



Blessing in Birmingham

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Here is a brief report about a recent, surprising experience we had with the Blessing. We brought 14 guests to a 1-day UPF Seminar in London on May 7th, and one of our guests, Elizabeth, had a very deep, moving experience, hearing the Principles of Peace from Rev David Hanna for the first time. As a result, Patricia discussed with her the possibility of offering the Blessing to her friends and relatives at her 70th birthday celebration the following Saturday, May 14th. She said she was expecting up to 100 people to attend. We prepared Holy Nectar and cups, etc, and arrived at the Afro-Caribbean Community Centre early on the

evening of the 14th. There were very few people there, and it took about 2 hours for everyone to arrive! There was very loud music playing, so it was difficult to talk to people, and the whole situation was quite chaotic. Food was served and people started eating. We felt that it was not the right atmosphere to give the Blessing, and so put the Holy Nectar and cups away. Then Elizabeth came to our table and asked if we could offer the Blessing to everyone. We said to her that we didn't feel it was appropriate, but she insisted several times that we should go ahead! So we prepared all the cups of Holy Nectar, and then Elizabeth stopped the music and explained to everyone that she had asked us to come to give a special blessing. She asked David to

share briefly with everyone about inviting God's blessing in our personal lives, in our couple's relationship, and for us all to be a blessing to our families and friends.

When everyone drank the Holy Nectar together, the atmosphere in the room completely changed, becoming much clearer, much lighter, and Elizabeth proceeded to dance with some of her close friends, including Patricia. It was an amazing feeling, and we realised that all the people there would become part of Elizabeth's tribe. She is already taking care of them, but we can encourage her to help those who are more prepared to study our Principles of Peace and develop a deeper understanding of the meaning of the Blessing. .