

Special Grace Ceremony in New Hope Family Church, Maryland

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On June 29, the New Hope Family Church in Maryland hosted a ceremony for the entire community and many guests. Over 100 people came to receive the Special Grace by True Parents.

“We started the ceremony at 7:00pm,” said local pastor, Andrew Love. “I was pleasantly surprised by how many people attended. The reality was that about 30 percent of the guests who showed up to receive the grace were people that I had never seen before. Since we didn’t have the Holy Items yet available in our community, I placed the most emphasis on being present to the reality of grace. One family that attended had recently lost their son, and had a very meaningful experience.”

Pastor Love personally handed out every cup of Holy Wine, wanting participants to feel how much True Mother desired for them to feel God’s love and grace. After the Holy Wine ceremony, Pastor Love asked everyone present to form prayer trinities or prayer families. They created their own groups and spent time praying for one another.

“This was something I learned from Project Phoenix and has incredible power,” said Pastor Love. “The purpose was to have each person

feel Heavenly Parents’ love through one another.” There were many people who broke down in tears and several people reported that they experienced a very deep sense of God through one another.

One participant described a spiritual moment during the Holy Wine ceremony: “My wife drank some of the Holy Wine and then offered the remainder to me. I bowed in thanks and I took the remaining sip. When I swallowed it, as it passed my heart, it felt as though heart lit up like a starburst or a many-colored sparkler, the little lights passing through all of my body, every cell and then radiating outward through the space around me. It was as though the Holy Wine touched and somehow changed every cell in my body.”

The New Hope Family Church will hold a second Special Grace ceremony on August 24th for those who could not attend the first time. An equal number of people is expected to attend.

“Thank you, True Mother, for caring so much for us. We really don’t deserve as much grace as we have received, and yet you keep on putting forth effort to give us another chance at grace.” – Pastor Andrew Love