

The Birth Of Kwon-Jin Nim



When I came to East Garden, the first thing I noticed was that Mother was pregnant. Also, I noticed that her long hair was cut and she did not wear it in a bun in the back. She had shorter hair and curls. Whenever we were going somewhere, Father had to wait for Mother because the pregnancy slowed her down. When Father went to pray in Belvedere at the Holy Rock, Mother had to be next to him; but climbing onto the rock was an ordeal. I still vividly remember when Ye-Jin Nim had to push her up the rock so that she could stand next to Father and pray with him. Also, Mother escorted Father on one fishing trip when the water became a little rough, and the boat was rolling so much that Mother fell down. After that, Father decided to go back to land and drop Mother off; then he went out again without her.

I cannot forget the very first time I did security for Mother. Father and Mother went to Barrytown, and I escorted her to her room so she could rest and provided security outside her door. After some time passed, the door opened and Mother came out with a plate full of fruit. She gave me all the fruit that the people had prepared for her. This illustrates the heart of True Mother.

When it was time for Mother to go to the hospital, Mrs. Won Pok Choi escorted her during the difficult ride. Daikan drove the limo and I was the security guard. When Mother went inside, I stayed with the car. To my amazement, Father did not escort Mother to the hospital. I remember Mrs. Choi praying that “as True Mother is delivering the baby and experiencing the pain of birth, she will understand the pain that Father has to go through to give birth to spiritual children.”

After a while, the call came over the walkie talkie that a baby boy was born and everything was okay. It turned out just as Father had predicted earlier. One night Father had come out of the Main House and was walking around looking at the moon. He said, “Everything will be alright, this childbirth.”

Soon after the baby was born, the people who had accompanied Mother came out of the hospital and we went back to East Garden.

The baby was born in Phelps Memorial Hospital in north Tarrytown, about 10 or 15 minutes from East Garden. A little later, Father went to the hospital to see Mother. I escorted him, and this time I went inside the hospital with him. I did not go into Mother’s room but stayed outside and looked through the glass at the newborn baby. There were several babies inside, and one of the children started to cry. This caused all the other babies to cry as well. I could see that Kwon-Jin Nim wanted to cry. He took a deep breath, but before he could start crying God put him to sleep. He slept deeply. He was such a precious baby and looked like he had just come from God.

I remember Father saying, “Since Kwon-Jin Nim was born in America, he has American citizenship. He has the potential to become the president of the United States of America.” When I saw him lying there, I thought, “Yes, that is true.”

The next few days were very special, because even though Father's child was born (an Abel child, from the Principle point of view), he had to show love to the members (the Cain children) first. The Cain children had to be loved before he could love his Abel child. While Mother was recuperating from childbirth in the hospital, Father went every day to speak to the members and give love to them. There was a big workshop in Barrytown for those who were soon to become foreign missionaries. Every single time Father went to Barrytown, I went with him. At Barrytown he gave the greatest speeches. One speech called "I" was incredible. Father talked about himself and his struggle to attain perfection. At that time the entire audience was enraptured, and I felt Father pulled out all the stops. He spoke longer than expected, and we were waiting to drive him to the hospital afterwards to see Mother and the baby. It's about a two-hour drive from Barrytown to the hospital. That day, Joe, a staff member from East Garden, was driving the limo. Father often thought that he and I made an interesting combination because he was short and skinny and I was tall and strong. We decided to take a shortcut just before Barrytown to allow Father more time to visit Mother. Unfortunately, I did not know this shortcut and doubted whether it was the correct way. Joe was confident but I was doubtful. It took so long to get there that instead of giving him extra time, I think Father had less time with Mother than he had planned. By 7:00 he had to leave the hospital.

This is an example of Father, who absolutely follows the Principle, going the way of the Principle and loving the Cain children before he could love his Abel child. Every day, before Father went to see his own child, he had to speak to the members and love them. They really got bonded at that time.

When it was time to pick up Mother from the hospital, Father went along. Coming out of the hospital, Mother was rolled in a wheelchair to the limo and then helped into the car. Whenever I look at pictures from that occasion I think about how special it was. Sometimes I get out the photo album and look at those pictures.

One time when Father and Mother were outside at the swimming pool, Mother was changing Kwon-Jin Nim's diaper and Father was helping her. During this time, Father talked about Kwon-Jin Nim

in many speeches, explaining how special he was, how he could laugh after just a few days, and describing his special talents. As Kwon-Jin Nim grew, he became so incredibly cute. He was the most handsome of all of their children.

Every child of True Parents had one person, one Onni, for him or herself. Onni is the Korean word for big sister. When Kwon-Jin Nim came home, his big sister, his Onni, was Tongnim. I was so captivated by the cuteness of that little baby, and a very special relationship between developed between us while I was at East Garden. Whenever the family was going someplace, Kwon-Jin Nim would be with us. Whenever there were stairs, Mother would call my name and it was my task to carry him up or down the stairs. Every time there was a step or uneven place, I carried him. She did this because she realized that I had a very special relationship with this little child. Mrs. Choi said to me, "Because of your strength, Kwon-Jin Nim feels so comfortable with you." It was such a special feeling to hold or carry him because he was a prince of Heaven.

It may also have been True Mother who created such a heavenly feeling. Of course she was incredibly beautiful, and one could not help loving her because of her beauty. It was really the beauty of God in a female human being. All of the beauty of God was accumulated and manifested in this amazing lady. On top of that, she is only two years older than me, so we are almost the same age. Her presence could really change the atmosphere. Plus, she has an electrifying speaking voice as well as an incredible singing voice. She sings so beautifully. She might not hit all the notes correctly, but she sings with such incredible beauty.

One of my difficulties with the Japanese leadership at the very beginning of my time in East Garden was the song we had to sing. It was a song that the Korean soldiers used to sing in Japan, and the Japanese translated the words into Japanese. While singing this song, we also had to do certain exercises, and I couldn't stand the song, the exercises, or the Japanese way of doing things. But something changed one day when I was a bodyguard and Mother asked me to drive her on a shopping trip; Kook-Jin Nim was with her, and by then he was a little boy. Coming home from shopping, as we were driving up the

driveway of East Garden Mother was singing the Korean song that we had to sing in Japanese when we were guards. However, she sang it in her incredible and beautiful way and in such an electrifying and beautiful voice that I was intoxicated. She was singing this song for Kook-Jin Nim and I was electrified. That day I realized the difference between Heaven and Hell. The same song can give you an experience of Heaven and divine joy or put you in Hell. It's so interesting. It simply depends on the singer.

Father once said, "Heaven is the place where perfect man and perfect woman are living." If you are with a perfect woman and child and experience her love song for the child, you experience Heaven. However, in the presence of non-perfect human beings you might end up in Hell. To experience Mother first hand, with all of her beauty and wonderful personality and true love, is unforgettable. She is so incredibly beautiful. She is the accumulation of the feminine aspects of God manifested in one human being. The daughter of God is God's manifestation on the Earth—the image of God.

When you think about someone giving birth to a baby, a child of the son of God, don't you think that God has to be present with this child? That's what I felt when I saw Kwon-Jin Nim as a newborn.

This relates to something that happened at the beginning of my time at East Garden. Just after I became a bodyguard, Daikan asked me to go to the J-house to pick up something. When I went inside, I said to one brother, "Daikan sent me to pick up something." Then he said, "Oh, how interesting: a servant of a servant." The Divine Principle teaches about the servant of servant as the first stage in developing a relationship with God. Yes, I was a servant of Daikan, who was a servant, so I was a servant of servants. As I continued to work as a bodyguard there was development, and I became a servant. After Kwon-Jin Nim was born and I took care of him many times, I was definitely not just a servant but more like a step-son or adopted son. Over the years of doing my mission, my relationship with the True Parents grew closer and I eventually received the divine blessing. The Divine Principle dictates that only a true son may receive the blessing. Thus, I started out as a servant of a servant, but as time went on I eventually received the blessing and graduated to the stage of a true son.

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After I left East Garden, my wife was still at the J-house. True Parents came one evening to the J-house and True Father said to my wife, "I have loved Gerhard like my own son." That definitely shows that I graduated from the level of servant of servant and have truly achieved the level of True Son.