

## Interview of Mrs. Kang About Her Tribal Messiah Success

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*Mrs. Kang, her husband, her three children and their spouses at the Blessing Ceremony on Foundation Day, February 2, 2012*

It is truly a great honor for me to be in front of many famous leaders from around the world. Other very competent leaders are in different nations working on different facets of the providence, but the mission I received, even before the time I received the blessing, was to take dominion over myself before I could take dominion over all created things. I want to tell you a brief story about this, in which True Father helped us to practice what all true families are supposed to do.

My husband is Gye Hyung Lee. At our Blessing Ceremony, Father told us, "Become a bridge to restore Cain." We succeeded in witnessing to and bringing into the church a hundred and twenty single people and fifty married couples. We also have two sons and a daughter. They have given us ten grandchildren.

People asked how we nurtured our spiritual children. We made an effort to give them true love, which is more stimulating than love in the satanic world. I raised my spiritual children with love and attention. We ate, slept and talked together. I demonstrated what should be done, and I encouraged them to participate in important providential events. I raised them with sincere devotion, personally taking them to workshops. I raised them to become spiritual parents.

We would approach anyone to witness to them. "Life" is our main topic of conversation. I simply make connections with people. If I meet someone outside my home three times, I should invite him to my home, so he can meet my family and establish relationships. This is a specific example of how we witnessed: We brought in a spiritual son, and then we brought in his friends. We then moved on to his younger siblings. Then we brought in his younger cousin. The older brother of the cousin is now the youth leader for Seoul's western district. We witnessed in this way.

### Teaching All Our Children

Father, after proclaiming the tribal messiah mission on July 1, 1993, told us that blessed families have to take on the tribal messiah mission and return to their hometowns. My husband was born and raised in the Mapo Borough of Seoul, so we began our tribal messiah mission in Mapo.

Our children called our home in Mapo the "Mapo House of Love." There, my family and our spiritual children ate together, shared the word together and enjoyed spending time together. We wanted all our children to live within True Parents' providence, so we decorated the outside of the house with paintings of Cheon Jeong Gung, church property in South America, Yeosu, near Blue Sea Garden; and Mt. Halla, which is a famous dormant volcano on Jeju Island. True Parents have climbed Mt. Halla together and Father included it in his Prayer to Return the Universe to Heaven in 2000.

We did this so that they would live surrounded by True Parents' providence. This is how we educated our

children from when they were young. We created an environment for them in which they could harmonize and love one another as siblings. We tried to build an environment through which True Parents' hope could become our hope. Now, they are grown up, and their children are creating harmony within their family, including with their grandfathers and grandmothers. That was how we raised them.



*Mrs. Kang and her husband Gye Hyung Lee and their tribe have kept a tradition of visiting Paju Won Jeon every January 2 for thirty years*

We have Christmas parties every year and I try to celebrate every special day including graduations and birthdays. I believe that educating and supervising children is all about love and attention. Among our own children and the children of our spiritual children, when a girl graduates from elementary school, I talk to her about various things, such as absolute sex. When girls begin menstruating, I teach them about what God has given them. When various second-generation spiritual children receive the blessing, their children will harmonize like siblings, and when female spiritual children become pregnant, they give each other baby showers and hold the 103rd-Day Ceremony, and generally care for one another. We made sure that we taught our spiritual children about these things from when they were very young, giving them a sense that they, too, need to receive the blessing. We create an environment that naturally leads them toward the blessing. When they receive the blessing, they cheer for one another.

### **A Sense of Family**

Of course, we taught them to do Hoon Dok Hae. Even before Father had talked about it, we went to different families' houses and showed them the example of Hoon Dok Hae. We showed them what they would have to do in the future.

We helped our spiritual children learn how to proclaim the word themselves, and created an environment in which they could be comfortable. We went to places together such as Hyeon Chung Sa, a memorial to sixteenth-century Korean military hero, Admiral Sun Shin Yi. We provided many different ways for them to unite and harmonize as brothers and sisters. Thirty of us went to Gapsa, a Buddhist temple that Father stayed at after his release from Seodaemun Prison in 1956. We visit Geomun Island, where our movement opened the Ocean Cheonjeong Palace Hotel in September 2011.

One of the things Father told us is that two blessed families each have to take responsibility for one North Korean family after Korea unifies. He compelled us to put this into practice. I have raised many different crops, such as rice and red berries. I did farming with our spiritual children. I offered the best of the harvest to True Father. I also gave some to other less fortunate neighbors, showing our spiritual children how to practice love. Farming is a means to prepare for when we will care for a North Korean family.

Whenever we visit Japan, we try to visit all our spiritual children's homes and do something special for our spiritual grandchildren. When our spiritual grandchildren living overseas visit Korea, they stay in our Mapo house, enjoy Korean culture and receive deep love in the homeland of their faith. Some are already starting to receive the blessing.

### **Spiritual and Physical Aspects**

Every January 2, we meet all families among our spiritual children at the Paju Won Jeon burial ground. We pay our respects together to deceased True Family members and early church members every year. I teach our spiritual children how to attend True Parents' family. We each decide on objectives to reach that year, centered on Heaven. We have been doing this for thirty years. The children of our earliest spiritual children have become adults and have their own children.

The number that meets each year increases as time goes on. When you look at Father's speech, "Proclamation of the Word by God's Substantial Self," on page forty it mentions a Union of the Spiritual

and Physical Worlds Association. This year, we went to Won Jeon with our spiritual children carrying a banner that read, Launching the Providence of the Cheon Il Guk Union of the Spiritual and Physical Worlds. By chance, we met Hoon Sook nim and Shin Wol nim. This launching was done with Heung Jin nim and his wife Hoon Sook nim. My spiritual children realized that the providence of the association for the spiritual world and physical world has now begun when they experienced this firsthand. We hold workshops for our second- generation members from when they are very young. We stopped doing this at some point but we reinitiated it in 2013. Hyung Jin nim gave us a drawing that represents absolute sex, showing concave and convex. We had T-shirts made with this symbol for our second-generation elementary school, high school and university students to wear during their eight-day workshop.

During this workshop, we re-created facets of Father's life so that they could tangibly experience them, such as Myodu peak, where Father prayed as boy and where he met Jesus. We made a representation of Hungnam Special Labor Camp, where they all carried bags of "fertilizer" as Father did in prison there. We made a Busan Beomnetgol, so they could experience these things firsthand. Our three children, our direct descendants, did this together, receiving the education and having a time of harmonization. This system contains all sorts of things from Busan Beomnetgol, Yeosu, Chung Pyung and Paju Won Jeon.



*The residence dedicated on their True Children's Day, in North Jeolla Province, Republic of Korea*

### **Milestones We Need to Create**

This is most important. When True Parents asked blessed families to proclaim the four great milestones -- True Parents' Day, True Children's Day, the Day of All True Things and True God's Day -- I reflected on how I could establish them. My family is now doing this. We proclaimed True Parents' Day in a house we had built. Father told us to imitate Cheonseong Wanglim Palace, the main hall at the Chung Pyung Training Center. We dedicated it in 1998. We proclaimed True Children's Day by building the True Children's Education Center, in imitation of the Sun Moon University Education Hall, which Father dedicated on April 4, 2002 at 10 AM. We dedicated ours on the same day at the same time. For our Day of All True Things milestone, we were told to go the United States, the eldest son nation, with our earliest spiritual child.

On the eleventh day of the eleventh month at 11:11:11 AM, (a time of ten ones), we dedicated a building in the United States to establish our Day of All True Things. Our True God's Day house was established on the same day, January 13, 2005, that Father dedicated the Korean FFWPU headquarters building.

### **Mutual Gratitude**

Our family is truly grateful to Father. My husband is grateful to me that I have lived well, and I am grateful to my husband as well. At the center of this heart of gratitude is a plaque of recognition we got from our Cain and Abel children that says, "Father!

Mother! Thank you for living well." On the day that Father concluded his tour for the Victorious Liberation of Homeland Restoration for Cosmic Peace Based on the Return of Heaven and Earth to God, and the day Mother finished a 180-nation tour, Father told my husband and I that I am the "Jesus Ajuma." The term ["Ajuma" is short for "ajumoni," meaning "aunt," and is used for middle-aged women.] Because of this, we cannot stop working hard. During the year that Father was passing away, he reminded us that we have to fulfill our tribal messiah responsibility.



At Yeosu's Blue Sea Garden during a pilgrimage for the second anniversary of True Father's Seonghwa

### Question and Answer

**Ki Hoon Kim:** I'm so happy to hear a testimony of success from someone in my blessing group and from Korea. How did you initiate this work? Please pinpoint what motivated you.

**Mrs. Kang:** True love, true love. However, it was a battle against myself, to be honest. What pained my heart the most after listening to what Father said was that God lost Adam and Eve. He lost that lineage, and he suffered so much. Father was aware of this aspect of God's heart, and after hearing Father speak about that suffering, I began to wonder, How am I going to relieve God of such suffering? What kind of life do I need to lead? I need to become the kind of person that Father wanted me to be by investing one hundred percent of my life and my love toward Father. The hardest part of that was the saying, You must take dominion over yourself before wishing to take dominion over the creation.

I even lost consciousness four times when I had a temperature higher than 40° Celsius (104° Fahrenheit). I had to endure that. I had to stop the continuation of the evil world that has taken up residence within me. I was willing to risk my life for this. After a few near-death experiences, I realized that as it says at Luke 17:33, "Whoever seeks to gain his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will preserve it," you will live if you are willing to risk your life.

I used to draw a circle on each day on the calendar. It meant that I had endured and survived that day. I did this for a year. I wanted to motivate myself and control my mind. I did not think about the future. My only concern was how I was going to gain victory each day in the battle against myself. I believed that the important thing for me was to return joy to Father in my everyday life. That was why I thought hard about how I was going to accomplish this task. If siblings fight, there cannot be any joy in them. Harmony is the most important thing. Heaven cannot work through me if I fail to achieve harmony within myself. The most important battle for me was the battle against myself. Thus, I lost consciousness four times. Even Father might have said, Wow, you are a tenacious one.

I do not think we need many things. Father taught us that we would automatically be close to him if we became the kind of people whom Father can truly love. When I wanted to convert someone to our movement, I brought that person to my house several times. We ate together in my house, and then I told him what is in the Divine Principle. I showed him what kind of life a blessed family must lead, how siblings in a blessed family must unite as Cain and Abel were supposed to unite.

I was not thinking of many different things. I wanted to do things right, even though the number of what I did was small. I did not want to be filled with shame when I went to the spirit world. That was my only wish. I believed that it was enough for me to fulfill the mission of creating a model family.

After the eight-day workshop, I wanted to connect everything. My children are in high school and university, so I brought them to this event with their blessing in mind. I was thinking of how I was going to get them blessed and to create children, making one generation, which acts as the root, move out to branches and stems and eventually to fruit. I could rest assured when the realm of three generation was completed.

I believe Father gave us the mission to take responsibility for our children until we create that realm of three generations. When Father gave our family a special blessing, he told us, "You must become the bridge through which Cain can be restored." So there was that special aspect to it.... I believe that is why Father gave us that special blessing, the mission -- to accomplish the small things first, the things that blessed families are supposed to accomplish.

**Michael Balcomb:** I have a practical question. It is an amazing testimony. How do you pay for it? I see you go to holy grounds and Geomun Island. Do your spiritual children all contribute?

**Mrs. Kang:** One time we all came, about six hundred people, to the Cheongpadong Headquarters Church. As soon as he came onstage, Father asked me if I wanted to translate. Then he explained how the action of give and take must flow well, and that I should learn how to drive because women will have to drive cars to carry stuff when Korea unifies.

Men will end up fighting because they are plus-types. Father said that women must go there with a warm mother's heart. I wondered what he meant by that because I did not have a good concept of money and what he has said about a mother's heart made me think of creating the environment. Aha! I realized that creating an environment, which Mother also emphasizes, is not related to money but to spiritual children....

We did not need any money to educate our children back in those times when they were young. We sent our children to universities, and they are now all grown up. These children graduate university and find their careers in society. Let's say there are a hundred of them, and we need ₩5 million. How much would we have to receive from each child? If it's only ₩5 million, it's simple. If they pitch in ₩100,000 per person, that is already ₩10 million. It's that simple.

Also, if I needed money, the spirit world would work on these children, even if it meant appearing in their dreams, telling them that their mother needs money. This is Father's strategy. It is mysterious, and I believe that that's Heaven's automatic work. Isn't that so?

So please have hope. Father is the living God. He grants all wishes. He even grants the wishes of people like me. Since he grants all wishes, the matter then is whether we are absolute toward Father; it is whether our faith and obedience is absolute or not. If it is anything less than absolute, we should go to a mountain and pray. For example, when we were in the Middle East, Father was working to bring three thousand people there, but we did not have money. Father back then gave two hundred computers to Yasser Arafat through Dr. Yang.

Father had to host a peace march but national messiahs were worrying that there was not enough money to bring people. My spiritual child was standing next to me and Father was all the way over there. I said to my spiritual child, "Hey, don't you think it would work if each blessed couple brought two people?" Father then immediately yelled "Hey!" And then he said that each blessed couple should bring two people. We all heard it, so there was no other choice. I told my spiritual son that we should do that. It cost around ₩2 million per person to get there. This spiritual child had a meeting with our spiritual children in Japan and Korea to tell them what was going on. He told them about this providential necessity and to please send some money. This is how the system works. Does that answer your question?

We can see this a lot in Father's teachings about the four great signposts. Father told us that we have to hold special events for Parents' Day, Children's Day, the Day of All Things, and God's Day. He said that we need to commemorate all these special days. This must be done within the family. We have to build such ideal families in the future.

Father, from time to time, appeared in our dreams and gave us missions. So we built our houses and made proclamations. Father told us that in a family that flourishes for the sake of the whole... A joyful person is joyful while representing the whole. Because of Father's teachings of this type, what we have to do in our own family is what we have to do while representing the entire realm of blessed families. Is that all right?