

## Nine missionaries from Japan visited the historical grounds of East Garden

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On Monday, October 29, nine missionaries from Japan visited the historical grounds of East Garden accompanied by Luke Higuchi, a member of the National Ministry Team.

Takae Shimizu, Curator for the Hyojeong East Garden Museum, provided a thorough tour of the Museum along with detailed historical information on True Parents. Mrs. Shimizu has attended True Parents significantly and presented the information very heartistically. She has experienced True Parents and understands the deep meaning behind the scenes of each occasion.

During their lunch break, the missionaries shared their own personal testimonies about why they decided to become Cheon Il Guk missionaries. Many of the missionaries decided to become missionaries after their experience at Global Top Gun Youth, while the other missionaries joined because their parents were also missionaries and encouraged them to follow the same path.

### Reflections

"Through the many testimonies Takae-san shared with us, I felt closer to True Parents because I could comprehend their memories which touched my heart. I have heard many lectures about True Parents' providential history throughout my life but realized I only had the knowledge instead of the understanding. We have to understand True Parents' word and history with our hearts. It was a good experience for me. When I prayed at the Holy Garden, I cried for the suffering that True Parents endured and exclaimed my love for them. Today, I want to start a condition for the upcoming Peace Starts with Me Rally to offer victory to True Mother." – Natsumi Takahashi

"I felt really blessed to be able to visit East Garden today. I felt loved by Heavenly Parent and True Parents and I felt True Father's heart. I understood how important America's position is and repented my ignorance for not realizing it sooner. I appreciate that I can work in this country. I realized that my efforts, struggles and entire life are for True Parents. I've decided to dedicate my heart and myself completely to welcome True Mother back to America at the Rally and to bring joy to her." – Hitomi Tanaka

"Through the missionaries' testimonies, I could feel how God works with each one of them to raise them up. They felt so much love throughout their visit. It recharged their spirits and brought joy to them." – Luke Higuchi