

FFWPU USA Newsletter for October 14, 2020 - Love Conquers All

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*Stay tuned to hear from Special Holy Blessing couples who shared their experience with us.*

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*Yun-A Johnson, Blessing and Family Ministry National Director*

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In Minneapolis, Blessing organizers decorated the church space to create a lovely atmosphere for two young couples. Thoughtful details like specially labeled water bottles and treats enhanced the one-of-a-kind experience.

Another couple in Dallas felt the love of their community, which honored them with a beautifully decorated two-tier cake as they celebrated the concurrent [Cheonbo Festival](#). And in the Northeast, which had eight couples, the ceremonies were also uniquely tailored in similar fashion.

"I think the Cheonbo ceremony happening just an hour before the Blessing created an incredible atmosphere and depth about what it means to be a Blessed couple," said Johnson. "The goal isn't just to receive the Blessing ourselves, but to share it. God's Blessing is meant to be given to the world."

The Marriage Blessing Ceremony, ordinarily held in person, has joined hundreds of thousands of couples from around the world in South Korea for more than 50 years. For the first time ever, the recent Special Blessing Ceremony was entirely virtual, and it was the second ceremony of 2020 as Dr. Moon aims to share God's love and grace with all of humanity.

*Stay tuned to hear from Special Holy Blessing couples who shared their experience with us. For more information on the Holy Marriage Blessing, [click here](#).*

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STEVE PIERCE

October 14, 2020 at 8:20 pm | #

well, now this slideshow just made me cry, seeing people so happy and making something so beautiful and elegant in spite of all the masks and shutdowns and distancing, love really does conquer all doesn't it? thanks for sharing this to all you photographers! and to all you Blessing event makers! and to all you happy couples!

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