

### A sister from Lebanon (3)

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1989 was a very difficult year in Lebanon. The country again engulfed in an endless fighting and clashes between different denominations and outsiders. In January, Beirut airport closed as the bombardment escalated in the city. The only way to leave the country was through Cypress by taking an overnight boat. From Cypress I flew to Singapore and stayed two days in a hotel then took the flight to Seoul. It was the first time that I flew all by myself and the first time to see True Parents other than in my dreams. Actually my first dream about True Father was, right when I became a full member. I saw him coming and pushing me strongly to the ground and when I turned back I saw him get shot on his shoulder. Despite he was trying to protect me, still he felt so sorry for pushing me down.

I arrived to Korea on January 8 and next day the matching began. We were at Mc col factory. I remember feeling very peaceful and at ease. I was confident that True Father will find the right match for me. But I was shocked when True Father asked who has a broken blessing to stand up and not one or two stood up but the whole crowd.

Almost an hour has passed when True Father approach me. How old are you? True Father asked, 28 I said. He picked me up and took me to my match. I didn't look at the brother's face but at True Father. I saw him very happy and satisfied from matching us as like our ancestors were really clapping from such a successful match. As we left the room, I looked at the brother's face and said: I am very happy. He said me too. We went and signed up our acceptance to True Father's choice of our partner before we start talking to each other. Both of us were on the same page. Whoever Father choose, we will accept.

My name is Larry Bond, I come from United States. I was blessed before in Madison Square Garden but the sister left the church.

Also I have a brother who's fighting cancer and he might not make it.

Those were the first introduction to my future spouse.

My name is Marie Therese Mikhael. I am a sister from Lebanon. I will try my best to love you and comfort you, I said.

Within two days, we received the blessing. We stayed at Mc Cool for another three days then we went to different centers. I left Korea within two weeks from my blessing but Larry stayed for almost three years learning Korean language, delivering Sege Times newspaper every day at 5 O'clock in the morning and participating in various activities and missions.

I returned to my country as a blessed sister and preparing for a new chapter in my life.

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