

Taking the Special Emissary's Path

Kwang Kee Sa
February 2015



On April 16, 2014, the day of the tragic sinking of the Saewol ferry in Korea, Mother had invited my wife and me to a meal. There, she asked me to return to a public mission and support mission outreach in Europe. Officially, I was appointed in May as the special emissary to the Western European sub-region.

I returned to the very place where I had spent eighteen years serving the church and European CARP. In those days, I had industriously gone around thirty-five nations in carrying out my public mission.

After True Father's Seonghwa, our church was on the brink of a crisis, not unlike the one Korea faced following the Saewol ferry disaster. Mother, however, emerged as our new captain and wisely navigated and overcame this crisis. Under her extraordinary leadership, we are advancing without stopping toward great developments.

Through True Mother's insight and as an expression of her determination emerged the special emissary system.

Returning to Europe, now as a special emissary, I developed keen awareness of how important the mission and role of special emissaries is in the providence.

What one usually finds when observing someone leading groups of people or an organization is a person in front issuing orders and instructions, not someone supporting, encouraging and cleaning up from behind.

Oftentimes, an organization lacks a person that can objectively assess the overall situation, report to and advise the overall leader and take the necessary steps to deal with discovered issues.

The book *North Korean Partisan in South Korea* [an autobiographical novel by Lee Tae, who had been a North Korean guerilla in the Korean War] portrays communists engaging in partisan hostilities. In this story, the author introduces the Army unit's cultural officer, who is in charge of reinforcing morale in the other company commanders and in the troops. He supervises mental training and loyalty to the Communist Party. Like this cultural officer, I think special emissaries have the mission to encourage members and to provide guidance that facilitates better understanding of the providence and helps members gain the correct perspective, while supporting them from behind.

After taking office as a special emissary, I toured Europe. Unlike my time as the regional president, I was able to see many things from an entirely different point of view, and I felt strongly compelled to reinforce aspects of our organization that were inadequate. I think herein lies the need for special emissaries. I found new appreciation for True Mother's insight and providential leadership.

Of course, the need for this new system notwithstanding, unquestionably the most important issue is whether the person appointed as a special emissary can sufficiently carry out his responsibilities. In this respect, I have deeply contemplated how to carry out my mission and responsibilities as a special emissary adequately and appropriately.

Through my visits to European nations, I saw how many of our members recently had returned to their hometowns and were working hard to uphold Father's last words and carry out their missions as tribal messiahs. I felt deep compassion, respect and love for these members because I remember eventful days when I shared meals and spent sleepless nights with them during the time when Father was sending us across national borders. If it were not for their sacrifice, none of us would be here today. These members are the true champions of that providential age of mobilization.

After Father's ascension, we have seen Mother face indescribable challenges as she shouldered her own the heavenly mission. When I think about what might have gone through her heart during this time, I find greater resolve to do my best in pursuit of Vision 2020 while supporting and encouraging our members and leaders on Mother's behalf.

Let us once again remember the pledge and promise we made during our youthful years to never give up on the truth even if we collapse from exhaustion in a pool of blood. As I continue on this path as a special emissary, I again pledge to live the rest of the life given to me honorably and with dignity for the sake of Heaven and the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind.