

## **REFLECTIONS FROM OUR FAMILY MEMBERS IN BAGUIO CENTER DURING THE 1-DAY BLESSED COUPLES SEMINAR ORGANIZED BY TOPP**

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### **REFLECTION 1:**

**My deepest gratitude and appreciation to Heavenly Father and True Parents for the inspiration given to Ate Shirley in formulating and enforcing the TOPP team, its mission and objectives.**

**Ate Shirley's lecture are so important in guiding members, blessed and non blessed alike. I wish this was done long time ago, it would have protected many members and would have given the right direction / path members should follow. The educational materials need to be passed on to every blessed family & we hope for more organized educational lecture materials to follow.**

### **Other Suggestions:**

- 1. Every national level leaders, especially those formulating systems/ programs for the church should have firsthand exposure to the realities in the centers.**
- 2. The TOPP activities are well-organized. They show that local center should be departmentalized for focus on specific areas.**
- 3. Local centers should be internally and externally ready to continue what TOPP has initiated.**
- 4. Blessed Family Association should really be encouraged and empowered by church leadership.**
- 5. Church leadership should not go back to the one-man rule / authority. Council of Elders or similar body should be formed to bring out all potentials into good use. Sole authority inhibits creativity and also shows lack of trust. But if everyone is empowered in certain areas & are given considerable freedom of creativity and decision/ accountability, more trust is built. More trust means better working as well as brotherly / family relationships in action, in running Church activities, goals, objectives.**
- 6. Blessed family Dept. should create a division that would focus on Family Problem/ Blessing Problem. They should seriously do something about**

broken blessings etc. because this affects the witnessing performance/ results or tribal messiah ship.

7. TOPP team's time is not enough to get to the heart of every blessed family. I hope someone would focus on this.

As this reflection is done at random, suggestions here are not complete and well-articulated. We hope national leadership would be open enough to entertain other suggestions in the future.

Thank you so much, Ate Shirley for your heart & efforts, and to the whole TOPP team. My deepest appreciation and respect to all of you for your very sacrificial mission. God bless you all!

8. Please implement transparency of financial status of each center. We hope monthly report should be presented to Family member's assembly.

*Sincerely, Spring Valdez*

## **REFLECTION 2:**

"Birds of Prey have taken the offering of Abraham when he cut the offering and take rest before he cut the dove into two."

Many times in my life to hear the lecture of Ate Shirley and every time I heard it, I feel strengthen and determined to practice it but because of maybe like Abraham. I take rest so many times the good practices or Divine Principle is taken away by Satan from me. Thanks to Heavenly Father & True Parents despite of my hard headedness still he sent angels headed by Ate Shirley to give me a chance again to renew my commitment.

I hope that someday when I'm ready spiritually and financially, the TOPP have time to witness with me and my family in Ambuklao.

*Sincerely, Quezon Tello-*

### **REFLECTION 3:**

When I was in the house this morning, I prayed to God to allow this spirit to flow to all of brothers & sisters or Blessed couples who will attend this seminar.

I prayed "Heavenly Father I want to meet you today in a heart to heart meeting please inspired us, may this seminar will truly refresh our hearts & minds. Struggling to follow your Heavenly will since the problem of our GPF and some negative news from the internet it's really hard to think that TP's is physically old but still he was working on the frontline. Bearing all the problems inside and outside the church.

Through this seminar we've got to know how to deal w/ our vertical and horizontal relationship especially in our secular families. At least I can tell my children to do attend Sunday Services w/ other Churches.

I was again reminded on how to attend TP's in our family most especially in teaching our children how to attend God & TP's, our tradition & practices as part of our belief. The importance of reading the bible as well as our ancestor's practices & beliefs.

Sincerely,

*Rodalyn Lagpao*

### **REFLECTION 4:**

I'm so grateful of Ate Shirley's lectures to us as a blessed families. Ang sarap ng feeling na makinig sa mga lectures na nagpapa lift up ng spirits lalo na sa gaya naming na blessed family, pero di magawang sundin ang mga tradition at mga dapat gawin ng mga blessed families. Nasa mind naming ang tradition pero its true na mahirap talagang e practice, I'm so grateful na nag attend talaga ako sa 1- day na ito for me to be strong again sa mga darating pang mga situations na ma encounter in the future lalo na sa command na don't fall. It is true talaga na kahit blessed family tayo, dumarating talaga sa life natin ang mga situation na financial problem. Chapter 2 and etc. pero it's a blessing parin na we know the principle kaya na cocontrol natin an gating mga sarili doing evil things lalo na't lagi nating kasama ang mga tao sa labas.

I'm so much repentful din sa mga bad thinking ko before but while listening sa mg guidance, unti-unting nakaka realize about sa mga dapat lifestyle ng mga blessed families.

It is true talaga na pag may problema ang mga asawa at din a resolve agad w/in 24hrs., ay sobrang mahirap mag work, ang daming negative thoughts na pumapasok sa isipan, lahat ng mga negative ng asawa mo, maiisip mo, pero sabi ni True Father at least ma solve natin dapat at least w/in 3 hrs. So I have an idea n asana dapat laging ganun ang gawing practice para din a lumala pa.

I'm so sorry, mababaw din mga reflections ko, di ako masyado deep sa prayers ko, pang family lang mga reflection ko, di ko pa practice ang deep reflections about world and so on, I' m trying myself din to practice to deep prayers and everything. I thank Ate Shirley for this lecture, I learned so much and hopefully I will practice it. Thank you!

Sincerely,

*Liza Bernabe*

#### **REFLECTION 5:**

The lecture was so encouraging for all of us as blessed central families, reminding and pushing us to fulfill our purpose of life, particularly our mission to establish Cheon Il Guk. As a husband & wife unity & love is really the fundamental factor & contribution for the establishment of C.I.G. Education of 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation is so important nurturing them and inculcating the principle to them is our vital role as a parent.

I'm so glad and so happy to Ate Shirley & Kuya Jimmy for their efforts and sacrifices for our education and reminders they conveyed to us, from True Parents words. This is a great help for us as husband & wife to develop more our love in each other and to deeper our relationship in fulfilling our mission as blessed central family.

More power & God's blessing always to your witnessing team. Mansei!!

Sincerely,

*Arnold Bernabe*

**REFLECTION 6:**

I am considering this seminar as a blessing because I am reminded again of my responsibility as a blessed member.

I am very grateful to the main speaker, our lecturer for sacrificing her time to share to us their internal guidance.

Following the tradition, set up for blessed family is really a good foundation in building the original homeland.

It is really true that all of us should be aware of the importance of witnessing and offering something for God. In doing this, our hearts must be check and even our lifestyle must be check too.

In reality, seminar like this educates us. Also reminds us but we should not also forget, how we are going to apply what we learned in our daily lives.

Thank you to everyone who made this seminar a successful one- the Speaker, the Coordinator, the Staffs and the Participants.

Sincerely,

*Aurelio Leo Dela Peña*

**REFLECTION 7:**

Yes I am so blessed. Thank you Heavenly Father & True Parents, I am so much revived and awaken, thank you so much. I learned many things despite of years that I was....

So I must stand to fulfill my responsibility as couples specially in my tribes, the more I am challenge despite of everything I was moved. Yes I have to stand again.

Thank you! I prayed that the spirit world will support in couples to stand- Yes. I must do it...for God & True Parents and for everyone on this earth.

Sincerely,

*Benia Rañoa*

**REFLECTION 8:**

During our seminar, ako ay maraming natutunan. I am very inspired sa mga speech ni Father nakapag bibigay ng determination sa isat- isa.

**Sincerely,**

*Greg Rañoa*

**REFLECTION 9:**

Blessed family workshop is a way wherein we gathered as brothers & sisters, as couples to gather some solutions for our 2<sup>nd</sup> generations, because we believed that only in the family that we educate our children in a God-centered way.

It is also very important for us to know our mission in our life. And be serious to follow the Heavenly laws that God & True Parents wants us to be.

To guide our 2<sup>nd</sup> gen. is our goal as a Parents, so I hope that our leaders should be serious in putting up Sunday School every Sunday to our children.

And lastly, very important is to maintain our faith and lead a life of worship.

*-Anonymous-*

**REFLECTION 10:**

It is very important that I received this lecture given this 1-day seminar about blessed family practices & tradition because it is a way to become closer to God and True Parents. It is also a way to spread the tradition of True Parents. The Heavenly tradition changes the world restoring our culture centered upon God.

This seminar is very important that every blessed member should attend.

*-Anonymous-*