

## I felt that I was responsible for True Mother smile in South Africa

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Last year in Cape Town, we had a summit. I was excited to see True Mother and I think my excitement got the best of me. I was not able to prepare myself internally. I was part of the registration team. We worked until the event began. Seeing True Mother was an exciting moment for me. However, when I saw the Nepal summit via PeaceTV, I saw True Mother was very happy compared to when she was here in Cape Town. That broke my heart completely; I felt that I was not able to make my Mother smile. I was truly disappointed because I missed the only opportunity that I believe I had to make True Mother smile.

This year, when I was told that True Mother was coming again, I vowed to do my very best to ensure that True Mother smiles when she arrives here. I felt that I was responsible for her smile. I was privileged to welcome True Mother at the entrance of the hotel where she was staying. I felt extremely nervous and my heart was beating fast because I felt that I was not ready to welcome True Mother. After True Mother came, we listened to her speak and then we had to continue the preparations until the day of the events.

Hearing Prophet Radebe and various other religious leaders and former presidents speak so highly of our True Mother made me realize that I was sleeping and needed to wake up. I am a second-generation Unificationist, but I never had the courage to proclaim True Mother's value in the way they did. This made me miserable and sad because I failed to fulfill my responsibility.

Getting to the stadium for the blessing and seeing it fill with people receiving the blessing, I felt a sense of pride but embarrassment as well because I could not do that for our True Parents. During the blessing I felt that my goal of seeing True Mother's smile came true. I felt that she was happy and that alone gave me peace but also pricked my conscience because I felt that if my dream is to see True Mother smile all the time, why have I not done anything to make her feel that way? That made me reflect deeply.

I realized that with reflection comes action and I must take action to ensure that True Mother is always smiling. If True Mother smiles, surely Heavenly Parent smiles, True Father smiles and so does the whole spirit world. I promise to try my best to make this goal come true.

I am deeply sorry I have not been involved for so long, True Mother. As difficult as it is, I should have pushed harder. I am sincerely sorry. Thank you, True Mother. I love you True Mother.