Brazilian Unificationist Arcanjo Espindola, Testifies to the Miraculous Power of Reading the Word

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Rev. Arcanjo Espindola, center right, with his fellow readers of Divine Principle in Brazil's Santa Catarina.

Rev. Arcanjo Espindola, whose healing ministry and evangelistic success for Unificationism in Brazil have turned heads worldwide, gave two sermons in the main church in Seoul, Korea, on June 5, 2011.

See the one hour video on vimeo: http://vimeo.com/25536997

He was invited by True Mother [Dr. Hak Ja Han, wife of Rev. Sun Myung Moon], to participate in the Day of All Things celebration in Seoul in early June and was introduced at the Sunday Service on June 5, 2011 by Rev. Dong Mo Shin, the Unificationist Continental Director, and Rev. Koichi Sasaki, the Vice President of the Church in Brazil.

Rev. Espindola credits his own recovering from a life-threatening disease with his reading of Unificationist Scripture (Hoondokhae) as a spiritual condition for the preceding 21 years, and he reports similar miraculous recoveries of his fellow Brazilian members who have emulated his daily 90-minute Hoodokhae practice.



Rev. Arcanjo, far left, reports that miracles of Biblical proportions are experienced by faithful Hoondokhae readers.

"I joined the church at the age of thirty-three. I was a businessman and owned a construction company, which I gave up after a seven-day workshop in order to follow True Parents. I became a full time member. I have been a missionary, and a state leader of Santa Catarina in Brazil," Rev. Espindola says in a testimony in the July, 2011 issue of Today's World.

He goes on to say: "When I met the church, I had a heart problem, and the doctors said I would only live a short time. Four years later, after dedicating myself to God's providence, I passed by the hospital where I had been treated. The doctor found I no longer had the heart problem. He said he didn't believe in God, but that he was forced to believe that this was a miracle because I was completely cured. I testified that I was following True Parents and that they had transformed not only my life but also my health."

Tribal-messiahship, which entails giving witness to a member's physical relatives, friends and associates, has been a passion for Rev Espindola for two decades. He reports: "I have been doing tribal messiah work for twenty-one years. For seven years, I offered special conditions of jeongseong [devotion] by fasting every Friday and eating only one meal, after 5 p.m., on the other days. I also took a cold shower every

day. Understanding that I am a sinner, I made these special conditions to remove these sins. Through doing twenty-one years of hoondokhae for ninety minutes a day, I changed my life completely."

He is said to be the first Unificationist to complete Tribal Messiahship as requested by Father Moon. He writes that he has sold the Divine Principle book to more than 4,000 people. The fascination of his disciples comes from getting revelation, healing and sense of well being after doing the 90-minute-condition with him.

As he explains, "Those who have accepted True Parents include people from all backgrounds, religions and ideologies, from shop assistants and housewives to politicians, judges, journalists, lawyers, professors, public prosecutors, bankers, councilors, a senator, a state governor, businessmen, federal policemen, doctors, engineers, army officers and so on. These people have continued to read the Divine Principle for several years, because they are experiencing many positive changes in their lives, and some have attended the seven-day workshop in São Paulo."

One of Rev. Espindola's followers is Gelasio de Sousa, who contributed the following testimony: "Everything started in 1995, when I heard about Mr. Espindola and his work with Divine Principle through a neighbor. I had been married for five years, but my life had not taken off; everything had gone wrong. I did not have my own house and could barely support myself and my wife. I believed in what Pastor Arcanjo was saying and began to read the Divine Principle every day. I started to understand how much my life was changing, financially and professionally. Today I am on my third mandate as a city councilor in my city, and I am Health Secretary for the second time. I never imagined that I would reach these positions and would be considered as a candidate for mayor. For me it is a great happiness that God has put this man in my path. I have received all possible blessings."