

An interview of Somsak Ngamdee a tribal messiah victor

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Question: Please introduce yourself.

My name is Somsak Ngamdee. I am the assistant manager of the Environmental Hygiene Team, in the Facilities Management Department of Cheon Jeong Gung. I was born in 1975. My wife's name is Auschariya Keokrasem. She is also from Thailand. She was born a year earlier than I. I joined the Unification Church in March 1994. We received the Blessing among the 360,000-couple group on August 25, 1995, in Seoul's Olympic Stadium. From that year until 1998, I studied agriculture at Ratchapat Nakhon Pathom University in the Faculty of Science in Thailand.



Somsak Ngamdee with his spiritual mother Sangkom Netsopa

Question: What motivated you to bless 430 couples?

I was always thinking about and reminded of True Mother's goal for each person to witness to 430 couples and guide them to receive the Holy Marriage Blessing. Every year, I would set a goal to do heavenly tribal messiah work, but I had no chance to do it. I thought a lot about when I might have the opportunity and about our financial circumstances.

In December, I heard a speech by Dr. Young-ho Yun, deputy chief of True Mother's Secretariat, about True Mother's hard work for Vision of tribal messiahs. Hearing him speak about tribal messiah work helped me have a strong mind and I began planning to do the heavenly tribal messiah mission. I felt the time was right; this was a very good chance for me to bring victory as a tribal messiah.

I felt determined and I went to pray in front of True Father's grave, "Father, I am so sorry because I couldn't break through my self to do the heavenly tribal messiah mission, but I am ready now to do it. Please come with me. I will

return to Thailand. Before 2017 ends, I want to bring 430 couples and offer victory in the heavenly tribal messiah mission to you."

When I prayed at that time, I received more confidence and much energy. After that, I went to Jeongshimwon [the Chung Pyung prayer hall] to pray and ask Heung Jin nim, Hyo Jin nim and Dae Mo nim and 210 generations of my ancestors to help me. I wrote a prayer wish paper for the success of the heavenly tribal messiah mission to bring in 430 couples. Then, too, I received much energy and increased confidence. I made a plan to spend a week in Thailand to do the heavenly tribal messiah mission work.

Question: How did you do it?

First, I formed a trinity with my spiritual mother, Mrs. Sangkom Netsopa, and my spiritual brother, Mr. Ronnachit Phutthala, and we did a special prayer and worship condition to unite and to gain support for the heavenly tribal messiah mission. I asked my spiritual mother to help me and asked her how I should go about it. She guided me to contact the church in Nong-ku Sub-District within the Nadoo District, in Mahasarakham Province, which is in northeastern Thailand, and ask them to plan an Interfaith Peace Family Blessing. I stayed in contact with her through the message services MSN and Line.

Mr. Ronnachit Phutthala also provided support. He met the leader of the sub-district to set up the Interfaith Peace Family Blessing. I had only a week to visit Thailand, from December 21–27. At first, we had planned to hold the ceremony on December 25, but they had another event that week, so we ended up scheduling it for December 23. We had only a short time to prepare everything. Another FFWPU center also supported me; with their help, we were able to prepare everything by December 22. The next day was the Interfaith Peace Blessing Ceremony, to which 482 couples came to receive the blessing. Some came with a photograph of their spouse, so 732 physical people participated in the Blessing Ceremony that day.



Somsak Ngamdee with couples from villages in the Nong-ku Sub-District that were Blessed

Question: Did you bless your relatives or others?

Actually, in December 2006, in my hometown, which is in Nakhonpathom Province, I had my wedding ceremony. I invited all my relatives to come to congratulate us at that time. So I asked the Family Department of the Thai national headquarters and the national leader, who was then Dr. Lek Thaveetermsakul, to do tribal messiah work and give the blessing to all of them. To the more than seven hundred people that attended, we announced who True Parents are, the meaning of the blessing and how important the blessing is. All of them drank holy wine.

Question: How is it that you and your wife came to Korea?

I got a scholarship from our headquarters in Thailand to come to study the Korean language at Sun Moon University for two years. My wife was a missionary in the United States. After she finished, she moved to Korea and we studied the Korean language together. After finishing the two-year Korean class, we entered the Cheongshim School of Theology, where we earned master's degrees in True Parents Studies. After we graduated, we began working at Cheon Jeong Gung.

Question: Thailand's national flower is the orchid. Can you grow them around Cheon Jeong Gung?

The orchid is the most popular flower in Thailand. In my hometown, many people plant orchids. I love orchids. I am glad to see and care for orchids in Cheon Jeong Gung. In Korea orchids can only grow inside a building because the temperature and environment is not the same here as in Thailand, so in Cheon Jeong Gung we plant potted orchids indoors.

In Cheon Jeong Gung, I have planted many types of flowers; I try to learn which ones True Mother likes or is familiar with so we can find and plant in them here to offer love and happiness to her.

Question: How did you feel when True Mother addressed 12,000 people in Impact Arena in Bangkok in 2017?

At that time, I deeply thanked Heavenly Parent and True Parents for giving me an opportunity to go to Thailand to welcome True Mother. I know that all Thai members made a long condition (*jeonseong* in Korean) and they were waiting to experience True Parents' visit to Thailand like sons and daughters longing to see their parents. For a long time before that, we were so sad because we could not welcome our True Parents to Thailand because of a court case. For the sake of all our members, Dr. Thaveetermsakul and his wife and six other members had gone to prison [June 1991–March 1993].

The first time we heard that True Mother would go to Thailand, I was very happy, in tears. Even when I only imagined True Mother being in Thailand, I could not stop crying. I cried and cried and I was happy to be there at that time and to help welcome True Mother. Thanks to Heavenly Parent, True Parents visited Thailand and gave a great blessing and liberation to Thailand in preparation for Cheon Il Guk.



Rev. Kamol Thananopavarn, national leader of Thailand, and his wife, Mrs. Huang Shu-Chiung, offer the Blessing Prayer in their capacity as officiators and True Parents' representatives

Question: Was it easy to get permission to go to Thailand to fulfill your mission?

I often go to pray at True Father's grave [named *Bonhyangwon*, roughly meaning "original homeland"] and every time, I feel True Father is there. Every time I pray there, taking care of the environment around the site makes me very happy -- I plant a flower to make a beautiful, good environment to serve Heavenly Parent and True Parents. I always try to do my best, but one thing I was sorry about was that I had been unable to fulfill my responsibility by accomplishing the heavenly tribal messiah mission.

I asked True Father to guide me in how I can do that mission, and to come with me when I return to Thailand, because I wanted to fulfill my responsibility and offer victory to Heavenly Parent and True Parents before the end of 2017. I also often pray for my trinity, so we together can have a great victory in the heavenly tribal messiah mission in Thailand.

I was confident about getting permission because True Mother says everybody -- not should, but must -- do this mission, not only me but all of us. During this time, I made effort and many times spoke about the heavenly tribal messiah mission with my team, and our team leader helped them understand my determination to do this. I made a plan and a schedule and wrote it out on paper for my team leader -- what, why, when, where and how -- and asked permission. My leader submitted a written report to Dr. Yun, who approved it.

Question: Tell us about the spiritual phenomena that took place when you were giving the Blessing

Mr. Ken, a blind, seventy-nine-year-old man, walked about eight kilometers to attend the Blessing Ceremony. He said his wife called him from the spirit world to wait at the site where we held the blessing. Even though he cannot see, he followed her voice all the way to the blessing place.