

### 3-week Mission to Honduras, the country pulled in the 2009 lottery

Learning to love the mission country and people more than  
one's own country and mission

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#### Testimony about a Mission in Honduras by Chantal Komagata

Our family experienced great excitement when we got Honduras as our mission country in the March 2009 lottery. I had spent 1 year in Bolivia in 1996-7 (while our family lived in Japan) as one of the 4200 Japanese missionaries, so we knew we could make a good use of the understanding of Spanish and of the Latin American culture.

Full with TP' vision of building one family under God, we arrived at Tegucigalpa in April 2010 and met the few families that had survived through the past difficulties and persecution and were still going on with their faith. On the same day we arrived, a Japanese missionary had just finished a 40-day fast in Japan in support for Honduras.



*Family of former national leader - Giving out the autobiography to a prominent spanish catholic AfP - Giving out a certificate to the wife of a colonel AfP*

The mission in Honduras started in 1975 with the first 3 missionaries from Japan, America and Germany. When the national messiahs and the 120 Japanese missionaries arrived 20 years later, a 4-floor building was bought in Tegucigalpa. It's the capital city of 1.2 million people, situated in the middle of the country, in the mountains, at a height of 1000m. The living standards are quite low in the whole nation and the members that haven't built a successful business spend their valuable time fundraising for survival.

The biggest problems in Latin America are corruption, health and immorality. Maintaining purity before and fidelity in marriage are not common although the population is Christian, either Catholic or evangelical, and children born out of wedlock, especially from teen pregnancies, are numerous, causing dramatic poverty. 2 ½ years ago, there was garbage all over the place, especially along the main roads and on the riverbanks. I remember finding this so terrible that I mentioned it on TV interviews asking the people to keep their environment clean. Amazingly, when I got back this time, I saw the school children doing such volunteer work and many people were employed to clean the streets.



*Giving out AfP certificate to the director of a University - Teaching a class of University students – Small group in La Ceiba*

On the 3rd day of our stay in 2010, touring with the national leader and his wife, we met Ivonne, the pastor of a Korean church, Manmin. Right away, we introduced ourselves as “Unificationists” and spoke of Father’s vision. She was so amazed about the clarity of the explanation of the fall of man and felt this had to be taught to all people in Honduras. She had us teach the fall to her congregation during an evening service and at the home of some families. At that time, we also had the opportunity to perform a blessing ceremony for 10 couples of a member’s tribes, including a catholic deacon as well as witnessing to political figures. Apart from these activities, our main task was to listen and appreciate the brothers and sisters and share their desires, sorrow and pain.



*Giving out AfP certificate to the leader of the women’s group - Teaching an assembly of women - Speaking of UPF Principles and values on TV*

I returned to Honduras, on September 24th, 2012, by myself. I had booked the flight through New York in order to catch the inspiration of Lovin’ Life Ministries and bring it to my mission country. It was the day Hyung Jin Moon and Yeon Ah Lee stayed for 7 hours in the Manhattan Center, pouring out their hearts to the members. As I arrived at the Tegucigalpa airport, the members and Ivonne were waiting for me. The hugs and greetings were so wonderful. It was like getting back home! I first connected to the new national leader, who explained the situation of Honduras and shared about his life of faith. Then, through the pastor Ivonne and the members of the church, many visits and events were organized in different locations of the city and country.



*Teaching a high school class – with a blessed family*

When you go as a missionary, you have no concept or fear. You just follow wherever people bring you and speak God’s word according to the Spirit. It was moving in a powerful way. One night, as we were visiting Ivonne’s sister and nieces in San Pedro Sula, like usual, I explained the 5 universal principles of UPF, putting emphasis on the growing period in which filial and fraternal spheres of love develop, maintaining the commandment to abstain from sexual relationship, before entering the conjugal and parental spheres. The niece then mentioned about the baby born of a woman in Revelation. It was like saying: “Please teach me DP”. We stopped at 1 am, after having gone through all the lectures within 6 hours. They were able to catch the new truth on their Christian foundation, keeping an open mind and heart! What a pleasure to fill new wine into new wineskins!



*Teaching business people – teaching Ivonne’s family – meeting the minister of interior*

Ivonne knows many high level people as well as the modest members of her Korean Church. Since she joined 2 ½ years ago, she’s been teaching DP on some TV channels and to her church. She has received persecution and her faith has been challenged especially in relationship to our own church members. But the fire of the Truth and the perspective of the blessing with her husband have kept her alive. Through her, we got numerous occasions to speak and show my presentation on TV Channels, to politicians, to women leaders of the Rotary club, to an assembly of 150 women, including the wife of a general, candidate for the next presidential election, to an assembly of 120 business people, to high school and University classes and to many AfP. We also went to a city, 7 hours away from the capital, La Ceiba, where the Unificationist couple had organized an evening gathering. 2 of the guests there went to the national event that took place just a few weeks later. One day before my departure, we met the minister of Interior and a few hours before my flight left, an AfP wanted to see me to talk about his project with farmers. Instead of promising my external help, I felt strongly inspired to teach him the actual fall of man, telling him that he wouldn’t reach any result unless he made it clear what the fall really was. He himself felt very uneasy about it, but the man next to him opened his eyes wide and recognized that he had never known that the story in the bible was something serious until that day. In Latin America, I met many people who are spiritually and heartistically open and exactly for that reason, they understand the fall easily but can also fall away rapidly if not supported in their life of faith.

**Conclusion:**

Doing a foreign mission allowed our family to practice living for the sake of others while working at building God’s Kingdom. At the same time, we received an amazing amount of vitality elements to continue our Tribal Messiah mission in our own country, Switzerland. A 3-week vacation doing foreign mission is like allowing the Holy Spirit to love the country you invest yourself into and filling your own batteries with spirit energy. I promised I would return to Honduras with our 2nd daughter next year.