

Machiko sat in front of a shopping center for 16 months until she made her goal

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Marty and Machiko Moran, a Unificationist couple from Maryland, reached their goal of blessing 430 couples on October 25, 2018. With a strong desire to share True Parents words, Machiko became motivated to begin and succeed in her couple's Tribal Messiahship work. She had read a speech given by Mrs. Ryu in which she describes an encounter she had with True Father. True Father asked Mrs. Ryu if she knew what sincerity was. He went on to say, "Even without results, you continue to go out and do your best every day. This is sincerity." Machiko said she kept these words in her heart whenever she went out. She also shared them with others working on their 430.

"Just give it a try. You will see that people are waiting to meet us and that Heavenly Parent has prepared and will send us people to bless," Machiko said. She didn't give up even after being kicked out of ten shopping centers within the first month.

Machiko set up in front of a shopping center near her home. She stayed in that spot for 16 months until she reached her goal. It was the same area she had spent her time in while sharing the Blessing in the late 1990s. "I made Japanese origami and had candy on my table, and I would give out water on hot days. I also received many donations." Her table included a photo of her family with the words, "Family is the school of love."

When Machiko was able to stop someone, she would introduce herself and say she was working with an interfaith family program to bring peace in the world through building strong marriages and families. Her approach book included materials that Tomiko Duggan had put together. "I also had American Leadership Conference (ALC) and Japanese Tea Ceremony flyers on the table. We usually had one of these two programs every month at the Washington Times that I could invite people to. Thirteen people I blessed attended at least one of these programs."

One of Machiko's highlights from the whole experience was meeting so many wonderful people. She recalls one pastor stopping in front of her table to tell her that he appreciated what she was doing, and others who called to apologize for not being able to join in on an event she invited them to. "I received so much encouragement from the people that I met. I was able to make many new friends among the employees that work in the shopping center and they gave me so much support and encouragement. I really appreciated them."

Throughout the 16 months of going out to share the Blessing, Machiko felt great support from her husband who was working full-time and often took over the housework while she was away. Machiko is focusing on following up with the contacts she has created and hopes to help others reach their Tribal Messiahship goals.