

One thing that has great impact on our spiritual children is visiting them

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Hanulbumo nim, Chambumo nim, anyong hashiminika! Distinguished leaders and blessed families, I want to thank Heavenly Parent and True Parents for the opportunity to be part of this providence to establish Cheon Il Guk and to participate in one hundred days of special activities. My name is Oldair Lima and I am the husband in a CheonBo couple and for me, witnessing always has been a holy activity.

Jeongseong for forty-three friends

When we began the one-hundred-day testimony period on February 24, 2021, my wife and I started this period by making a list of forty-three names of potential spiritual children. On the list that we put together, many of the people were people that we have nurtured a friendship with throughout our lives. With the list of names, we set many jeongseong conditions and invested a lot of prayer for the people on the list. When I was praying, I always thought about the heart of Heavenly Parent, who has been searching for his children.

Education

Following True Mother's direction passed through the continental leaders, we started education for the forty- three couples, making an investment of devotion and being perseverant in prayer. We began the education by delivering truth through videos via WhatsApp conferences online and in person to each of the guests. When the Divine Principle education was over, we taught about True Parents' lives and work, how to live a life of faith (traditions, attending sermons and tithing), as well as the value of the Blessing.

We are now continuing the process of education teaching them one-on-one, sharing Hoon Dok Hae with them and reading True Parents' speeches. Every time I conduct one-on-one study of the Divine Principle with the spiritual children, I see the power of the words of the Divine Principle having an effect in the lives of the guests, and how powerful it is. At the same time, I feel that I am also receiving the same benefit.

Now my wife and I are providing continued care through phone calls, visits and through Home Group practice and Home Church sermons. In these activities, guests are loved and can experience an environment with other members. In Home Group meetings, we sing, pray, share the word and play together. This is like a spiritual embrace for everyone, and consequently the atmosphere and ambience becomes increasingly more heavenly.

With these meetings, transformation comes as each member reflects on his or her life, discovers what he or she needs to change, and sets weekly goals to change. With this, they feel that after encountering the Divine Principle and True Parents, transformation has come into their lives.

Go beyond teaching

I feel that the care after we share the Divine Principle is fundamental. Some precautions we should take in front of a guest are to be a model, an example to new guests. To teach the new guests through our own attitude and behavior. To always be careful when taking care of new spiritual children, because new members are sensitive, so we must educate by setting the example.

After we complete the Divine Principle study with the guests, we give them a certificate and they sign the membership form. This adds value and contributes greatly to their process of affirming themselves as members. Next, we provide education on how to conduct one's life of faith, through which we emphasize the importance of participating in worship services and tithing. Finally everyone is led to participate in the sermon and to tithe.

Another very powerful point was bringing them to participate in the local church social activities together. We took them to help in the collection of food and in the distribution of food baskets. Additionally, through participating in prayer campaigns and witnessing, they increase the will to do more and feel closer to us.

One more thing that has a great impact on the spiritual child is visiting them. During this period we meet with the spiritual children, and on these occasions we invest a lot in education, care and love for them. At that point, we are already encouraging them to witness to their own spiritual children. Today all our spiritual children appear grateful to have received our witnessing efforts and to have encountered the Divine Principle and True Parents. My wife and I now have forty-seven spiritual children and thirty-seven spiritual grandchildren. I feel grateful to Heavenly Parent and True Parents for the opportunity to be a part of this providential witnessing activity at this time.