

Cheon Shim Won Heavenly North America Weekly Updates (11.17)

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One year of Spiritual 40 Day Workshops

October 26, 2024 was the start of the 1st spiritual workshop in United States. Now, over a year later, the youth of America are receiving a spiritual revival in a new kind of way.

With the Mother's last gift to America, Cheonshim Won USA is a training ground to help trainees to hear Heaven's voice and to convey Heaven's Heart.



Minnesota Night Vigil (330th)



DMV Night Vigil (785th)



Queens Night Vigil (NYC) (160th)



Clifton Night Vigil (330th)

The many of the spiritual graduates felt called to continue to support their communities / support True Parents in whatever way they could.

70 Americans completed the first three spiritual workshops, with the support of 52 Korean Academy and 5 American Volunteers.

The bond of heart started in each of the spiritual workshop helps us to see and experience a new possibility of

what it means to be one with  
Heavenly Parent and True Parents,  
the deeper essence of Cheon Il Guk.



Chicago Night Vigil (500th)



Indianapolis Night Vigil (540th)



Bay Area Youth Evening Vigil (4th)



Belvedere Night Vigil (175th)



Los Angeles Night Vigil (49th)



Ohio Night Vigil (307th)



Dallas Night Vigil (95th)

Collecting Cheonshim Won Night Vigil Pictures!

**Cheonshim Won North America would love to collect vigil devotions from all communities! Please fill out the form with necessary information and a photo of your community by November 28!**

**Submit your photo here before November 28!**

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## Cheonshim Won Current Events

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4th Heavenly USA  
Spiritual 40-day Workshop



**We are on our 24th day of the 40 day. Our volunteers and trainees received more Divine Principle education by Dr. Andrew Compton, Chambumo Ron by Dr. Jin Chun Kim, Cheonshim Won Devotion by Rev. Juhwan Kim and Essence of Christianity by Rev. Resfred Arthur. The workshop also took a trip to the Hoover Dam, a place that Father visited fascinated by the ingenuity and how the country came together for the common good.**

With the 4th Spiritual 40-days more than half way through, volunteers and trainees are focusing on finishing the workshop well and making the most of this time.

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## Testimony from a young 1st Gen Trainee of the 4th Spiritual 40 day Workshop

Jonathan Davis



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To start this HJ testimony, I would first like to offer my gratitude to Heavenly Parent and True Parents for giving me this opportunity to share my testimony. My name is Jonathan Davis, though most people call me Jon because it's easier to say.

So, I'll start by giving a little bit of background. I was witnessed to about five and a half years ago by Hannah Arthur, and a year and a half later I joined GPA. I did four years of GPA and finished earlier this year in June. During my time on GPA, I had many crazy and intense experiences. I loved fundraising a lot — I had amazing experiences and deep realizations during my first year of fundraising. I became a fundraising captain in my second year, and a witnessing and fundraising captain in my third and fourth years, leading many teams during that time.

Altogether, I took care of around 41 people and had many deep experiences helping my younger brothers and sisters grow in their faith and have experiences with Heavenly Parent and True Parents.

For a little over a year, I had also been looking for someone to go to the Blessing with, and on July 13th, I was officially matched to a wonderful daughter of God named Reina Shimizu.

Part of the reason I stayed on GPA for so long was because my home environment isn't so great. Every time I went home from GPA during breaks, it was always really hard. My family doesn't live near any community. At the time, my grandmother, my mom, and my younger brother were all living in the same house. So when I returned, I would just sleep on the couch. I basically had no place to really call home because there was never any space for me.

The family dynamic is very distant, cold, and shut off from each other. It's basically each person getting triggered by unprocessed trauma and unintentionally taking it out on one another in a very passive-aggressive

During this time, I also moved to Dallas to be in a community because I knew it would be better for my spirit. I felt like my life was moving in the right direction, but something was missing. I was doing the "right things" — conditions, prayer vigil once a week, supporting the community in small ways— but I felt so empty and unfulfilled.

I remember asking myself one day if I felt fulfilled in life, and I said no. The hardest part was that I felt I had no purpose. I was just there because I felt like I had to be. I made excuses not to support the community the way they wanted — excuses like, "My car is broken, and I'm trying to figure that out," or "Reina is only free during the time of the prayer vigil, so I'll only go when she's busy."

It's not like I was doing bad things or distancing myself from the church, but I felt emotionally disconnected and empty. When I looked at myself, I felt good about some things, but one thing I really disliked was how negative I had become toward mission — and how that was affecting my relationship with my future spouse. Reina is so inspired and hard-working in public mission, and I love her so much. I know God brought us together for a reason, and I don't want to bring her down with my negativity. I don't want to live resentfully — I've already lived that way before joining the church, and I don't want to be that kind of person.

Coming to this workshop has been really great because I knew what I wanted and felt free to invest fully. I'd like to share one experience I had last week.

Last week, it was announced that there would be an ancestor liberation ceremony. Honestly, until February earlier this year, I didn't really care much about it. But after attending a Cheon Bo workshop and learning more about its importance, I felt it was something I needed to do.

That night, after applying, I couldn't stop crying during the prayer vigil. I was overwhelmed with gratitude. It was strange because I'm not the type to spend money easily, especially on something I

way.

For me, coming from GPA — which is a very spiritually high environment — it always felt like hell going back home, like stepping into a pit of darkness. I often had to practice my LOF habits in secret. I still did them, but it often felt very obligatory and without spirit. I had very little spirit until I returned to GPA.

The reason I decided to do a fourth year was because I felt God was telling me to. I actually prayed about it for months because I knew deep down I should do it — and I got constant answers through prayer telling me to. But I really didn't want to. In the end, I decided to do it, but it was very obligatory — my general attitude was, "Okay, fine, I'll do it." I wanted to make some kind of offering for TM for the 2025 CWG entrance ceremony, but it was very conditional. I did and said all the right things, but it was hard to connect heartistically. I felt like I had to do it.

So, by the end of my four years, I felt tired and burnt out. It actually left a pretty bitter taste in my mouth.

I didn't know what to do. I felt directionless. I thought that doing a workshop after GPA would be good for me, so I decided to go to the Pure Water Assembly. However, this workshop was extremely difficult for me. What I wanted was time to pray, reflect, and start to heal from my time on GPA — but I struggled a lot with the schedule and being around people all day.

While I was in Korea, I felt inspired to do the next workshop in Las Vegas. I felt that this workshop would be more in line with what I needed, so I decided to sign up for the 4th Spiritual Workshop in Las Vegas as soon as it was announced.

After coming back from Korea, that's when I really crashed in my LOF. Returning home to sleep on the couch in my mom's apartment felt depressing, and I fell into a deep sadness for a few weeks. I felt a lot of anger and resentment toward GPA — feelings of being used because I worked hard. I became negative toward anything related to public mission because I had

can't see or touch. But when I found out I could start, I didn't hesitate — even if it wasn't much, I could still begin.

When I was crying, I felt it wasn't just me — it was my ancestors celebrating that they were going to be free and liberated. Even though it wasn't many of them this time, I felt it gave them all hope. Since I decided to start, it means one day all of them will be liberated. I felt them rejoicing, knowing they would be freed from wherever they were trapped.

I may not have the best relationship with my family, but this felt like the least I could do — a responsibility I could take on and see through.

Through this experience and others here, I realized that I cannot move forward until I let go of the pain of the past. Through being here and praying, I've come to see that I have many walls inside myself. I make so **many excuses not to go to God**, so many excuses not to unite with True Mother. **I use my pain as a wall, as an excuse to shield myself from getting hurt — but it also blocks God.** It blocks Him from communicating directly with me. I use that pain to justify my actions, when in reality I'm pushing myself further away from who I'm meant to be.

If I can change this now, I can become more of the true person — the true son — God wants me to be, the person True Mother can be proud of. I also realize it's not just me — there are so many resentful spirits around me, in my family, and in my ancestors. But living in that pain hurts everyone — it hurts you, it hurts the people you love, and it definitely hurts God.

So I feel being here is such a blessing, because we can wash away the pain of the past, so that the past can be liberated, and God can also be liberated from His pain as the world and spirit world heal. I want to be part of that effort — cleansing the past. What I realize more than anything is that God just wants to connect with us. But we use so many excuses not to go to Him — I use so many excuses not to go to Him. I need to be desperate for God, but often I'm not. Every

been a missionary for four years and had seen some ugly truths about the movement. I felt a lot of unfairness, and it made me very resistant to anything related to public mission. I didn't know what I wanted at that point, but because my match is on UPA doing witnessing almost every day, it made our relationship harder. In my heart, I was angry and hurt, and it was difficult for us to connect deeply because I had built a wall in my heart blocking God from coming in.

day is a spiritual battle in one way or another, where I have to fight through the walls in my heart to reach Him.

There are days when I feel so negative, with so many dark thoughts in my head — that's when I push harder to break through that barrier. What I'm learning is that if I want to be free from the past and truly connect with God, I have to fight for it and never give up. While I'm here, I'll continue doing my best so I can be someone who doesn't lose this connection with God again.

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## Upcoming Events

Join the community in offering devotion, learning about spirit world, and creating an environment for Heaven to work!



Join us!



Join the English Workshop!



# Collecting Cheonshim Won Night Vigil Pictures!

Before November 28!

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\* Indicates required question

What is your name? \*

Your answer

What is your title? \*

Your answer

What community do you belong to? (official name) \*

Your answer

What number of vigil devotion is this? \*

Your answer

How many people attend on average? \*

(40 and under / over 40)

Your answer

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