

True Parents' Aloha Reunion Testimony by Vicky Masner

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The European Group

First of all, I want to thank True Mother for inviting us and everyone who invested their time to this Workshop. Those fourteen days were the best days of my life!

We were 6 lucky European 2ndGen who were selected to go to the Aloha Reunion Workshop. When we arrived at the airport in Hawaii, we had a beautiful welcoming from staff members, but this was nothing compared to the welcoming we received at Queen Coffee Garden (the place where the WS was held) by all the participants! They were screaming, clapping, smiling, everyone was happy!

The day started with HDK and yoga exercises presented by Sun Jin Nim. During the day we had different activities and lectures. The day ended with reflection time, where we were writing diaries and discussing about the day in continent groups.

All participants had to prepare a presentation about their root of faith and their dream. Every day we had two hours of lectures. The first week was based on the Divine Principle: a few participants were chosen,

to present a small part of it in front of the other participants (10 minutes), and then Mr. Kwang-Bong Jo explained his own version. The second week, Mr. David Dong-Woo talked about True Parents' life course. The lectures were all very well prepared and really inspiring. Thank you!

Every day, we had a different program. We had a sports festival, we did a tour of the island, we went two times to the beach, we went to visit the Akaka Falls, the Hawaii volcano, and many other exiting things. But my favorite program was fishing! After breakfast, we left Queen Coffee Garden and went to the port. We were split into 2 teams on 2 boats. My team caught only one fish—but the biggest one. The sister that caught it, explained to us that she was praying that True Father can help her, to get one, and finally True Father helped her. We could see the beauty of the ocean and of nature: we saw dolphins, a tiger shark and a stingray. We really enjoyed it!

True Mother came to visit us two times: the first time at the Opening Ceremony, and after that, at the

Closing Ceremony. When she came the first time, we were all nervous, especially the staff. True Mother was really happy to see us. She gave a short talk about how we have to be filial sons and daughters and that we are pure like water. It was really impressive to see here close like this! At the Closing Ceremony we were less nervous. True Mother told us that we are not alone, that we are a big family and that we never should feel lonely! This part touched everyone. By teams we all prepared a 10 minutes skit and presented it in front of True Mother. After that, all participants were singing songs for True Mother. In the end, she was choosing people to sing in front

of her. Finally she decided, to sing a song for us, and we all stood up and sang with her. This was magical!

The atmosphere at the Workshop was really good: we felt like a big family. We were playing games all together like brothers and sisters.

My determination after this Workshop is, to be a better person. I want to live only for the sake of others and work on my Mind and Body Unity. And the Universal Peace Academy made such an incredible presentation about their program that I'm inspired to join UPA later!

Thank you so much for this amazing time!!

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Our team fish



The Closing Ceremony



Sports Festival