

Japanese Cheon Il Guk Missionary's testimony to Las Vegas Family Church

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I recently stayed in Las Vegas, Nevada for about three months, as a one of the Cheon Il Guk missionaries.

Heavenly Parent and True Parents appointed me to work in Las Vegas as my assigned nation. I continuously asked in my heart, "what will be my responsibility to accomplish, and moreover what will I learn and gain while staying in Las Vegas"? This was such a short period of time in which to return the most joy to Heavenly Parent and True Parents'.

We were allowed to reside in True Parents' house at Chun Hwa Gung in the guest room. The area, in which True Parents resided, the main house, had on display their beautiful furniture and other fine objects in every room. I felt so much of True Parents' presence while there.

Rev. [Ken] Doo, the Las Vegas pastor, spiritually nourished and educated all missionaries. He has poured out all his love for us. For instance he took us to different places for sight-seeing. When I saw the way he lovingly took care of us, I sincerely wanted serve him and give back that love to the people whom I met. Rev. Doo served directly True Parents in previous years, and especially desires to give back great joy to True mother. So we missionaries, determined to walk together with him having the same goal of returning joy to True Mother.



Moreover, Mrs. Doo took care of all missionaries with a warm and kind loving heart as mothers do. My mother, who had ascended to spirit world, knew my situation. So while Mrs. Doo embraced me with her loving arms, I felt as if she were my mother holding me. I cried so many times because of her motherly loving heart.

Las Vegas Church families warmly welcomed all missionaries. We received so much love from them. Some of the families invited us for dinner or took us for out sightseeing.

Las Vegas Family Church has focused on witnessing, especially Spanish speaking people. We witnessed in shopping malls and delivered flyers and invited them for church events. People we spoke with were so friendly and cheerful and didn't refuse our invitations. I really enjoyed witnessing activities.

On the contrary though, many of their E mail addresses or phone numbers did not exist. Many, who had promised to come to an event, never came. It was not easy for me to witness because I couldn't speak English well, although I wanted deliver the Word to the people.

In the meantime, we started witnessing at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, UNLV campus. It was during summer vacation, so there were not many students. However we went on campus three times a week. The methods of witnessing we used were a questionnaire, or asking to them to read the summery of introduction of Divine Principle. If the person were interested in knowing more, we invited them to the CARP center to listen to the Divine Principle lectures. I was not able to converse plainly with people because I couldn't speak English well. I felt so much anguish and pain in my heart while I was witnessing.

I asked Heavenly Parent every day since we had started witnessing on campus, "If there is person who You would like to save on this campus, please help guide them to me." A couple of days later, on the way to the campus while in the car, I fell asleep. During that time I had a dream. It was very short dream about 10 seconds. The content of the dream was that there was a woman who held a little baby in her arms. She said that this little baby's name is Jamey. I woke up immediately after I heard the name of the baby. After that dream, the name "Jamey" was imbedded in my mind. I prayed to Heavenly Parent that if Jamey is the person You want to save, please help me to meet that person. But I was not able to meet Jamey on that day.



I strongly believed that it was a revelation from Heavenly Parent, so I prayed honestly every day that I will able to meet Jamey. After a couple of days, I met one young lady on the second floor library on campus. Even though my English was so primitive, she kindly listened to me and answered my questions. Also, she was interested in listening to a Divine Principle lecture. So I told her that next day we would have a presentation of Divine Principle. She said she would attend the lecture. When she told me her name is Jenny, which was quite similar to Jamey, I was so astonished and believed that she is the one who was really prepared by Heavenly Parent.

The next day she came to attend a Divine Principle lecture. Jenny and I had a lunch together and we spent such a joyous time together.

During those days Las Vegas Family Church was preparing for the 430 couples Blessing Ceremony, so I asked her if she would be interested to attend the event as an observer. It was not only the 430 couples blessing, it was also the event for True Father's 4th Seonghwa Anniversary. Las Vegas CARP chapter would also be holding a Purity Pledge event. She said she would not be able to attend because she had to work that day.

Even so, I wanted her to attend the event, so I offered an overnight prayer condition that she would be able to attend. I prayed so desperately to Heavenly Parent, True Parents and my mother who is in spirit world.

The next day Mr. Akira Watanabe leader of CARP, explained the Blessing Event to Jenny. Jenny cried so many tears after hearing the explanation that God, our Father, created the entire universe for human beings to enjoy. Thereafter she changed her work schedule, and promised to attend the event. I was so overjoyed that she was able to attend the Blessing Ceremony and received holy wine and also bought a purity pledge ring.

Next day after the event, my mother appeared in my dream, she was in the kitchen and called to me and held me tightly saying, "Thank you for your hard work and dedication." I felt vividly her warmth, and her fragrance filled my senses. When I woke up, a profusion of tears were streaming from my eyes. I realized that my mother is always close to me and protecting me.

Jenny has continued studying the Divine Principle, and I truly adore her as my younger sister. I struggled and feel some guilt because I am not able to take care of her for I am staying only three months in the USA. It was coming close for me to return to Japan. For my last witnessing day Jenny and I made plans to study Divine Principle together, but 10 minutes prior to meeting her, she called me that she would not be able to come because she had to finish homework with her friend. At that time I experienced deep sadness that I'd never had before. A brother, whom together with me was taking care of her, said that that is what the heart of Heavenly Parents have been experiencing. I burst into tears when I thought about Heavenly Parent's six thousand years suffering heart. That was the first time I had experienced the heart of God within me.



Jenny was able to make a time to meet me the next week. Where she chose to meet me was on the second floor at the campus library where we met for the first time. I was so happy she chose that location. I promised her, hugged her, and said to her, "I will come back to see you in the future." I was so happy that she sent me a heartfelt joyous e-mail later on that day.

The final night before departing to Japan, brothers and sisters from Las Vegas CARP came to Chun Hwa Gung for a send off and they sang True Father's favorite song, "What Do You Think That Happiness Is", and they gave me gifts and a card. I was having such a great time. Suddenly all the lights went off. Then everyone said loudly, "surprise!" When the lights came back on, Jenny was standing in front of me. I was overwhelmed with a feeling of overflowing joy because I thought I'd never meet her again. We hugged with heartfelt gratitude and joy. The CARP members had arranged to bring her to meet me again. She changed her busy schedule for me and she brought me a gift with a card. Rev. and Mrs. Doo were so happy for that occasion.

When I came to Las Vegas as a missionary it was the best way for me to return gratitude, by gaining a spiritual child before Rev. and Mrs. Doo. I was very happy that Jenny came along. We took a group picture together before I departed for the airport. We cried, and I hugged her with all my love. I never had such a profound feeling of love before while shedding profuse tears. I will keep praying for protection over her. I said to her, "I will come back and meet you again!"

The day I went back to Japan, Jenny signed up to attend a two Day Workshop. I will keep in contact with her after I return to Japan, so I can remain closely connected with her in spirit. Since I came to Las Vegas as a missionary, I was able to meet many people, and I received so much love with those whom I interacted. I tried to converse in English, Korean, and Japanese and then gradually started enjoying conversation. I truly experienced the joy of conversation especially when I was able to understand what a person wanted to say to me.

I wish I could have stayed much longer in Las Vegas. I would like to return back there again as a Cheon Il Guk missionary. I can't express my gratitude enough before Heavenly Parent and True Parents as Las Vegas was my assigned place, especially I was able to meet Jenny.



It has been such a short three months stay, but I honestly believe that Heavenly Parent prepared this as my best place to be, and blessed me abundantly. The three months stay in Las Vegas was a very important and precious period of time in my life. I have experienced immense closeness of presence of Heavenly Parent and True Parents. I have received so much love like never before, and I was able to give love to others that I never have given before. I am so honored and proud to be a Las Vegas Cheon Il Guk missionary. I truly appreciate from the bottom of my heart for all whom I'd met while staying in Las Vegas. I would like to request keeping in contact with all of you as much as possible. It seems a great distance between Japan and Las Vegas, but I would like to communicate through the internet, so I will be able to keep up to date on events. I sincerely hope we can exchange information with each other.



Thank you again from bottom of my heart!