

I locked myself out of my van - a witnessing opportunity

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One chilly morning in September, I stopped to get gas at a Chevron station, and after filling up, I thought to get a cup of hot coffee inside the store to warm up. To make a long story short, I locked myself out, forgetting the keys and my cell phone inside the van. I had no choice but to get help from the clerks inside, and that's how I met Leandra, one of the clerks on duty. She helped me call for a locksmith and while waiting, we ended up talking about her family and children and how they are doing in school. Many weeks passed by and something always kept telling me to re-contact her stopping by her station and saying hello once in a while. (By the way, their gas prices is one of the lowest in town) In November, they were able to come and attend the FEEF Dining Etiquette dinner and met Mimi and everyone there and received a Thanksgiving turkey for their family. A few weeks later, we had a chance to meet again and Leandra brought the children Carlos, (12 years old) and Elizabeth (8 years old) and her older 25 year old son, who gave a wonderful prayer over dinner. She shared about her life and expressed how she wanted to be more involved with the church and raise her children within the faith community, but one challenge was doing it with her husband's participation.

Last Monday, December 12th, her husband agreed to come with the family and we arranged to have dinner at our home. Rev. and Mrs. Arias' family and Baltazar came to support and embrace their family. Little Joyanna had a great time with Elizabeth playing in the living room while the parents talked over dinner. The evening ended with the girls singing the ABC song and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" karaoke. After they left, we prayed and Rev. Arias shared what they had talked about including the importance of including God in their family life and studying Divine Principle.

Heaven was able to work and inspire them to agree to plan to start coming to church from this Sunday's Spanish Service. With everyone's prayers and support centered on Rev. and Mrs. Doo and Rev. Arias, we

can help bring one more family closer to Heavenly Parents and True Parents. Truly, to be able to reach one family at a time, takes our whole Unificationist village's love and support.

In closing I would like to share from True Parents' words and inspiration:

So what on earth is the Tribal Messiah? Rev. Moon has now become a center of either a nation or a world, but you do not have foundation like that. You do not own the 5% results. So to obtain the 5% results is to become a Tribal Messiah. Thereby, you represent everything that you've learned from me so that you can love the world and nations.

You still have the responsibility to deal the Satanic world on the level of the tribe, the people and the nation. You need to find a way to bring all the nations and dedicate them to True Parents. The tribal messiahs should be united; become one, rescue each nation and connect it to the realm of God's direct dominion. By going back to the individuals, families, tribes, and nations in the name of True Parents, you should connect them to the realm of God's direct dominion within the unfallen realm of Adam.

Thank you all brothers and sisters for your hard work!

It is humbling to have this great blessing and responsibility to participate in Heavenly Parent's and True Parents' great work of restoration.

Sincerely,

Kiyohito and Heidi Iseda family