

Three Testimonies about True Mother's Visit to Vienna

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Testimony 1: My Experience with True Mother



My name is **Nora Waldmann** and I am a second generation from Austria. I feel very privileged that I have the opportunity to give a small testimony and share it with our community here in Austria and with our Heavenly Parents. A couple of years ago I was studying nutrition at the University of Vienna. During my studies I had a student job at the Danube Tower, which is very close to the Austria Center, where we celebrated the 50 years Anniversary of our Unification Movement with our True Mother, Sun Ji Nim and her husband.

Everytime when I passed the Austrian Center I imagined myself singing in this building in front of True Parents. I had a very strong vision that I want to sing from my whole heart to True Parents. It was a very strong vision which became a part of my life goal. I feel so blessed that God gave me the gift of singing which I can share with so many people and with our True Parents. When I heard that True Mother will come to Austria and that I will have the chance to perform with the Austrian Second Generation Music Band in front of True Mother, I felt very happy. At the same time I thought about all the talented second generation in Europe who do not have the chance to perform. I felt sorry for them.

Our weekly practice and our performance brought us much closer together as a band and everyone worked very hard, especially Tony and Simon Cook, who tried to organize everything. I felt really the power of unity during our practice. On stage I did my best to give my whole heart to True Mother and show her how much I love her.



Before this event I had expectations of **True Parents and if they didn't come true** I would be disappointed. But this time I felt strongly that I wanted to give something to True Mother, rather than expecting something from her. I realized that she needs our love and attention. It was a beautiful feeling to be able to give something to her through our music.

The following day was the Victory Celebration and we had Hoon Dok Hwe with True Mother at the Hilton Hotel. During HDH I couldn't **stop crying**. I felt that my ancestors were crying through me.

I was asked to sing a solo. When I stood up and walked towards our True Mother, I felt that I walk towards our

Heavenly Parent and that all my ancestors were walking with me. It was a deep spiritual experience, I felt the heavenly presence around True Mother. I realized how special true Mother is, that she has to carry a heavy burden and that she needs our love.

That's why I felt so happy that through my songs I had the chance to give my whole heart to True Mother and True Father. I wanted to make them happy and ease their pain. I was singing 2 songs, „What a wonderful world“ and „Holy Love“. My songs were accompanied by Simon Cook on the guitar and David Rennie on the flute. It was an intense and beautiful experience to stand before True Mother and give everything to her.

After our performance felt completely different than before. I knew I have my portion of responsibility in my life that I want to fulfill but I knew that God will be always be guiding me along the way. At the same time I had a very strong vision that I feel God wants to use my talent to help and reach out to his children. I still have insecurities and **fears and obstacles to overcome but I'm very optimistic to overcome my anxieties so that I can be able to use my full potential to reach many people and bring them closer to True Parents.**

Thank you.

Nora's testimony can be seen on video on the Austrian Family Federation's website www.famfed.org under „Mitglieder“ with the password „myfamfed“ in the Video section.



Aishen Wang-Lee's family

Testimony 2:

My testimony about True Mother

1. God's providence and his plans are the best.

My name is **Aishen Lee**. First of all I would like to express my gratefulness that I can be here today and give my testimony to you at this holy day (Day of all True Things). Some of the brothers and sisters already know about my experiences. I wanted to speak to you earlier, but I waited that God would show me the right moment. Last week when I was asked to give my testimony on the Day of all True Things, I felt that this was the situation God prepared for me to talk about my recent experiences.

2. God saved me and my family not only through True Father, but now also through True Mother.

Four years ago, on May 18, 2011 True Father came to Germany. My husband went to Germany and I stayed at home due to my physical condition. On the afternoon when True Father gave his speech in Berlin, I was cured from my sickness. After the event one brother told me that True Father mentioned that the families of those members who participated in his speech would be taken care of in a special way. I was very grateful to True Father for this. This experience motivated me one year later to go to Korea with my daughter to participate in **True Father's Seong Hwa ceremony**.

Last year in February my younger sister passed to spirit world very unexpectedly. This made me very depressed. Since last year July I was lying in bed, except from eating and

taking care of myself in a very basic way. I **didn't want to speak and I didn't want to meet anybody**. I even avoided to speak with my mother who lives with us, and my husband and children. When I went to eat in the kitchen I was careful not to meet anybody. As we owe a Chinese restaurant, my husband took care of everything and he did all the work. When my children had holidays from school, they went to help in **the restaurant. That's why they couldn't**

participate in the HARP workshops. Only my youngest daughter could participate, due to the support of several blessed families. My heartfelt thank to all of them!

When True Mother visited Vienna on the 10th of May this year, which was at the same **day Mother's day, I felt**

strength again to get up and participate . True Mother spoke in the Austria **Center on the occasion of „50 Years Unification Movement in Europe“**. The event started with the Cheon Il Guk Hymn. I could sing again, and I joined the hymn in Chinese language! While I was singing I felt strong support from the Spirit World. I felt relieved and all my burdens fell off my shoulders.

After the event I went for a walk near the Danube. I spent 4 hours there. Finally I wanted to make my way home, but then I felt like singing, so I sang Holy Songs in Chinese for one hour and arrived home at 8:00 pm.

I told my mother: „Please forgive me, mother! Forgive me that I was in bed for 10 months and that I caused you so much pain, suffering and sadness! Today is the day when I was cured, I regained my health!

I told my eldest daughter: „Julia, please forgive me that I didn't look after you for so long! You and your siblings must have had such a difficult time without the support of your mother!“ She answered: „Mum, that's no problem! We could learn a lot in these months!“

I am very grateful to God, True Parents and all the brothers and sisters for all the support, and I want to express my gratefulness in good deeds.

3. Health

After my long sickness I want to **strengthen my body again. That's why I go to a park every morning to do Tai Chi exercises together with a group of people.**

I realized that not only the spiritual body, but the physical body has to be fit as well. It is important not to neglect the physical body, because only if we are healthy we can help other people. Only in a healthy body can we fulfill our mission and work towards the fulfillment of Cheon Il Guk.

Thank you, Kamsa Hamnida!



Aishen's daughter Julia

Since that experience Mrs. Lee has been witnessing to various people from the Tai Chi group and members of a Shaolin temple, including a well-known Shaolin monk. - *Elisabeth Cook*



As the date of the event came closer I struggled to even decide to come since I felt I was completely missing the foundation to attend. However I had a few conversations with **D. Zöhrer**, a good friend of mine, and he finally convinced me to come.

I made the decision one week before, so there was still some

the whole team involved in the organization, so I felt honored to be there.

The setup was exceptionally nice and even though I saw the hall before I was overwhelmed by the big crowd of people that attended this event. Since one of my relatives, Elisabeth Brandner was to be honored as a butterfly missionary she organized a table where my family and me could sit. I was very honored since I knew that only a smaller number of people had the chance to sit at a table in the back, so I could also experience the event in a different way.

Finally the program started and the music and presentations were very nice and gave a good atmosphere. I had to **admit that I didn't know so much about** the history of the unification movement in Europe, so the introductory videos were really interesting. I already knew the two speeches of True Mother that were shown, but I still could get some points out of it.

Then True Mother entered the hall and I could receive her wholeheartedly. Still I felt I was not as prepared as I should be, but I listened closely to the speech. I felt that the atmosphere changed and as if someone I knew for a long time but have not met for ages just came and spoke to me.

I felt good, but still in distance. It was the picture you see at events and speeches, True Mother standing on the stage but still far away, almost like in a dream. But just to experience her live even in distance was a special experience for me.

The awards ceremonies afterwards were also very beautiful and I could feel the incredible foundation we all stand on. I recognized that our parents and all of the first generation really did an incredible job in laying foundations so that we can be here today.

After the ceremonies were over and the Little Angels did a great performance again I had to leave soon to attend the Cranes Club.

I didn't really know what to expect, but was very curious about how it would turn out. After meeting some other 2nd generation there and some good introduction from Bogdan Pammer I already had a better idea about the purpose of that meeting which is to really connect as 2nd generation as professionals of our movement and to strengthen relationships beyond our local boundaries.

After an introduction by Dr. Kim True Mother entered the room. It which was much more personal than before. I never experienced her being physically so close to us as 2nd generation. She

Testimony 3:

Newborn

My name is **Andi Egger**. The past few weeks have been very special to me. I had many experiences that turned my concepts upside down and made me realize all the blessings and chances that were given to me. In a way I feel as if I have been newborn, since I see things the way I never saw them before.

A few weeks ago Peter Zöhrer our national leader announced a 40 day Cheong Seong Condition in preparation for True Mother to come to in Europe. It should consist of at least 12 minutes of prayer each day and optionally other conditions as well. When I heard about it I made a commitment to follow it through since I wanted to make a personal preparation for our True **Mother. However I didn't fully realize** the importance of this event since I was in a time of personal struggles and still trying to find my own way within our movement.

At the beginning I found it hard to get into the spirit but after a while I noticed that these 12 minutes must be some kind of magical boundary that changes the atmosphere somehow.

I didn't experience this before but every time I started it took a few minutes until I got into it but after 12 minutes (I set the alarm clock) I felt it was most **intense and didn't want to stop, so I** continued for some minutes afterwards. But since I struggled with so many things the prayer almost turned in a spiritual fight and I wanted to know who is God, why is all of this so important and who are True Parents to me?

Of course I knew all of these things theoretically, I knew the principle of creation and restoration, and the course of history as described in the principle. But I never had experiences with God or True Parents, I just knew that my father has a strong foundation. Somehow I felt that this is the chance to experience it myself and to make it my own.

time left and I felt I should prepare for the event in some way. I heard that invitations for the concert of the Little Angels were handed out the rest of the **week, however I didn't have time** to participate. As I had taken some invitations already from the headquarters I thought why not doing it myself. So at Friday evening I went to some station nearby and started to hand out the leaflets for the concert of the Little Angels. It was a nice experience since people were receptive **and interested to hear about a "Korean Folk Ballet" which is free of entry and** includes beautiful coreographies they could enjoy.

Also I was glad as Elisabeth Cook phoned me and asked me if I could help to set up the stage for the concert, since I could contribute and felt more involved into the event. On Saturday morning we started and after two hours we were finished unloading everything and most people including myself were sent home. Nevertheless it turned out to be a good experience working together preparing for the event especially because the STF team was there.

I was really excited to see the Little **Angels as I haven't seen them before.** When the concert began I was really fascinated by the stories and beautiful dances and their incredible professionalism. You could feel the harmony of the dancers and it was amazing to see what passion these little kids conveyed in their performances. Also I loved when they started to sing, especially when they began to yodel. **I couldn't believe that that was one of the best yodel I heard in my life. I found it really funny since that's what Austria is famous for, but hardly any Austrian has ever tried to yodel (me included).**

The concert passed and I could really enjoy it wholeheartedly.

The next day the big event came and I was curious what to expect. I had given the chance to still participate in the organization by being the guard at the entrance. I did my best to fulfill this responsibility and got to know almost

was sitting right at the center of the room and even though I did not see her directly at this point, it was special for me.

I also loved the testimonies of the fellow 2nd generation members, there were many things to which I could relate, their experiences and struggles and how they go about pursuing their career and combine it with their believes. It was interesting to see how they actually managed to connect them, such that both aspects are able to coexist and make their lives more fulfilling.

After some great musical performances we saw the video of Hyo Jin, whom I **didn't know so well. It surprised me** since I have never heard of him in this way. He must have been very determined and a great leader, just as his father. I also understood why he is always referred to as the one filial son.

When True Mother started speaking, I really listened closely to grasp everything. Now it was real to me, the first time I can say I really experienced True Mother as a person, not just as a speaker somewhere far away to whom I could not really relate.

And I realized that what she said, she really meant it that way. I tried hard to digest it, and get out of it as much as I could. It was like the first time I could receive one of the messages of True Parents, because I felt it was real, and it really mattered to me.

The atmosphere became very personal, it started to feel as if True Mother was like a real grandmother to us. When **she began to sing, that's when I could** connect the most to her. Also, suddenly she stood at a position where I could directly see her. Before she never looked into my direction but suddenly she did and I felt as if she directly looked at me, also several times after. This way I felt a direct connection to

her so that it became even more real to me. This was really a precious time, because we were able to attend True Parents, so each of us also has a responsibility to fulfill.

This event ultimately changed my concept of True Parents, as it was the first time I felt a personal relationship towards them. So True Parents suddenly became real, from a picture on the desk to real people having dreams and hopes which they want to convey to us.

Suddenly I was not just an observer, but actively part of the providence at this time. I felt I wanted to contribute something and I too want to fulfill my role and connect with other 2nd **generation. Even though I'm considered a Jacob's child it did not** matter, I felt we were all at the same level.

The event finished with another few ideas of concrete projects which looked very promising. I was looking forward to stay connected and help developing the Cranes Club as an open platform for collaboration and support of 2nd gens. In any way I was glad to have attended this meeting!

The next morning I was lucky to attend the victory celebration with our True Mother. I already went there with a complete new determination and could feel the connection I built up the day before. I was standing at the back behind the last row of seats, so I could directly see True Mother as she was sitting there. Again I had the feeling she was looking at me, and I maybe felt a bit unworthy but proud to be there.

The celebration was very nice, with some musical performances and of course True Mother speaking. The musical performance from Sun Ji Nim and her husband was great and it also created a nice atmosphere. The most beautiful part was when True Mother

was singing Sarang Hae at the end. With all the people in the room it really felt as one family.

The next day we got the opportunity to officially say goodbye to our True Mother, as she was leaving the hotel in the morning. We were standing in the hallway in anticipation of True Mother leaving the hotel. After some time we realized she was already outside in the car, where we could say a last farewell before she left.

Now the weekend was officially over, and I felt really honored to have attended all these events. After True Mother left, some people were still standing in front of the hotel among which was Hoon Sook Nim, whom I did not really know before.

Even though I could not talk to her personally it was an honor meeting her and in the end I could personally say goodbye to her, which meant a lot to me. I felt the appreciation especially for the younger generation as she is part of the same generation.

For me the whole weekend has been very intense. It changed my mind and most of my concepts especially about True Parents and my own identity as **part of our movement's young** generation. I am still on my way to strengthen my faith.

I think it is a precious time that we live in and I am grateful that I could experience True Mother so closely. For me True Parents have become personally important and I want to take on the responsibility to fulfill my role as **a member of our movement's young** generation.

Thanks to all the brothers and sisters that made these events possible. I am glad that I could be a part of it and now want to see how I can contribute and support in the best way possible.

Thank you!