

## The Comptons hosted another monthly Birthday BBQ in Henderson, NV

Lydia Compton  
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On Saturday, July 28th Andy and Lydia Compton hosted another monthly Birthday BBQ at their home in Henderson, NV. This tradition began in February, when they invited neighbors to celebrate Andy's own Birthday.

This time there were a total of 30 people in attendance, including the Compton's, 2 supporting LVFC members and a special visit by Rev Doo!

Because the outside temperature was expected to be 114 degrees, it was decided to hold the event inside. Only the grilling and some children's games at the end of the evening took place outside.

As they arrived, the group gathered in the living room. The program began with brief introductions followed by Andy's description of the plan for the evening. Dinner came next. Everyone enjoyed casual conversation over the meal.

Dinner was followed by a recognition of the July birthdays and anniversaries---complete with a rendition of the Happy Birthday song, gifts, cake cutting and a holy wine toast. One woman's birthday and anniversary both had taken place this month. Then followed a group photo.

At this point, the children moved to the other rooms and Andy invited the adults to share a bit more deeply. This conversation brought out some interesting stories, common joys and common experiences. After around 45 minutes, the children were invited to rejoin their parents for cake and ice cream.

At this point, Andy announced that there wouldn't be a BBQ in August since the Compton's would be involved in preparing for and conducting a special Family Federation event on the 26th. In this context, he introduced the IPEC Blessing and invited everyone who wanted to stay, to watch a short video about the Blessing which he had made. Everyone stayed.

As people left, both Andy and Lydia had personal conversations with those who might be candidates for this year's Blessing. One couple decided to attend the LVFC Blessing BBQ to be held the following Monday and one lady, whose husband had passed one year ago, is considering attending the IPEC event holding his photo.

All in all, the Compton's view this month's Birthday BBQ as another successful Tribal Messiah event on their path to building Cheon Il Guk in their neighborhood.