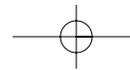


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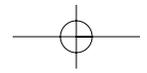
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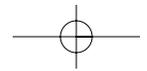
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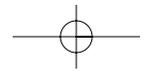
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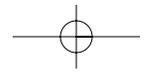
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# Foreword

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This book recounts the story of the Unification movement in America during the latter part of the 20th century. The first missionary, Dr. Young Oon Kim arrived in early 1959 and we tell her story and the stories of all who have been drawn by God to do His work of Unification in this great country.

In the Bible we find many occurrences of the number 40; the 40-day flood at the time of Noah and Jesus' 40-day fast being but two instances. The Israelites' 40 years in the wilderness may be more germane. It seemed appropriate at this time, the dawn of the new millennium, to look back at these 40 years of work, 1959–1999. We have done so not just as historians, though running through each chapter is the historical narrative written by Dr. Michael Mickler, Professor of Church History at the Unification Theological Seminary. We have, in addition, created a documentary. From the thousands of testimonies published over the years and from the hundreds submitted for this project, we chose a selection, some compelling, some deep, some curious but all relevant to the experience.

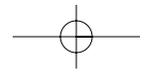
The stories speak for themselves. We want to record the minute details as well as look at the sweeping events. The Unification movement in America over these 40 years has been a unique mix—a heart of working together, despite national, cultural and racial differences. The melting pot that God created in America has worked its magic. The real victory is the one of love and goodness breaking down all the barriers.

Our intention is to embrace the entire 40-year period—to convey the large drama as well as the color and life within the daily happenings. Coursing through the history, the memoirs, the contemplations is a diverse and striking collection of photographs chosen by Jonathan Gullery. They add excitement to the discovery. New vistas are stumbled upon, old truths are seen in a new light, memories become clear, things make sense.

As editor I would like to take the opportunity to thank all those involved for their wonderful work. Gratitude must first go to our True Parents for inspiring us in this work. Second, I wish to thank Michael Mickler for the countless hours he invested in this project. Thanks are due to Jonathan Gullery for his great work in design and layout. Thanks also to Mrs. Kim Brown and Mrs. Debbie Gullery for helping to collect and edit the testimonies and to Mrs. Louise Perlowitz for her careful proofreading.

Thanks most of all to our brothers and sisters for all they have given. This is their story, the story of the American tradition, the coming of age of the elder son nation.



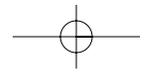


sacrifice of the patriots who died for freedom or to purge this nation of the sin of slavery. I have heard them calling to me, and to the Americans of today: “Do not let our lives or our deaths be in vain.” In the marrow of my bones, I know that they are watching us, praying and urging you and I to fulfill the mission of America for which they gave their very lives.

Through this volume we can feel and understand the foundation we have inherited and the work we must do. I am grateful to the many who contributed to its content and production, especially to Michael Inglis whose vision created this project and who led the editing team and organized the contributions, and to Dr. Michael Mickler, who crafted the historical text. Let us fully absorb the spirit of these testimonies, and the lessons they contain. Together, let us work beyond race, religion and nationality for the salvation of America and the establishment of God’s Kingdom of righteousness, love and peace on the Earth.

— Dr. Chang Shik Yang  
*North American Continental Director;*  
*Family Federation for World Peace and Unification*





America accepted Reverend Moon's message and many Americans acted upon it; many were already thinking the same way, to be sure. But America as a whole rejected the messenger. The New York District Attorney's office pushed the Justice Department, against all evidence, to charge Reverend Moon with tax evasion. The media heaped abuse upon him and his trial turned into a sideshow. The resulting imprisonment in Danbury Prison is a stain on our nation's history. But Reverend Moon never changed in his love for this country. And Americans did take action. They accepted the message even as they rejected the messenger. This nation is the great nation it is today through their efforts.

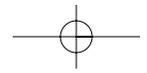
On Reverend Moon's speaking tours, the problems of family breakdown, America's destiny and the danger of communism were only part of his teaching. He was speaking ultimately to the world and to history. The crucial word Reverend Moon brought had to do with the Second Coming of Christ. He declared that the return of Christ is as a physical man and that more important than his identity is *what he comes to do*. That messianic mission most essentially is to separate humankind from the original sin through the blessing of marriage, and thus to end every degree of estrangement. Reverend Moon called humankind to recreate itself as one true family, having one love, one life and one lineage.

This vision of a world of true love is what motivated the young people whose photos you see and whose testimonies are recorded here. And it was these young people who fulfilled Reverend Moon's work in America. It is they who embody the spirit and destiny of what Reverend Moon calls the Elder Son Nation. The Elder Son Nation is the first-born child of God, as befits this last, best Christian nation. The elder son is gifted to decisively influence the sibling nations of the world community. But most importantly, the elder son is, or must be, the one who is closest to the parents.

These young people in America believed in and dedicated their lives to God. They have stood as the representatives of this land and carry the mantle of Elder Sonship. Read their all-too-human testimonies with this in mind. They are not foreigners; they are not aliens. They are not zombies or media playthings. They are not those things at all. They are Americans. They are a lot like you.

I commend to you Dr. Michael Mickler's concise account of the story of Reverend Moon and his church in America. He has done a great job balancing piety and objectivity, comprehensive scope and attention to detail of critical





which he saw “Chapter Two” enacted as if in a movie. On the day before he read this chapter, this man was urged to hear more—by the spirit of St. Paul! Because of this, I felt encouraged that God would work in such a dramatic way.

This gave me the courage to seek spiritual people, so I started attending services at the Church of God, where people were speaking in tongues. One of the women gave me a ride home in her car; I invited her to join a small prayer meeting I had started. This lady (in her early forties) was very spiritual and possessed a very clear mind. At one meeting, she said she had a vision of Jesus while I was praying. Another time, she said she saw a bright crystal stone on which I was sitting—and a bright crown on my head. I explained to them that the teaching I was offering was a bright, solid rock of truth.

I also visited a nearby Quaker Church. I stood up and spoke at one of their meetings. I was invited by a doctor there to come and share more. He even offered to sponsor Father to come to America at that time.

So, my witnessing progressed in that way, one contact after another.

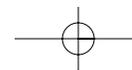
Really, the mature and golden period of my life was spent in America. I cannot forget America, because my life is interwoven with America. How can you forget your life? To be here today, I am greatly indebted to, first of all, Heavenly Father. No human person came to evangelize me; God Himself called me and revealed to me his deep and lonely heart. I am also eternally indebted to Swedenborg, Rev. Young Do Lee, and our beloved Jesus. All of them led me to Father. Every day I feel the greatest privilege of my life is to be Father’s contemporary and eyewitness—to walk on the same ground with such a person sent from heaven. To Heavenly Father and this great man who has given me the highest truth and everlasting blessings, and to America, thank you.

## Reflections on Life in America

**Dr. David S.C. Kim**

Three missionaries came from Korea to America between 1959 and 1961. Miss Young Oon Kim began her mission at Eugene, Oregon on January 4, 1959.





status. With the participation of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service, they even attempted to have me deported from America. With God's help I was able to survive that crisis.

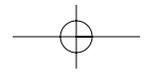
I enrolled at the University of Oregon, completing my Masters there. Next I spent two years in advanced study at the Pacific School of Religion in California. Following this, I was hired as a counselor by a Job Corps training center in Utah. I and the other missionaries, Miss Kim, Col. Pak and Mr. Choi did our best and continued in that capacity until 1971. Each of the four missions maintained and continued open teaching and witnessing to the Divine Principle message until True Parents arrived and took a more direct role in the evangelizing efforts in 1971.

Under the providential guidance of True Parents, every state was visited by One World Crusade mobile teams, which True Father created soon after his arrival in the United States. The teams fulfilled an evangelical role, conducting revival meetings to support True Father's Day of Hope speaking tours, delivering a new message for a new age. They participated in television interviews and other public relations efforts in order to explain their work to the larger public. Beginning from the early American One World Crusade Tours (1971-1974 especially), the International One World Crusade and Day of Hope tours spread worldwide, soon reaching Asia and Europe. During this period many of the new followers attracted to the teachings of Reverend Sun Myung Moon were young people in their 20s and 30s who were enthusiastic and energetic in sharing their faith to others.

The years that I served in the One World Crusade (OWC) and the International One World Crusade (IOWC), founded by True Parents, proved to be the best years in my Church life since having joined in 1954. During a four-year period, IOWC mobile units visited all 50 states and then worldwide. In my capacity as an IOWC commander, I often felt like the Supreme Commander of a military maneuver. However, we were equipped not with guns and swords but with God's truth and love.

After leading the IOWC, I served as president of Unification Theological Seminary (UTS) from 1974 to 1994 (20 years), when I retired. We began preparations for UTS in 1974 and the institution actually had its official start in 1975. The Seminary offers a strong and diverse curriculum. In addition to more tradi-





Of many memorable events, in particular, I recall my battle with Congressman Donald Fraser in the nation's capital. In the halls of Congress, I declared, "I am a proud Korean and a proud Moonie!" Just as so many young Americans gave their lives for Korea, I have always been ready to give every ounce of blood, sweat and tears for this nation of America.

America is indispensable in its role in God's providence. God has so richly blessed this nation. That is why, despite so much persecution and misunderstanding from this country, Father continues to love and sacrifice for America. He refuses to abandon it, because no other can truly fill its shoes. America is uniquely qualified to advance God's providence worldwide. Father never loses hope that America will finally comprehend the mission and value of True Parents and respond according to God's will.

Currently, we are living three miracles. First, we are living together in the same space and time with True Parents. This is not an ordinary time. There is only one True Parents in all human history, past and future. But our birth and life were timed in such a way that we are living together in the same time and space, breathing the same air, drinking the same water, traveling the same road. This is indeed a miracle. No question about it.

There are so many billions of people in the past, billions and billions who will live in the future, but none of them can say when they arrive in the spirit world, "We lived together with True Parents. We listened to his sermons. We heard his voice. We laughed together. We ate together." I want you to know that this alone makes our lives a million times worth living. It is one miracle.

The second miracle is that we all received the Blessing from the True Parents. No matter how we think we realize the importance and greatness of the Blessing of our True Parents, we really do not know its real value until we get to the spirit world. Still, we can understand that through the Blessing of True Parents, the Messiah has taken away our original sin. We have been given the power to give our children sinless birth. This is a revolution. Only one time in history will it take place, and particularly in our lifetime it is taking place.

The third miracle is that we are living to see the year 2000. You won't see the year 4000, or the year 6000. In Divine Principle history, every 2,000 years great things happen, earth-shaking events occur. After the fall of man, the first 2,000 years God was searching for one beacon of light on earth. Finally, after darkness

