

## True Mother's story: How Shin-chul nim moved my heart to tears

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I will briefly share with you a story True Mother told the top leaders on April 27, when she called us unexpectedly up to Cheon Jung Gung for tea. After the Korean War, in the early 1960s, everything they had was used for the mission. True Mother was then a beautiful young newlywed. Normally such a woman would have personal dreams and wishes, but she had no such things, because she was one hundred percent focused on God's will. As Hyo Jin nim grew up, he commented to True Mother on how beautiful she was, telling her that he was sorry she did not have beautiful clothes. At four years old, he promised her that when he grew up, he would buy her beautiful things.

As he grew up, he went through many difficulties, but every Holy Wedding anniversary, he would give his mother a ring or a necklace. He kept the promise that he had made at age four. True Mother said that he practiced what he had said. But eventually, True Mother gave even most of those gifts away, because she is constantly giving away her things.

On April 27, Shin-chul nim, together with UPA students, united in heart and together bought True Mother a diamond ring. True Mother said, "After receiving a diamond ring from my grandchildren, I cried with joy. I was moved to tears because Heaven remembers me and is always by my side. These children whom I invested so much into connected to my heart. . . . Honestly, when I look at the ring's design, it looks like a beautiful flower. It is their heart of love. Yesterday after receiving this token of love, I felt that I should not give this away, so I kept it. I put it on. I wanted to show it to you."

She was crying as she shared the story -- tears of joy. I have never seen True Mother express such emotions. Then she said, "The grandchildren gave me something that even you hadn't thought of. They are precious. Do you understand? You need to repent."

Why did we need to repent? In one sense she was boasting about her grandchildren having given her a ring, but on the other hand she was sharing with us a simple example of what is in the midst of her deep heart. Not only was what her grandchildren had done for her precious, but it also reminded her of Hyo Jin nim. Can you imagine what part of her heart that would touch? It touched her so deeply, that she called all the leaders for an unscheduled meeting. And her final sentence to us was "You need to repent." We had not been able to find that part of True Mother's heart.

### Discovering my mission area

When True Mother appointed my family to work in Asia, I had absolutely no idea why, or what I would do there. All I could do was pray and open my ears and eyes. I prayed, God, what is it you would have me do? What do our True Parents need from me there? After twenty-one days I experienced a shift.

I received a memo from our international headquarters asking me to report how many of True Mother's autobiographies we had distributed in my new region. Because of the language barriers, we had not been

able to distribute many. We have at least eighteen languages in Asia Pacific One, but we did not have a serious plan in place to translate her memoir. I believe one or two countries had started some work, but it was not a high priority. When I considered what Mother was asking, and what we were doing, I saw the gap.

During our first meetings to discuss translating the book, it emerged that without money and professional support it seemed too difficult. We had no money. Our region had become accustomed to being dependent on support. That is normal at the pioneering stage. Breaking free of that dependency is difficult; you can become stuck indefinitely in that state if you are not careful.

I was at home in the US State of New Jersey, crying when I considered how difficult it was for our members in parts of Asia. I had been serving as the president of the church in the US, and although America has donated some money overseas, I felt ashamed to learn that hundreds of members from Nepal had had to return to their homes when we lost the centers and many of them were out of reach without the Internet. After a year of COVID- 19 I was wondering how they were able to eat.



### **Setting priorities**

I prayed to God about what to do. I felt Heaven's voice telling me that the most important thing to do now for Asia is to connect each member to True Mother's love. Through that, Heaven guided me to do two practical things. To read True Mother's autobiography together, page by page so as to reflect much more deeply on True Mother's life and connect to her heart personally. Also, because we have been preparing this as a weekly regional message and needed to translate each message into several languages, through that we would be able to build up a volunteer translation team and gain momentum to eventually translate the whole book. We have been doing this since the beginning of November 2020.

Finally, in December, I set the goal to complete the translation in five languages by

True Parent's birthday, though we had no budget to support it. This forced a whole new way of thinking; volunteers popped up and labored incredibly hard. We made not only five, but we completed translations into seven languages. I was then in Korea ready to give them to True Mother personally.

### **Our HyoJeong Love Offering**

The second thing that Heaven guided me to do was regarding our attitude about finances. When my wife Yumiko and I prayed about this, I was guided to do the unexpected -- to ask every man, woman and child connected to the movement to donate something, especially those who had nothing and depended on support. This was not simple. I had no relationships with the leaders, and I could not just blurt it out. I had to learn more about each nation and work with the leaders. We also needed to lay a foundation of heart through reading True Mother's memoirs and offering conditions.

Eventually by December, I started to share more frankly what we needed to do. And, because of the fact that our precious leaders in Asia Pacific One completely united, miracles occurred. Our region's members are aware that from January 1 to 21, we were able to raise a substantial donation, as an HyoJeong Love Offering for the sake of projects in heavenly unified Korea from Heavenly Parent's Holy Community in Asia Pacific One. That was the actual title of the offering.

No one asked for this. This was our HyoJeong Offering seeking to find the place in our Mother's heart that was not easy to find. The money is only a means to convey the intentions of our hearts. Actually, the hyojeong heart of a child is priceless. And our members did it! It was incredible and an incredible miracle happened because of this.

### **Reporting to Mother in Korea**

Because of the unity of the leaders and the sacrificial hearts of the precious members, we were able to give this gift from our hearts without expectation of anything in return.

On April 26, Mother called up the leaders for tea. Mother shared some words at the beginning, reminding

us about how we as leaders need to change first. She reminded us that many leaders failed to understand who she was, but she expects us to be the new wine skins. We were listening to long reports from each of the leaders, who had not been able to see Mother in fourteen months. Finally, it was time to close, but True Mother called Dr. Yun over to her table and it appeared that she motioned him to ask for me to report, so Dr. Yun allowed two more reports ending with mine.

I shared that the thing that I am proudest of about True Father is that he found the only begotten daughter, married her and loved her, because no other man throughout history was able to do so. I mentioned that the reason we struggle with one another as children is because we've been in search of True Mother's love, which brings us together. It heals all matters and solves all issues. I mentioned I am so proud of our leaders and members who had volunteered to translate True Mother's memoirs in a short time into seven languages. I also asked, How can we possibly initiate any other providence without first deepening our relationship with True Mother more and more? How can we advance the providence until we have at least read her life story?

I was concerned about time, and I knew Mother would be tired. I didn't say anything about the HyoJeong Love Offering because that had already been reported by letter in January and that offering was completed. We were happy. We gave not for the purpose of receiving but we gave for the purpose of making True Mother happy and moving Heaven's heart. I only reported about the book translation because that was fresh news.



*Hyo Jin Moon, True Mothers' oldest son occupies a very special place in his mother's heart*

### **True Mother replies**

Despite it being late, True Mother did not let the meeting end there. As Dr. [Young Ho] Yoon came back up to the podium to close the meeting, True Mother said, "I want to speak to Demian directly." What follows is from my notes of the translation.

"From Asia you've been sending various reports, and I've read all the reports you sent. Until now Japan has helped Asia a lot financially, Japan, which has to fulfill its own providence. But even in the midst of this difficulty you invested everything you had and you helped Japan as well. Japan was able to fulfill its providential mission."

"Some leaders ask me for funds for activities, and Mother has helped. However, lastly... To you Demian, I'll give a special gift. As you tour Asia, to all of the Asian members... Many

members are in financial difficulties. Mother knows that many Asian members are struggling, but among these members many are investing themselves completely. There are many. I've heard of the tears of the members. Some members donated seventeen dollars, others seven dollars, and you collected all of that, and for the first time in the Asian region, you are the first regional president to offer such a donation to True Parents from the Asian region."

"This is something that never happened before; I was moved by that fact. I saw the dedication of the members. With regards to the reunification on the Korean Peninsula, all of Asia, the entire Asian continent must support the heavenly unified Korea providence. It is the era of the Pacific Rim civilization; it is the Pacific Rim civilization that will embrace the world."

"Therefore, the realm of Asia must be at the center, and Asia must come into Cheon Il Guk. To do so, I to you will give seventy special garments that True Parents have worn -- seventy garments that True Parents wore from winter to spring. Give these garments that True Parents wore to the members who have invested for the providence, those who are in need. Tell them to work for the restoration of the nation. The goal is national restoration. For any nation with the potential for national restoration, they should offer jeongseong and prayers.

"Looking at the report from Japan's subregion 4, through the grace of True Parents, someone who was about to die survived. Reviving Asia comes by supporting the providence of a heavenly unified Korea. So when you go, Mother will give you seventy sets of clothes; please give them to the members."

### **Universal encouragement**

Asia received an amazing blessing. Somehow, we found a way to offer hyojeong and move True Mother's

heart, which has clearly moved the heart of Heaven. This is not just for seventy people in our region. It is an incredible blessing for all our nations! No matter who receives these gifts, we all receive these gifts. This is an unprecedented blessing because our members moved Heaven's heart! In fact, I believe it is a blessing for all members around the world.

I believe that True Mother loves us all and especially she has been longing to bless members in this way, but was waiting for the right conditions. When the baby is hungry, the Mother's breast automatically fills with milk. Her body knows this without exception. But if the baby's mouth cannot find the breast, there is no milk given, and the mother feels pain, bursting with desire to feed her child.

Mother is setting us straight on our course. She is guiding us to be aware of the centrality of the role of Asia in support of a heavenly unified Korea at this time. She is giving us these precious gifts because she wants to stimulate us to fulfill national restoration, and she is not trying to just stimulate seventy of us, but all of us.