

Testimonies about Witnessing in Las Vegas

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The witnessing workshop in Las Vegas, which True Mother was leading, has concluded. The witnessing members collected a list of over five hundred names with contact information and at least ten people visited the CARP center every day to listen to Divine Principle lectures. We are pleased to provide our readers summaries of reflections made by five CARP members that took part in this witnessing workshop.

Desperately Waiting For Someone

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I would divide this witnessing workshop into three parts. The first part was the Christmas Party with True Mother, the second the pilgrimage to holy sites and the third was the witnessing campaign. We prepared a show to perform in front of True Mother during the Christmas Party.

Until that time, I had only perceived of True Parents as the Messiah. They were difficult to approach, living a kind of life completely different from mine, a perfect kind of life. Because of this, for me to feel that they are my real parents was difficult. However, performing in front of True Mother led me to see True Parents not only as the Messiah but also as our actual parents.

This has led me to feel that True Parents truly are our parents from the deepest place in my heart.

The majestic nature I encountered during the pilgrimage to holy sites humbled me, and realizing that I am only a small individual in front of this vast environment led me to believe that I should be less arrogant.

One thing I felt most strongly during the pilgrimage is that nature is a great object of love, a product prepared by our Heavenly Parent and True Parents.

During the witnessing campaign, I felt that we needed to move forward bravely while believing in True Parents.

I could feel that our Heavenly Parent and True Parents had prepared everything for us and all we needed to do was to act. Our team members did not unite in the beginning and this led to poor results. However, we became more united as time went by; we could genuinely feel that we could accomplish something. For the first time, I experienced desperately waiting for someone while engaging in a witnessing campaign.

Witnessing in English
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Korea University



We began witnessing after the pilgrimage to holy sites. CARP members and those from the Cheon Jeong Gung team paired up. Our task at first was to build teamwork. I engaged in the activity while believing that there is God's providence behind our teams coming to work together. Our teamwork improved gradually. I believe we were able to unite because we centered on True Parents. I prayed to God, "Please, whatever kind of people I meet, allow me to be able to connect them to our Heavenly Parent."

I met connected to one person in Las Vegas. I introduced CARP activities to him at first and told him that there was an event that day. Then the Japanese missionary translated that into English. My original intention was to do just that and say good-bye, but something inside me told me that I should not let go of him just like that. Therefore, I asked that young man, "Do you have time, now? Let's go our center!" Surprisingly, he simply answered "Sure!" On hearing that, I brought him to the CARP center.

While I was staying in America, he came to the center twice and listened to Divine Principle lectures until the chapter on the Human Fall.

Now the CARP members in Las Vegas are helping him. I cannot meet him personally, but we are still in

contact through SNS, even though we may be far away from each other.

This Campaign Changed My Heart
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I had many worries about witnessing. I did not know what to do, only thinking to myself, I do not even speak the language. What do I do in this foreign land?

My confidence was low. For that reason, I started to pray and one thing that came up in my mind during the prayer was "creation of the environment."

I began to think that Las Vegas might not be an ideal place for me to do witnessing activities, but for some reason True Parents guided us to do this in Las Vegas, of all places. They must have created an environment for us already.

I felt that Satan would take away this environment if we fail to overcome obstacles and to invest ourselves. So I began to commit myself, thinking Let's just do it! I can do it. I am a proud second-generation child of True Parents.

Sometimes people belittled me, and sometimes I had to hear people mock the Unification Church, but I was able to rise beyond these difficulties thanks to my faith in our Heavenly Parent and True Parents. I actually met many people, and I received a lot of love as well. There was, especially, a man by the name of Rick.

Doctors discovered that Rick's mother had cancer, which shocked him greatly. This news caused him to avoid human contact and to live alone for many months. However, his attitude changed drastically after he started coming to the CARP center. He promised that he would listen to Divine Principle lectures, and he even read True Father's autobiography.

I was not able to exchange many words with him, but we conversed a lot through our facial expressions, bodily gestures and our hearts.

I felt truly that Rick is a child prepared by Heaven.

One more surprise was in store for me during the witnessing campaign. I was doubtful about the CARP team and Cheon Jeong Gung team being able to achieve unity. However, after we witnessed together for a while, we were able to become one. As we practiced loving others and lived for each other's sake, our unity came naturally. This workshop has brought a change in my heart. I was able to comprehend how desperate Heaven's heart is, and I wanted to bring joy to True Parents as fast as I could.

Discovering I Am loved
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During the pilgrimage, I resolved to keep my love for our Heavenly Parent and True Parents firm, which led me to invest even more sincerity in the witnessing part of this workshop. Especially during the initial part of the workshop, treating people with the same heart as I would treat my own family was difficult. This caused many worries in me. I was unable to empty myself because of the pressure that came from my line of thinking: I want to make True Mother happy, for which I have to witness, for which I have to be able to live for the sake of others, for which I have to love.

Realizing that truthful love can only come about when I invite our Heavenly Parent into myself, I focused on clearing my thoughts. I fasted in the morning and focused on emptying my heart of distractions. I continued to do this and focused on the moments when I could feel that our Heavenly Parent is with me. Surprisingly, curiosity was aroused whenever I met new people even when I was physically tired. I wanted to talk more, I empathized more, I wanted to connect with others and I laughed naturally because I was so happy that we could converse through our hearts. All this was remarkable and exciting to me. I focused so intently on giving love to them, but in the midst of it all, I suddenly realized that I was not only giving love; I was also receiving it.

People gave me their attention, and asked me when I would return to America after going back to Korea. They were sad when I could not give them a clear answer. They gave me things that they could have otherwise used for themselves. They gave me a lot of love, and this loving relationship led to our unity. I have returned to Korea but I still miss them.

Children Heaven Wants to Save
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Heaven's providence unfolded from the day we began our witnessing campaign. We were eating our lunch in a McDonald's that day. One student from Sun Moon University was saying, "True Mother gave us her instructions, and nothing is impossible when the spiritual world is with us." Dr. Sang Pil Moon, the CARP president and other workshop participants were engaged in a rousing conversation.

However, I saw a man doing nothing but praying in the corner, not even ordering anything. Then something hit me: This is the man!

I began talking to him. He ended up coming to the CARP center and listening to a Divine Principle lecture on the chapter on the Creation.

He also promised that he would keep coming back for more. I felt that this symbolized that we can meet people that Heaven has prepared only if we are willing to take steps forward.

During my witnessing activity, English was a problem for me, a factor that chipped away at my confidence.

Even though my English is limited, I started to believe that what matters is not language but having a truthful heart. If I go out with sincerity, Heaven will guide me and the spiritual world will protect me. Every time I met someone, I tried to convey my thoughts as clearly as possible in English. Increasingly, people began to listen to what I said; True Father's poem inspired them and they empathized with our activity. We were able to accumulate a list of five hundred people after only ten days of the witnessing campaign. More than ten people came to the CARP center each day to listen to Divine Principle lectures.

Our team also was able to get a witnessing candidate to donate money, so that he could attend a Divine Principle workshop. He even registered himself as a member of the Family Federation the following week. It was a difficult time, but all of my worries and sadness went away when he made that decision. Many others also came to our CARP center and experienced our culture.

I was grateful for each one. We were able to realize that they all needed the Divine Principle in their lives after listening to their life stories, and we realized that they truly were children whom Heaven wanted to save.