

A Korean-Filipino student's witnessing testimony

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Following is an testimony by a fifteen year old student:



The writer with his witnessing award

On May 9, 2015, my mother went to Cheon Bok Gung for the National Exemplary Families' Awards Ceremony for the One-Hundred-Day Activity for the Second Half of the Year [Beginning after Foundation Day 2014 and ending before the anniversary of True Father's ascension]. My father was not able to make it, so my brother and I went with her, representing him. Many men and women of all ages came to the ceremony. It was a bit crowded, but as soon as I entered the Grand Chapel, my jaw dropped at the sight. The chapel sparkled like a golden palace; the men wore black suits and the women wore white formal wear, suitable for the chapel. It was such a beautiful sight.

The awards ceremony began and Rev. Kyeong Seuk Lu, the president of FFWPU Korea, entered. In truth, until that day I did not even know who President Lu was or what he did. After I saw him, I wondered, Who is he? First, they showed a video on True Parents' lives and achievements. The video deeply touched me and I started to tear up as I reflected on my own life. I did not want to let my mother see me crying, so I closed my eyes and started to pray, but the tears collected more.

After the video, President Lu went up to the podium and gave a speech. The exemplary families had already received their awards, but those receiving a grand award received it directly from President Lu and his wife. I realized, "Not just anyone can receive a grand prize, can they!" I realized something else as well: Many young people in school uniforms were sitting in the front rows. Seeing students in uniforms between all those adults in suits caused me to think that I wanted to be in that group too. Before the awards ceremony finished, something the emcee said caught my ear. "Following the ceremony, we will have some time for the awardees and their families to pose for a picture with Rev. Lu and his wife." We stood in line and were the 39th family to take a photograph with them. Seeing president Lu up close, I felt he was bright and warm and came to respect him thinking, "He is not in this high position for nothing!" It was a very special day for me because I felt determined, for the first time, to try witnessing.

True Parents with me

One day as I was looking through my social networking service, I saw a video of a giant's skeleton being excavated. I searched the Bible on the internet to find out if giants actually existed. In Genesis chapter six, I found the Nephilim giants mentioned. After satisfying my curiosity through the Bible, I thought I would check *Cheon Seong Gyeong*. I immediately began looking through it. As I did, I came across a photograph of True Parents. I liked that picture so much that I snapped a picture of it and saved it as my cell phone background screen. Early the next morning I experienced something amazing.

I finally had a dream of True Parents. I was honored to have such a dream but I was also a little afraid. I called my pastor to explain what happened and he interpreted the dream for me. I relaxed when I learned that the dream was a message from God.

The dream

One day, (inside the dream) a loud noise coming from outside woke me. I went out, still in my pajamas. As soon as I opened the door and walked into the hallway, my mouth opened in surprise. The entire rest of our apartment complex had disappeared; only our building remained. Where there should have been apartments was a huge stage, in front of which were countless people in white clothing. I calmed my racing heart and took the elevator down to the first floor.

As soon as I stepped out of the building, my heart started to race again when beside our apartment building I saw the magnificent Cheon Jeong Palace. Opposite the palace, was President Lu onstage holding a microphone and giving a speech. I pushed between people, an endless crowd, to move closer and hear what he was saying. At that moment he shouted, "Everyone, let's all turn around and run vigorously toward Cheon Jeong Gung, which you see behind you!" All the people then turned around, shouting "Aju!" and ran toward Cheon Jeong Gung, cheering. I also ran, but suddenly President Lu called my name and I looked back. All the people, who only moments ago had been directly behind me had run around me, no one blocked my path.

Reminiscent of Moses' miracle, when he parted the sea, people were rushing along each side but my path to the stage, where President Lu was motioning for me to come, was vacant of people.

I looked up at President Lu at the podium and he looked down at me. With a big smile he said, "True Mother is looking for you intently. She is behind the stage. Go to her right away."

As soon as he finished speaking, I went behind the stage. True Mother appeared as she did at the Cheon Il Guk Coronation of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, wearing the holy robe and holy crown, which signify her unity with Heavenly Parent, and holding the heavenly royal scepter symbolizing the authority of the True Parents of the substantial Cheon Il Guk.

She was sitting in a chair with the Seal of the True Empress of Holiness and Virtue, the royal seal of the Heavenly Parent and the Heavenly Royal Seal, True Parents' royal seal, nearby. True Father's holy robe and holy crown were on the chair next to her.

However, I was still in my pajamas and hesitated to approach her. I went home to change into better clothes and as I was putting on my pants, I heard the ever-fading sound of a helicopter moving farther away. When I came back outside, everything that had been there a moment ago was gone.

This dream reminded me of what True Parents have often said, "Now that the time is here, you must prepare to greet it." To follow this, I began to attend early morning Hoon Dok Hae and as God planned I was able to witness and started to enjoy it.

I deeply realized that nothing is impossible if Heavenly Parent and True Parents are with me.

Difficulties I faced

First, it was difficult because of resistance and opposition from those of my friends who followed other religions. I remember that I would lament and cry inside as they criticized my church, calling it a cult, a false religion in front of me. I recalled what *Cheon Seong Gyeong* says about responding to criticism of the church -- I had to repent for and indemnify my ancestor's sins and my own sins. Thus, I abandoned all my pride and calmly accepted their cursing.

At the end, I said just one thing. "If you truly believed in God and were with God, you would never curse at me like this when I also believe in God." They stopped and thought a bit and one said, "You are not wrong," and left. I trusted that this was all part of Heavenly Parent's plan and continued to witness. Today, my first spiritual child, Park Sang Hee, also works hard to witness with me.

The conclusion I have reached

"Witnessing is my mission to bring Heavenly Parent's lost children to him and to teach them to believe in him and attend him." With these words in my heart, I will do everything at the risk of my life to pray, offer devotion, witness and advance without stopping toward Vision 2020.