

The Return of Daniela to our church

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It was at Peter's 60th birthday, in February 2012, after seeing a power point presentation about her father's life and his investment for religious freedom and world peace, that our daughter Daniela wanted to say something. In front of 60 guests who were gathered she declared that she intended to come back to our church. Daniela said she now realized how much her father had been investing for world peace and that she was willing to support him from now on in this important mission. Hearing this, Peter was moved to tears since this was the most precious birthday gift he had ever received in all of his life.

Daniela leaving the church and coming back has been a process over 7 years.

When she was 14 years old Daniela gradually grew more and more distant from our church.

I could sense that she was not really happy. Daniela was confused like many teenagers about the meaning of "freedom". For us as parents it was most painful not to be able to reach her internally. We could feel this gap between her and us. That must have been the same as how God feels towards us, His children, when we go into the wrong direction despite the warnings.

Then one day she confessed to us. Even though we had known things were not right, learning all the details of her mistakes and her suffering made our hearts really heavy. On the other hand we were glad that everything came out and that we could understand more precisely what was going on. Especially our eldest son, Dominic somehow comforted her and expressed his hope for her. He prayed a lot for her and did many conditions, including filling out wish papers in Chung Pyung.

We are very grateful also to our brothers and sisters who have always prayed for our family.

Fortunately our daughter has been in good contact with other BCs who had not left the church. They gave her good guidance and strengthened her.

Besides a family constellation I did a very special condition: I visualized Daniela and myself just laughing together without any kind of barrier between us and completely unburdened. I tried to imagine this vision every day after prayer in the morning.

Peter also used her Korean name as a password for his numerous blogs and electronic devices. Each time he went online, he would be reminded of his suffering daughter and would offer a little prayer for her return.

Then one day Daniela and I went swimming together. Suddenly she started to talk and talk as if a magic invisible button had been pushed. It felt for me exactly the way I had envisioned the relationship with my daughter. From that time on she started to share her heart and to ask questions about the matching between my husband and me. This was also a good opportunity to give her internal guidance.

After making the decision to return she attended a blessing preparation workshop. During that time she did a 7 day fast, and made a complete confession to cleanse herself and to make a new start in her life. Daniela also planned to go to Chung Pyung.

Because of all these conditions, our daughter received amazing spiritual support: She finished her professional education as a nurse assistant with an "excellent", found a job for exactly 2 months to finance her flight to Korea and to pay the workshop fee.

In Chung Pyung Daniela had many realizations. She felt deeply sorry to God for her past and also

apologized to us with tears, asking us for forgiveness. We too expressed how much we had missed her the whole time we could not reach her heart, and were not able to share our thoughts and feelings.

Peter could meet her during her stay in Chung Pyung and they were able to share for more than five hours deeply about God's Providence, the Divine Principle and Peter's work as national leader. Daniela asked question after question and took many notes. Finally she offered to pray for his mission and his most important guests/supporters. For that purpose she wrote a 12 point prayer list with names and details. Peter was deeply moved by this and told her that he had been longing for such an open and honest sharing with his daughter for many years. She explained that it would have been impossible due to the spiritual walls and barriers which prevented us from communication. "Now all barriers are gone and I want to support you throughout my life as much as I can... !"

In total, Daniela spent three months in Chung Pyung. During that time she underwent a complete transformation. She wanted to prepare herself for Foundation Day by making a substantial contribution. For this purpose our daughter accompanied her father in visiting the different Austrian church communities, giving her testimony, talking to 2nd gens and their parents.

She feels very strongly about encouraging others who left the church to return.

She was asked to write her testimony. After publishing it, her story went around the world within weeks and was published by the European HQ, the FFWPU - USA and Japan. Even various Facebook sites put it up and she received many messages and letters. Even with all that exposure, Daniela is still unsatisfied and wants to reach even more people with her testimony. We just want to support her in her ministry as much as we can and hope and pray that she can make a difference.

Each person has his or her own life story. May Daniela's testimony inspire and motivate brothers and sisters who became distant to God and True Parents to find the courage for their return.

In case of any questions concerning our testimony please feel free to ask.

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