

## Benjamin and Rie's Journey to the Blessing by True Mother in Korea

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During the down time at the hotel, he spent time with his spouse's family whom he had got to know well over the summer months. "I felt like part of their family really quickly," he said. Benjamin did a two-month internship in Japan over the summer in preparation for a future career in computer science. In addition to gaining work experience, during the weekends he was able to visit his spouse's family and most importantly, develop his relationship with his (at the time) future spouse. He believes this created a good foundation for them to attend the Blessing together.

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Rie – stayed up for most of the night preparing to be ready for 4am for the official photographs to be taken.

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The couples were hurried into coaches, to be transported to the World Centre where the ceremony was to take place. Having barely avoided the heavy rain outside, couples proceeded to finding suitable seats. Upon being seated, Benjamin was surprised at how many people knew his spouse as they were constantly asked to be part of photographs.

Despite the lack of sleep, the Ben and Rie enjoyed the Seonghwa Festival and performances. "I really liked the entertainment as it was short and sweet. I enjoyed the Korean musical a lot more than I thought I would and seeing Paul Potts there was funny, there was a nice atmosphere. I felt in the middle of it all."

After putting on the rings, Benjamin shared how he felt that moment was when he and Rie went from being Matched to Blessed, committing their lives to God and each other. "We held hands after that."

The newly-Blessed couples were rushed out of the World Centre after the ceremony, back to the hotel. Sight-seeing activities were scheduled for all the couples but instead both families opted to spend time with one another.

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A massive congratulations to all couples who got Blessed, but especially to our British brothers and sisters! Congratulations to Benjamin S., James C., Victoria B., Sojin J., Najette C. and Heidi B. and of course, their respective spouses.





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