## Rev. and Mrs. Reiner Vincenz Autobiography Fund

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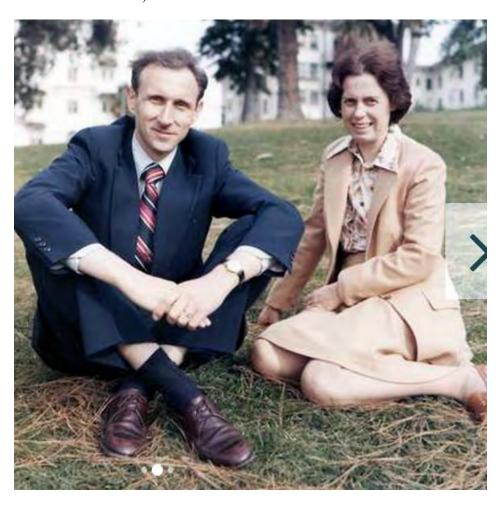


My parents are amazing people. Their life stories are incredible and need to be shared. Help support by sharing this campaign or donating to the Autobiography fund.

My parents, Reiner and Barbara Vincenz, are amazing people of faith.



I am moved by my dad's determination and my mom's selfless love every day. My dad was born in East Germany in 1939 and grew up under the rule of Russia. While he was trained to be a Communist soldier in the daytime, he would sneak off to a Lutheran church and lead youth group at night. At the age of 17, he escaped to West Germany. While working at a car company, his co-worker Peter Koch shared something with him that he had heard about in America. It turned out to be the teachings of the Divine Principle from Rev. Sun Myung Moon. My dad became the 1st member to join the Unification Church in Europe. (Ironically, my mom's brother is the one who witnessed to him).



My mom was born in West Germany in 1930. She spent her teenage years as a refugee walking west with her mom and baby sister to escape the endless bombings. She says that they survived because of the care packages including cigarettes from their American relatives. My mom would bring them to the ship and trade them to sailors for food. My parents were matched and blessed in marriage in 1969 by Rev. Moon. In 7 years, they ended up planting 7 Unification churches in France, 1 in Andora, 1 in Morocco, 1 in Monaco, and 1 in Lebanon. Together they traveled the world and led IOWC campaign teams. My dad's biggest and most proud moment was when Rev. Moon put him in charge of the Yoedo Rally in Korea. He had 18 days to put it together and 1.2 million people attended!

They have so many amazing stories of their own personal life from growing up during WWII, to travels in South America, North Korea, China etc..., to personal encounters with Rev. and Mrs. Moon. Their life stories and legacy need to be shared. For the last 4 years my dad has been suffering with Parkinson's Disease. The man who used to lead thousands, who loved to "make a long story short," and the father who told all my friends the same joke about "goosewine" has been humbled beyond belief. My father is wheelchair bound and struggles to speak and eat as his muscles weaken. He really wants to complete the book to honor the legacy of Rev. Sun Myung Moon and share about his calling. He is using his time now at the nursing home, to type stories on his lap top. My mom lives with us at home and loves to spend time playing with her granddaughter Mirelle. She visits my dad every day and is also suffering with early stages of Parkinsons and Alzheimers. We really want to focus on editing and publishing their book this summer. The whole family is on board and you can be a part of it too! So, we are raising funds to help pay for editors and publishing fees.

We just need supporters like you to make it happen. It would mean so much to my parents. It's their final mission.

Funds raised will go towards: Developmental Editing, Copyediting, Cover Design, Formatting for Print and Digital Conversion, Getting an ISBN, Distribution, Getting Reviews Pre-Publication, Marketing and PR

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