

A Miracle Led My Sister from the Full Gospel Church to the Unification Church

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Around 1985, my older sister, who used to attend the Full Gospel Church, started saying, I'm praying desperately in the name of Christ but I cannot sleep. After she had suffered from insomnia for about six months, she met an older member of the Unification Church (blessed among the 777 couples) and attended a Friday evening service. Ever since, she has been sleeping well. Through this, she started attending Unification Church services.

My sister's husband did not want her to join the Unification Church, so he asked me to persuade her not to go. After getting advice from a minister of the Full Gospel Church, which I attended back then, I tried to dissuade her. In response, my sister said, I will follow whatever decision you make after you attend a seven-day Divine Principle workshop. I accepted this condition.

The Jongam church in Seoul's Seongbuk Borough held the seven-day workshop. Only eighteen people attended it, but most of them had a Christian family background and asked many pointed questions during the lectures. Because so many questions arose that the lecturer could not continue the presentation, the lecturer made an agreement with the participants not to leave the hall, make phone calls or ask any more questions for three days. I, too, was a Christian, but because I was a young member and my family's background was Buddhist, I listened quietly.

In one lecture, the lecturer said, Christians tell you to believe in God, who is invisible; but can you be filial to the invisible God or believe in him when you cannot be filial to your visible parents? This moved me.

Furthermore, I did not understand why people get married. Although I wanted to get married, it was merely a self-centered idea. So, when I first heard the teaching of the Unification Church about getting married or "blessed" for the sake of your spouse, that shocked me. I found the purpose of life through that workshop; moreover, I learned that the returning Lord had come. This caused me to decide to serve the Lord in his second advent for the remainder of my life. I was twenty-two years old back then.

Sick for a year and a half

In 1988, I received the blessing with my Japanese husband, Norihiro Hagino, among the 6,500-couple group and I came to Japan in April 1992. My husband and I started our family in Kanagawa Prefecture. In 1994, we moved to his hometown, the city of Iwaki in Fukushima Prefecture. We have lived here for twenty-four years.

Life has not been easy, but I took as much time as possible for church activities. However, I gradually fell ill. My body had swollen up all over. I lost the strength to stand up, but doctors could not find the cause of my illness. I lost all the confidence to live in Japan that I'd had. For the next year and a half, I prayed to God in desperate tears everyday, saying, True Parents did not send me to Japan to become sick and die. They sent me to build a family that could represent True Parents' wishes to the world. I must fulfill this purpose. So, please make me healthy!

I don't know how much I wanted to go back to Korea during this period, but God finally answered my prayer. I regained strength gradually and became healthy again. Moreover, God gave my family financial blessings so we could tithe three times as much as previously. Through this experience, I reconfirmed the power of prayer and felt myself attached to God by an invisible thread.

In 2003, I stood on the witnessing front line out of gratitude for God's grace. After about seven years, my

life in Japan transformed into one of gratitude. I feel that witnessing helps me cast off my fallen nature and grow.

Every day, I remind myself to say aloud, I'm grateful, thousands or millions of times. In this way, God can guide me to see the good aspects of my witnessing contacts and to hear and to use only good words. This is how I have guided more than fifty people to the Divine Principle course in the past ten years. Among them, thirteen people have received the blessing as married couples or as spirit-world-physical-world couples.

Reactions do not affect me

I have guided three of my contacts to the blessing between 2015 and last year. Mrs. Arai (in her seventies) whom I met in 2014, started to learn the Divine Principle because she wanted her daughter (then forty-three) to find a good husband. The daughter had faith in a certain religion out of a thirty-year desire to build an ideal family. However, things did not work out for her and she even quit her job at the large company she had worked at for twenty-one years.



I asked Mrs. Arai to introduce me to her daughter a couple of times, but she did not listen to me. In fact, Mrs. Arai did not know how to relate to her daughter or what she should do as a mother to make her happy. Since her daughter was born after seven years of marriage, her mother cherished her, but she did not know how to express love to her daughter. One day, before visiting Mrs. Arai's house, I offered a passionate prayer to God, saying, Please connect me to Mrs. Arai's daughter!

She was at her mother's house when I got there. I talked with her about faith and marriage. I told her, I want you to know the meaning of marriage and learn the truth with your mother.

After the daughter had started to come to the church, I told her mother about the spirit world-physical world blessing. A few days later, Mrs. Arai came to the church with a donation of gratitude required for the blessing and placed it in front of her daughter who had come along. She was surprised, but did not oppose it. She later told me that this rather cleared up her misunderstanding of her mother. Thus, Mrs. Arai was able to receive the single blessing and then the spirit world-physical world blessing in 2015.

On the other hand, the director of the education center told the daughter to write wish papers and she did not like this. She researched FFWPU on the internet and only bad information caught her attention. She called me and asked, Why do religions always ask for money?

There was to be a full moon that night. So I told her, I understand what you mean, but there is a reason for that. Don't worry too much. You are only exhausting yourself. You can see the full moon tonight. Look up at the moon and sleep well. Please come to the church on the promised date. You can decide if you are going to quit or continue and tell your decision to the director.

She then said, I cannot go. It's too scary. I said, It's not as if there's a ghost there. Don't worry. I'll go with you.

She came on the promised date. After telling me all her complaints, she said, I will write twenty-one wish papers. Actually, I want to receive the blessing.

She told me that she had wanted to receive the blessing from the moment she saw her mother make the blessing donation. Last year, a minister introduced her to a Korean man and they had a marriage interview in Seoul. Although they decided to meet occasionally, the experience often shook her heart. Each time, though, we figured out the cause and solved it together. Finally, she and her husband participated in the September 7, 2017 Hyojeong International Marriage Blessing Ceremony.

She is now forty-seven years old. She guided a new member to the church while she was at a twenty-one-day workshop in Yeosu. I am telling her to promote ancestor liberation and the blessing of at least seven generations of eight family lines.



Complicated relationships

When I visited a temple in 2013, I met Mr. Yamanobe (sixty-one), who was there also as a visitor. While we were there, the priest said to me, My family line has experienced many divorces and remarriages, so I am worried that my wife may someday bring up breaking up. What should I do to cut off such evil connections?

I answered, Since you are a priest, I believe you know how difficult it is to cut off evil influences. You must learn the Divine Principle and know the Messiah. Then, Mr. Yamanobe put a word in. Actually, I'm interested in it, too.

I told him, This is not a game; it's not something you should see or hear from mere interest. Please call me if you are serious. Then, he gave me his name card.

Mr. Yamanobe and I decided to meet a few days later. As I listened to him, I learned that he had been through a divorce and was feeling sorry for his son because of that. He decided to learn the Divine Principle because he wanted to know what an original ideal family is like. Back then, when I suggested that he receive the blessing, he said, Because of my son I'm not getting remarried. However, in 2015, when I told him, Your son has his own life; you cannot stay alone for the rest of your life, he started to show interest in the blessing. Last year, he met a woman (in her sixties) in Tokyo and was able to participate in the Hyojeong International Marriage Blessing Ceremony.

On that occasion, I found out that one of the Iwaki Family Church Cheon Il Guk members had witnessed to Mr. Yamanobe's younger sister, who was taking refuge in the City of Iwaki after the Great East Japan Earthquake. She called Mr. Yamanobe for advice about the donation of gratitude. Mr. Yamanobe told her to do her best, and she offered the donation.

Tribal Messiah activities

In parallel with door-to-door witnessing, I invest effort in tribal messiah activities. In 2012, my husband and I invited around thirty members of his immediate family and relatives for a tribal meeting. We gave them *As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen* and held a holy blessing ceremony. Then, we were able to bless my husband's parents.

Financially speaking, we are not a rich family, but my husband served as a director of the Second Generation Department at the church for fifteen years while working for a company. He enjoys excellent relations with my two sons, whom even I adore. I am always grateful for being a part of this family. My oldest son is in his sixth year in a pharmacy college. Last year, he accepted a match with a daughter of the head of the Women's Association in the Hanamaki Family Church of Iwate (Mrs. Hui-eun Yoon, 6,500-couple blessing group) and participated in the Hyojeong International Marriage Blessing Ceremony. This family has seven children. What a blessed family they are!

My oldest son is sincere and he has never missed Hoon Dok Hae ever since he attended a twenty-one-day workshop when he was a senior in high school. I am impressed. No matter how late he comes home, he has never failed to do Hoon Dok Hae. My younger son is now in his junior year at Sun Moon University and is studying social psychology.



God's unreserved love

Looking back at my thirty-year life of faith, I have come to realize that God has always listened to my prayers and tried to grant them unconditionally. When I joined the church or when I faced difficulties in the blessing, God has given me trials that I can overcome in some way or other and has trained me so that I can cast off my fallen nature.

Predominantly, for the past fourteen years of my witnessing life, I have asked God to tell me what I could do for him and what my responsibilities are. Then, one day, I heard an answer in True Father's voice saying, "Pantanal Spirit." I felt God's wish for me to become a person who could swallow and digest not only the things I like but everything -- good or evil.

It was around that time that I offered a desperate prayer to True Parents to let me resign as a foundation leader and to give me a position where I could devote myself to witnessing. Then, in October 2015, although I am deficient in many ways, I was assigned head of our Women's Association, replacing a sister who had served in the position for thirteen years. I truly felt God's desire for me to become a person who could swallow and digest everything.

Lastly, I would like to share a story about a spiritual daughter I can never forget. She is Mrs. Hisako Miyamoto (spirit world–physical world blessing, died at eighty-four) who lost her life in the tsunami of the Great East Japan Earthquake on March 11, 2011. The chairman of FFWPU-Japan Rev. Yeong-seop Song (at that time), presented her a handwritten title, "Heroine of Cheon Il Guk," and entrusted her with the mission of leading the twenty-thousand victims of the Great East Japan Earthquake to Heavenly Parent.

A year later, I found out that three daughters of Mrs. Miyamoto's oldest son have joined the church. The sisters introduced themselves at an Iwaki Family Church Sunday service when they came from Tokyo to get their father blessed. I had the feeling that they might be Mrs. Miyamoto's granddaughters, and when I asked them, they said yes.

Later, with the help of his daughters, Mrs. Miyamoto's oldest son was able to receive the spirit world–physical world blessing with his wife who had died in the tsunami with Mrs. Miyamoto. The presence of my spiritual daughter in the spirit world entrusted with such great mission is encouraging to me.

I meet many people and they say various things, but I would like to testify confidently with solid conviction that nobody can build a happy family without knowing the Messiah.