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Growing up, I loved to read about the lives of the Catholic saints. Also, the psychic Jean Dixon particularly fascinated me. As a student at Georgetown University, I received revelations that God had a great mission for me. But I thought maybe I was crazy, so I told God that either He had to tell me what that mission was by my 21st birthday, or I would seek professional help. Several weeks before my birthday, I went to hear Jean Dixon speak. During her talk, I had several very intense spiritual experiences and immediately afterwards, I met my spiritual mother, Nora Martin Spurgin. While Philip Burley was teaching me the Ideal of Creation, I kept hearing spirits telling me, "This is the highest truth in the world!" When I heard the conclusion of the Divine Principle on my 21st birthday, it was clear to me what my mission was, and I joined the Unified Family the next day. That was in 1968.

One year later, Miss Young Oon Kim sent me as a pioneer to Baltimore, Maryland, where one of my spiritual children lived. After 40 days, another member joined me there, and soon I was able to witness to Henry Hurt, the president of Arthur Ford's group, Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship. He led 12 of his members to hear lectures. However, only he joined. Mrs. Shin Wook "Lady Doctor" Kim moved into the center, when I returned to Washington, D.C., and she nurtured Henry and other Christian leaders. After signing membership and receiving the Marriage Blessing, Henry continued as a trustee at his local Presbyterian church, enduring considerable persecution. In 1971 I returned to Washington, D.C. as director of HSA publications

and as editor of our church magazine, *New Age Frontiers*. For a time I also was the local center director.

At the end of 1972, when True Father mobilized members for the One-World Crusade, he appointed me Commander for Region 6, which covered Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington, and later as the Regional Leader.

Jean Dixon spoke at a banquet Father held at the Waldorf Astoria in New York. Afterwards, I went up to her, and she was quite surprised by the strong testimony that I gave to her about how she had been instrumental in getting me to become a follower of Reverend Moon, whom she herself had met in 1965.



Regis and Nancy Hanna in 1975

In 1975, after the 1800-couple Blessing where I was blessed with Nancy Callahan, Father appointed me as the first missionary to Ecuador. After seven months, I returned to the U.S. for health reasons. In 1980, I joined my wife in Chile and soon after, Father appointed me Regional Leader of Chile, Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay, and

Brazil. After attending 120-days training, we were asked to move to Mexico and become Regional Leader for Central America. When we left Chile, there were 12 members.

Shortly before our departure from Chile, my wife gave birth to twin girls. Our other five children were born during our 10 years in Mexico. When we left Mexico in 1992, there were 30 members in five cities.

In 1992 we began hometown providence in Bronxville, New York. In 1996, we volunteered for the National Messiah Mission, and through an amazing lottery miracle, we were given my wife's original mission country of Panama, and we moved there with our seven children in 1997.

In 2010 I became the first person to earn a doctorate degree from the Cheongshim Graduate School of Theology in Cheong Pyeong, Korea.

I have always had a deep love for Divine Principle. After hearing True Father say that if you read Divine Principle 200 times, you will change completely, I began keeping records and have read it cover to cover 150 times.