

Preparation for and the early ministry of the Returning Lord in Korea - Part 4

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One day all the regional directors received motor vehicles (jeeps). At that time, there were not many cars in Korea, so we were very grateful to Father. The church members were also very happy.

In July 1966, we had a church leaders' meeting at Mai Mountain. In the evening, it was our custom to go outside and read the Principle out loud. This time all the members were asleep, and I had a difficult time waking them up. I strongly urged them, "Please come out so we can climb the mountain." They finally got up and we climbed to the top of the mountain and sang holy songs and prayed. We ended with a loud "Mansei!" The next day we made a stone tower of 365 stones and called it Tong-il Tower.

Teaching the reality of communism to political leaders

At about this time we began the Victory Over Communism (VOC) movement in Korea. We educated the local people about God's Word, and about communism. We tried to convey to them that only through the Principle can we overcome communism. Every church leader in Korea started working for VOC. In Chun Buk region, 15 church leaders visited every city and we taught all the government leaders the VOC lectures.

I was in Chun Buk region for eight years. It was very difficult because everyone persecuted us and I couldn't find a church center. But before I left that region we built our own regional headquarters church. All the members helped to build it! We were happy that finally we could have prayer meetings whenever we wanted.

I joined my wife and three children in Cheonju, and while we were there we were blessed with two more children. I moved to Seoul for a new mission as church director in the Youngdeungpo district of the city. We just had a small room on the second floor of the building. It was difficult because we had no members or money, yet we just concentrated on witnessing.

Carrying out the mission while raising a large family

In December 1970, Father instructed all the blessed wives to go out for three years on a witnessing condition. He told us that we couldn't go to the Kingdom of Heaven if we didn't participate. No one really understood Father's words at that time. When the wives left home they had to give their children to their relatives. The relatives did not understand, but they could not reject the children. The members may have had good relationships with their families before, but during this three-year period most of their relationships broke down. This was a huge indemnity condition for the members. But it had to be made. It was only after this indemnity condition that Father was able to go to America and build his world level foundation.

My wife participated in the condition, and I became a national IW. Our children had to stay with my assistant, and another sister took care of our new baby Han Sook, who was just 100 days old. This sister was often tired and she would sometimes fall asleep and forget to feed the baby. Many times the spirit world would wake her up and tell her that it was time to give milk to the baby.

My neighbors said the house was strange because there were no parents living there, only children. They said God must be protecting that house.

In my life of faith, I have always had a heart of gratitude toward Heavenly Father because He protected our family. We didn't really understand Father's direction to separate for three years, but we just followed faithfully, and because of that we were able to bring good results.

After the condition was over we wanted to buy a house. We had eight children so it was difficult to find a good one. We brought four children along with us when we went looking and left four at my aunt's house so that the landlords couldn't see how many children we had. We couldn't get a good house so we finally rented an old house on a hill. When it rained the walls were in danger of crumbling and it was dangerous. I always planned that if the house ever collapsed and there was no time to gather our possessions, I would be sure to take Father's picture with me.

Once one of my children dreamed that True Mother came to our house, examined it, and proclaimed, "Don't worry! This house will not fall down." Finally, the church provided my family with a house.



Diversifying responsibilities

After my national IW work I became the regional director of Gyeongbuk Province. Just afterwards, Father asked me to be the secretary general of VOC in Korea! I went to Japan with ten Korean congressmen. Korean congressmen generally didn't like our church activities, but after they visited the Japanese Unification Church center they were very impressed and became positive toward us.

Many people persecuted the VOC movement because it was sponsored by the Unification Church. We continued to give VOC education nevertheless. In 1973 the Korean government gave us permission to build a VOC educational center. From that time on, we educated all the major government leaders and other officials.

In September 1974 Father gave me a blessing in the form of a trip around the world. I first went to the Madison Square Garden Rally. During the eight-city tour, even though Father was very busy, he took our group of leaders shopping and sightseeing at Disneyland, Niagara Falls, Las Vegas, and Chicago.

We could feel how vast the country of America was, and we realized how proud the American people were. They would boast that they had the biggest building, the largest lake, etc.! Therefore, we could feel True Father's heart in trying to save America. We also visited twenty other countries, including England, Scotland, Germany, France and Italy, and then I returned home to Korea.

After working two years as secretary general of VOC, I became responsible for II Hwa sales. This was

my first time working in a business. Everything was very new for me. I pioneered the sales market nationwide. Our company took over the market in the country and had the highest sales!

As a leader, care for members and do activities

After that I became the director of witnessing at the national church headquarters. Twice I visited all the churches in Korea, checking up on all their activities. I asked myself, "If we have the Principle, why is our church not improving?" I discovered that most of our church leaders had a lack of understanding of Father's heart. The leaders didn't take care of members with God's love. They were in Abel position, but they just gave directions to the members without much heart. Consequently, the members didn't have good relationships with their leaders. So when I visited the churches I emphasized to the leaders, "You should cultivate the heart of a parent and be a servant to the members."

On November 1, 1976, my father, Chung Seok-cheon, who had assumed the leadership of the Holy Lord Church, died. He had been paralyzed on one side of his body for ten years. True Father had told us that since he had not fully united with his mother, Kim Seung-do, and had not inherited her tradition, his partial paralysis was indemnity for this. From this experience I learned that we have to pay indemnity if we don't fulfill our portion of responsibility.

In 1981, couples up to the 430 Blessing were asked to give up everything and go pioneering. I was the director of the church headquarters in Seoul at that time but I too went out pioneering. It was rumored that I went pioneering because I had done something wrong and was being kicked out, but all I was doing was following Father's direction. I didn't complain and I tried to overcome any difficulties.

My wife and I prayed together each day and read the Bible and the Principle. We were able to establish a small church, and in one year, 12 people joined. Soon we increased to 30 families.