

## Unificationist Dad Passes Out 4,000+ Autobiographies

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*Mr. Young poses for a picture with Rev. Hyung Jin Moon, who he encountered in a parking lot.*

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When we first received the direction to distribute *As a Peace-loving Global Citizen*, True Father's autobiography, no specific date of completion or place of distribution was specified. But in late April, 2011 I heard that True Father wanted 120,000 books distributed specifically in Las Vegas, and that he would like this to be completed by July. I had already distributed 430 books door-to-door near our home in Pittsburg, California, but I felt a great sense of urgency to assist with the distribution goal in Las Vegas. We knew this was a significant condition. True Father needed to change the spiritual climate of Las Vegas, which in itself is a condition to affect the moral and spiritual culture in America. The victory would somehow be connected to Korea and the rest of the world. Nothing was more important!

One challenge was that we could only distribute books which had been purchased. I informed San Francisco Pastor Kevin Thompson that I would like to help anyone who needed assistance in delivering books they purchased. He got the word out and found about a dozen families in the Bay Area who bought cases of books that I could deliver on their behalf in Las Vegas.

I had many insights and spiritual lessons in Las Vegas. It soon became clear that the outcome depends on one's attitude and mindset. I felt my first purpose was to represent True Father as best as I could in the few minutes I spoke with a person. We had to distribute a great number of books, but whenever possible, we also had to collect people's contact information so we could inform them of future events. Whether they took the book or not, we needed to leave an impression that would stay with them long after our brief encounter. If the person we approached didn't take the book, I wanted him or her at least to feel that he or she had met a nice person and would consider taking a book from the next person who offered one.

I focused on approaching people with sincerity. I had a sincere desire for people to learn about True Father, and for us to complete this condition victoriously. Keeping in mind how True Father had

explained in a Hoon Dok Hwe [scripture readings] that he had written the autobiography to comfort God's heart, I centered on True Father's sincerity. Although we failed to get enough members over the years, he told God not to worry and that he would summarize his life's work and teachings in a book that would educate people

Last year True Father gave a speech at the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas during which he demonstrated *chi*, or the spiritual power in words and objects. He had members come forward and test the strength of their arms when holding nothing, and then while holding the Bible, the Divine Principle, a picture of Jesus, or writing a word like "True Parents." The energy that was demonstrated instantaneously when they held an object or written word of high spiritual energy was undeniable! True Father explained that this was the power of *chi*. I was keenly aware of the incredible *chi* that is held within True Father's autobiography.



*A shopper is offered the autobiography by Mr. Young, who focuses on "approaching people with sincerity."*

I found that when I spoke True Father's name, the spirit-world became very involved. I felt as if I were flanked by many ancestors and members of my spiritual tribe, and how much we are inspiring the spirit world as we gave out the book using True Father's name. I had good intuition about which people to speak to, whether to turn right or left in a parking lot, and what words to use with certain people. We were attracting the power of the good spirit world, those who wished to participate in the work with us.

I worked to distribute the autobiographies mostly in parking lots and at gas stations. Sometimes I visited Starbucks or McDonald's, and I worked a few days at a Spanish market where I had permission to do so. One day, Maryanne Irwin, national messiah to Nicaragua, and I distributed 17 cases between the two of us. It was very exciting and a rewarding experience to meet so many wonderful families.

If a person said "no" and that he or she didn't want the book, I would ask myself: "Had I explained correctly? Had I come off as pleasant? Had I approached them with courtesy and good energy? Could I have handled the situation differently?"

Sometimes, if a person declined taking the autobiography, I just said, "Please," and many times, people would reconsider and take the book.

Some of my most memorable experiences were as follows.

At a gas station, I approached a man who was filling up his car. He said that he didn't want a book. I explained more about True Father, and he rejected the book twice more. Finally, he agreed to take it. I thanked him for receiving it. He sat in the car and read the first few pages while waiting for someone who had gone into a nearby shop. Minutes later, he flagged me over to his car. He said he loved the book, thanked me for giving it to him, and wanted more copies.

Once I approached a mother and her son in his mid-twenties.

"I don't want a book," the son said. "You won't believe what religion I am."

"Go ahead and tell me!" I said. "I'm a stranger. It doesn't matter."

"I'm an atheist." His mother looked ashamed and turned away.

Knowing that the book has incredible power, I said, "That's okay! No problem! Here's your book!" He received it and got into his car. He read some of it there, and moments later he got out, came to find me, shook my hand, and gave me a donation for the book. He said he liked it and would definitely read it. His mother's countenance had changed entirely. She looked happy and proud. It seemed like the book was already working its magic and helping to heal their relationship!

It was wonderful to see members rally to purchase books, help in the warehouse, assist with distribution, and in many other ways, work to fulfill True Father's desire to complete this condition. I was particularly inspired by brother Bill Bechtel! With faith, he moved a mountain of books from the warehouse, loaded vans, drove people to various areas, and kept them supplied with books all over the city. He also subsidized my trips, helping with gas money and expenses to make the trips possible.

Our Japanese brothers and sisters set the tremendous foundation of distributing the first 50,000 books, but our American members carried on in a manner that made me proud. Brothers and sisters traveled from far and near, working tirelessly in temperatures exceeding 100 degrees most days. There was a great sense of team spirit and unity in our common desire to fulfill this condition together for True Parents. We were well-cared for and well-directed under the leadership of Rev. Staffan Berg and his wonderful team. It was a privilege to be able to participate. With the tremendous support described above, I was able to make four trips to Las Vegas for a total of 19 days, and I estimate that I delivered 4,100 books there.

I was so happy to learn that our goal of 120,000 books has been reached! I am truly grateful and offer sincere thanks to Heavenly Father, our True Parents, Rev. Staffan Berg, and all who participated in this important condition.