

Testimony: Those In Our Second and Third Generations Are Truly Blessed

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Hello everyone, my name is Jin-yeob Ok. I attend Kookmin University. Over the summer, I participated in a fund raising effort to support bi-cultural families. From morning until late at night, we shared the stories of bi-cultural families; we sang on buses and we participated in countless service projects. Even though it was hot and it was challenging, it was truly gratifying because we were living our lives for the sake of others. As a result, together with five hundred students from sixty-five nations, we also participated in the Global Top Gun Workshop. Although our languages and cultures may have been different, we all gathered together to sing, to share our hearts, to pray for one another and to support one another. I witnessed amazing miracles when we came together for a special concert to promote the peaceful reunification of the nation. The fact is that I could feel the love of our beloved True Parents

and through these experiences, both internally and externally, I was able to grow and I was able to receive clear guidance about my dream, which is to form a happy family as my parents did. My grandparents received the blessing among the 124-couple blessing group. After that, my parents and my older brother and sister all received the blessing in their twenties.

Recently, a wonderful nephew was born into my family; now four generations are living together. If my grandfather and grandmother live a bit longer, I believe five generations will be able to live together under the same roof.



However, when we look at society today we can see that due to individualism and due to extreme selfishness, the family is breaking down. The family is no longer the holy abode of true love because it is breaking down. On the other hand, true love is giving and giving and forgetting that one has given. The best place to learn true love is in the family. That is why by practicing love we multiply love. The place to learn this and to multiply love is within the family. We pledge that through the family we will seek to understand and respect each other. We *can* form happy families. I learned how to live for the sake of others in my family. I dreamed about forming a family. After forming a family, I hope that I can practice true love and share this true love with other nations of the world. The reason I could dream these dreams, the reason I could grow, the reason I could hope to form a happy family is because of Heavenly Parent and True Parents' great blessings.

Those in our second and third generations are truly blessed. We have received True Parents' love unconditionally through of True Parents' grace. Centering on Heavenly Parent and True Parents, we should realize one family under God. I wanted to receive the blessing quickly, form a family and share true love throughout the world. All of us -- students with a dream of true love centered on True Parents -- let us march toward a world of hope.



His wife tells her story

Good morning everyone. My name is Yoon-hye Moon and I am a freshman in Sun Moon University. I was born into a Korean-Japanese family. My parents received the blessing among the 360,000 couple group. I have five siblings. From when I was young, I remember my mother telling me that there is a secret to happiness. We were attending my grandmother. She said that whatever you hear in the family. Don't say no. Say yes first and then listen. I began to practice this. For me to say yes and then listen to whatever my parents said to me was difficult to actually practice. I tried and tried. In the beginning, it was hard but later this became a habit. Later, I became more polite and I became a more positive person. So, I must thank my mother; she is a great role model in terms of filial piety. I learned that my parents were matched and blessed when the relations between Korea and

Japan were difficult.

True Parents' profound intention for matching and blessing a Korean and a Japanese moved my heart. Even though their languages and the cultures were different, they learned each other's language and culture and strove to understand and support each other. They made a tremendous effort to unite, which is why even now they seem like a couple on a honeymoon.



I was born into a bi-cultural family and I am grateful that I was able to experience the culture of two nations together. As a result, the experience and the worldview that I was able to acquire from being in a bi-cultural family are precious. When I went to Japan I could see that my mother was a filial daughter. From my mother, I learned the importance of filial piety and I could see how my mother had won the hearts of her mother-in-law and father-in-law. So in the families of my grandparents on both sides do not have any anguish or resentment about the nation of their child's spouse.

I my experience, I see that inter-religious marriage is a way to break down the barriers of race, nationality, and historical resentments. I could see how great, indeed how amazing our True Parents are. I was able to experience this profoundly. That people all around the world can unite as one and we can all form one family under God is my hope. We can form one family happily living in peace. That is why I want to share with you that my resolve is that I wanted to receive the blessing become a daughter who practices filial piety and who will help form an ideal family and help realize a world of peace. Beloved True Parents, thank you! We love you.

