panel.” Again, accord-
ing to the Times, “Mr. Salonen evaded service of the subpoena, but agreed to make a voluntary appearance before the committee in his capacity as president of the Freedom Leadership Foundation, but not as president of the church.” As with the conservatorships, this was the beginning of what was to become an explosive investigation days later.

The morning after the festival at Great Falls Park, just outside of Washington, D.C., Col. Pak con-
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jought the Washington Monument rally to be an “unconditional suc-
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tion of almost unrelieved hostility toward the Jewish people.” Citing specific ref-

ers, the report asserted that whether the text was discussing “the Israelites of the Old Testament” or the “Jews” of the New Testament period, Rev. Moon por-
trays their behavior as repugnant, their intentions as evil (often diabolical), and their religious mission as eclipsed. This report elicited an official “Statement on Jews and Israel,” signed by Rev. Moon and published in full-page advertise-
ments, which repudiated anti-Semitism and pledged support for the state of Israel. At the same time that the American Jewish Committee was mak-
ing its attack, the U.S. House Subcommit-
tee on International Organiza-
tions, chaired by Rep. Donald Fraser (D–Minnesota) continued its probe into 

Rev. Moon’s call did not produce immediate results. In fact, by year’s end the “three brothers” were quarreling among themselves over the church’s priorities. As the year’s work drew to a close, Rev. Moon’s message to the American people was that “the year of victory is gone, now the year of 

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Pennsylvania Region Family Camps 2002

by Rob Sayre

again will have three weeks of Family Camps this summer. We are trying out a new location and time. Please check out the French Creek Camp. The dates and contact information for each Camp are listed below.

Project/Camp Description: Our traditional Family Camp at our Pocono Mountain location. To sign up, contact the appropriate people or, beginning May 1, visit our online registration at live4joy.org. Family Camps available in PDF form now at live4joy.org.

Family Camp 1
June 29-July 4, 2002; Camp # 2, French Creek State Park
Camp/Project Director: Geoffrey Hinkle 610-376-8402 geoff@clareo.com
Registrar: Jim Stephens 410-997-5154 jimstephens5@comcast.net

Family Camp 2
Aug. 5-10, 2002, Shehaqua, Hickory Run State Park
Camp/Project Director: J. Bruce Bonini 570-595-7844 bonini@noln.com
Registrar: Geoffrey Hinkle 570-629-6249 prickell@ptd.net

Family Camp 3
Aug. 11-16, 2002, Shehaqua, Hickory Run State Park
Camp/Project Director: Robert Pickell 570-629-6249 prickell@ptd.net
Registrar: Robert Pickell 570-629-6249 prickell@ptd.net

Camping Retreats
I grew up having an opportunity to go camping each summer in the mountains of Southern Colorado and in Wyoming with my family and other families. I loved the time with people I was close to as well as the time in the mountains. Visiting Blue Knob State Park last year I was so taken with the views and location, I had to make an excuse to return. I hope you can join me.

Friends & Family Camping Retreat
May 31-June 3, 2002, Camp # 1, Blue Knob State Park
Camp/Project Director: Rob Sayre 610-298-2439 familycamp@live4joy.org
Aug. 18-23, 2002, Camp # 2, Laurel Hill State Park
Camp/Project Director: Rob Sayre 610-298-2439 familycamp@live4joy.org

The idea is simple, share an experience in nature with your family and close contacts or friends. Families will stay in cabins, food and cooking done by each family (you do your own). Study, Hoon-Doc-Hae in morning, hiking and outdoor activities in the afternoon and campfires in the evening.

Perhaps this can develop into an annual Family Camp? Cost: $50 per family, regardless of size or length of stay. Send registrations & payments to: Rob Sayre, 7249 Decatur St., New Tripoli, PA 18066

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This is an introduction to the Divine Principle and the Unification Movement. For those friends, relatives and contacts that are curious, maybe “fascinated”, but not educated in the basics of the Principle. The entire family is encouraged to attend. We will have activities for all ages and lectures for kids and adults.

Families will stay in their own cabins, meals will be provided. Sponsoring families will serve as staff in the spirit and style of the Family Camps. Cost: $35/person. Spiritual parents come with their kids (guests).

Friends & Family Introductory Divine Principle Workshop
May 17-19, 2002, Camp Shehaqua, Hickory Run State Park
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This month’s article focuses on our church’s growing Second Generation, who are popularly known as BCs. Thanks to webmaster Stu Bowman for her keen insights and special perspective.

Please note that this article deals with sensitive issues, and isn’t intended for small children’s eyes. While I’ve striven for accuracy, I welcome any clarifications.

This is addressed to both parents and older BCs.

**Challenge**

The challenge is clear. How do we raise American BCs to volunteer for the marriage Blessing rather than choose to marry outside the faith and to follow a different path. For BCs who have been matched and Blessed how do we help them make these unions successful?

This situation has been noticed, and carefully addressed. The Bay Area Family Church hosts several ongoing programs for our youth. Many of our BCs have also participated in the Special Task Force, and given encouraging reports.

Our Proud Academy school has sponsored Youth Development events, which have included valuable input from non-Unificationist parents, as well as noted scholars.

Through these sources and more, your author has uncovered some unexpected factors that affect the situation. Many of these are universal to teenagers, while others are special to believers, or unique to BCs.

**Adolescence**

Adolescence is a time of finding one’s identity, of asking questions, and for making decisions regarding a career, love life, and other things.

It is also a time of asserting oneself—usually without realizing how self-centered one remains. (Basic example: how many teenagers volunteer for necessary household chores, whether at home or as a guest? I know I didn’t!!)

To bring up one of Dr. Laura’s favorite themes, few teens realize what a limited person they are before reaching, say, thirty years of age.

Our church, being new, is populated mostly by converts. People who’ve endured terrible persecution, and sometimes defied their own parent’s wishes to embrace the revelation of the Principle and the love of True Parents.

Our BCs have had everything handed to them, so to speak, on a silver platter. They can also rebel, but in reverse, into a secular lifestyle. Few BCs gravitate toward their parent’s former religion, or any religion in particular.

This situation is not unheard-of. The Amish and the Hassidic Jews, among others, expect their American-born children to embrace a rather unusual lifestyle. Despite a well-known pattern of rebellion, most do finally take those paths (Read Charles Portnoy’s novel The Chosen, or rent the movie.)

Many Protestant churches have ane mic youth programs. They are, in general:

- for grounded that their youth will rebel. They only hope that these lost sheep aren’t too damaged to “return to the fold” ten or twenty years later.

**Standards**

The Principle upholds one of the toughest standards for human behavior in all history. For comparison, any one who joins the Armed Forces goes through a Basic Training regimen that’s harder than anything our members usually do. On the Cain side, the Taliban was a thousand times more restrictive of women. On the Abel side, certain monks impose extremely harsh disciplines upon themselves.

We expect our members, converts and BCs alike, to live an outwardly normal lifestyle, while rejecting a host of sins—and drawing an absolute line concerning sexual behavior.

Problems arise from our personal expectations, and in the gray areas of standards and behavior.

**Guilt**

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- would be left alive to speak of it.)

How do we help make these unions successful? It was a sore trial I hope my own son has not had to endure.

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Parents may pressure their teenagers to hurry up and get Blessed, before they are ready. Why would this be? Our converts worked long and hard to qualify for the Blessing. I myself was Blessed at age 26, and did not start my family until I was 32. By then I’d nearly doubled the formula course, and found plenty of spiritual children. It was a sore trial I hope my own son does not have to endure.

Do parents see the Blessing as a brass ring? Perhaps they are counting on the stability provided by a faithful spouse. Might it even be a ‘stage parent’ thing, a lingering guilt at their own lack of achievement?

Even when a BC agrees to be matched, problems can erupt. With parents in this situation, many of our BCs have also participated in Youth Development events, which have included valuable input from non-Unificationist parents, as well as noted scholars.

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**Concerns**

In past times, children roamed free in the wilderness. This is the reason many families live in areas too dangerous for that. A fenced beer on a Friday night is a big deal, not a methamphetamine, and a tattered Playboy in the treehouse by a host of dead-by-SIDs.

Parents can, to a large extent, pick their family’s town and schools—and thus their BC’s peer group. There are effective ways to monitor our BC’s party/event attendance. It used to be that American parents knew the parents of their children’s friends, and thus cooperated in raising their offspring. Thus they cooperated in raising their offspring. Today, it takes special effort.

Personally, whatever the lyrics, I think rap music is annoying as heck. My boy, having grown up with it, isn’t bothered at all. (For me it was Beatles music.) Does your BC want a new CD? Christian rap music is available.

As for clothing, the ‘shut look’ is definitely out, and ‘gangsta raps’ aren’t far behind. I don’t think that purple hair can look pretty good. In these matters, parents must pick their fights carefully.

Internet use can be monitored. If possible, put your computers in a busy area like the living room. You can also use ‘filter’ programs, but those are not always effective. You’ve heard that kids learn to erase the evidence of their questionable emails, web surfing, etc. Believe it where trust is already lost, there are ‘keystroke recording’ programs that will keep a record of everything that happens on a given computer. Many of these are inexpensive shareware. There are also ‘ghost’ programs that will make those keystroke programs invisible. (If needed, bring in a friend who knows computer better.)
M y wife is of Irish descent, and thus, in her history, is completely Irish. I, on the other hand, from the point of view of many of the Irish, have the dubious distinction of being half English. Regrettably, England’s transgressions against the Irish haven’t been entirely erased from Ireland’s national memory.

My wife and I love each other deeply. She is a sweet, tenderhearted soul whom I’ve been blessed to know. She is a woman that cries over the troubles of others. She’s raised, and what trials they’ve gone through, and reminds me often that “everyone needs love”. She’s a woman who once asked, in bro- ken English, “what purpose man?”

Lonely, mistreated, and unable to share their deepest emotions with men, women endured for thou- sands of years. Too often, men were oblivious about the state of their own hearts. Thus, the ancient rage of women was fueled and cemented. It’s time for men to turn toward their wives, sisters, mothers and daughters, and open their hearts to the ones who can understand them better than anyone. A man’s best friend should be his soul mate, his eternal love—his wife. It’s time for men to find and reveal their true heart of love, and erase the ancient rage of women. Even if a man feels that he didn’t contribute to that rage, expressing sincere apol- ogy to women, on behalf of all men, will help assuage each woman’s ances- tral pain.

When a husband and wife are from nati- onalities, races or liaisons that stood as enemies, their love wins even deep- er meaning. By marrying and loving one’s “enemy”, the anger and resent- ment of millennia begin to melt away, and world peace draws one step clos- er.


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The Cultures of Heart

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