Interview of Young-hwan Gil: Moving Blessed Families to CheonBo Families

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Question: If we think about the 430 couples, many became closer to the church but did not actually join. How much more difficult is it to get the fortythree couples from among the 430 to become members of the church?

In Korea, I am making a model. Since it is so difficult, I am creating an organization, *Pyeonghwa Aewon*, which means "Peace-Loving People." We invite ambassadors for peace and UPF members that are not our church members to a Peace Festival. We then invite them to a Peace Service, and then we ask them to take part in our peace training, which is like a workshop. To a certain extent, it is easy. It is easy to meet them, easy to get to know them. If they actually join these three courses, it has been approved that they can become one's forty- three substantial families and be seen as real members.

Normally, we should take forty-three couples from the four hundred and thirty couples. That was the original rule, but some of them live far away or are involved in their own pastoral work in other places. n reality, it is not easy

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So, through this three-step process, we are creating families that are close to us, people who love peace; and then we guide them to become members. Later, we introduce them to the Blessing. Slowly, we want them to become CheonBo citizens. This is the path that has opened for these people. We are not just meeting people who've never had contact with us before; we are searching for them through the UPF network. It's easier for us; there is a greater possibility of success, because they are closer to us and know about us. Often, they are already prominent citizens of their village or area. In this way, members have a greater opportunity to do activities with them because they can more easily connect with each other.

Question: What sort of attitude or mindset do we need to succeed in this work?

We should have a mind, a heart, that is completely aligned with True Mother -- faith, too, aligned with True Mother. I often see that when we do not have confidence within ourselves, it becomes exceedingly difficult, but the moment we start following our True Mother's will, many miracles happen. This helps our members realize they have a lot of strength; they just need to follow True Mother. Then they start praying at the Cheonshimwon. In this way, the members themselves begin to open their hearts more.

Of course, there is often a negative or dark side that arises when people feel they are not able to do something. They feel it is difficult because they do not have money, or they do not know the right kind of people. They become increasingly depressed, because they feel unable to accomplish it. That group or category exists. Raising forty-three couples who will follow the church or follow the movement is important, but more important than that is becoming close to those people, loving them and taking care of them. That process is important. It is the road to becoming CheonBo people, heavenly CheonBo people with a good heart.

Normally, people that have accomplished the three blessings should become CheonBo members, right? I call a person who has already reached individual perfection, who has accomplished the three blessings, "a heavenly self," leading to a heavenly family and a heavenly tribe. In order to become a heavenly self, we first must have love within our hearts. It's important to achieve the forty-three couples, but it is more important for us to be in a CheonBo family ourselves -- to have achieved the three great blessings.

Of course it is important and we should want to liberate the people we bless as we work to reach those forty-three couples, which is why True Mother is helping us. We are going to create a book, "The Path of Becoming a Heavenly CheonBo People." That is also why we need education about the Cheonshimwon and education on the CheonBo course.

We want people that do the course sincerely and become CheonBo people. We do not want to just reach

numbers. We are not working to say X number of people came. This is the work of Heavenly Parent's Holy Community.

Question: Have you seen that kind of transformation in some of the members?

Of course! I feel it a lot. Many changes have occurred because they believe in the miracle of True Mother. They understand True Mother's heart. Many of the pastors testify that there are many people who are achieving the forty-three couples and among them many are poor, impoverished. They find a way, they get support. They receive help, and they move together to achieve the forty-three couples.

The changes in the members' hearts deeply move the pastors. That's why, when she speaks to the pastors, True Mother often says, "I trust you," and she tells them, "You are the stars." When the pastors report to her, Mother says, "The reports of the pastors are a festival of stars."

That True Mother trusts the pastors scares them. They become tense and they must find a way to make a change in themselves, too, for each to become a better person. True Mother is not shouting at them and putting them down; she is lifting them up and trusting them, so they change. Having changed, when they go back to the mission field, to their churches, the members see that type of pastor and also change.



Question: I understand that you have teaching material that you use. What are some of the main components?

Two things in CheonBo education make up the CheonBo Leadership School (CLS). Alternatively, we call it the Cyber Leadership School. We use Cyber Leadership School when the learning is done online. It's being made in Korean, Japanese and English. We meet once a month through Zoom, internationally, by region. Members study online and some people from overseas come here to gain some education. That's off-line education, but because of the Coronavirus, we aren't doing off-line education now. We are working through and supporting the Cyber Leadership School.

If you are asking what makes up the curriculum of the CheonBo Leadership School, I will tell you. There are three components: CheonBo Leadership School I, II and III. In CheonBo Leadership School I, we explain the basics -- the most important points to become a member. We teach them the Divine Principle in a basic way and True Parents' life courses. We let them know what Heavenly Parents' Holy Community means.

Of course, after they have received the basics, they want to become members and receive the Blessing. We deal with that in CLS II. At that level, we want to find three people and through those three, create a home group. Once the home group is created, we teach them how to multiply home groups. So they become twelve and then they become forty-three. That is the job of CLS II.

What is CLS III about? It's for making the transition from Blessed families to CheonBo families. They are already in Blessed families, and they have their trinity. They need to leave that level, too, using the leadership skills necessary to find 430 families and become CheonBo families.

The most beautiful leadership in the world is coaching. Coaching is not about putting yourself out there but finding a way for the object, the person you are talking to, to achieve what he or she wants to achieve. You coach them so that they succeed. It's not about forcing them or giving them orders but helping them grow.

Basically, just as True Parents have said in their speeches, it's about emptying yourself and doing everything for others, living for the sake of others. In the CheonBo Leadership School, we stress that type of leadership. We teach that type of leadership in CLS III. We teach the basics; we then teach them to become heavenly tribal messiahs and then to become CheonBo families. We have created a program with good content in order for them to be able to follow the course and succeed.

Every country is different. The coaching style we use in Korea does not work with Americans, for example. The Japanese style does not work here in Korea. What does that mean? We work to find good examples, good outcomes, in the local area. We study how different people succeeded in their localities. When I see that they need some help, we discuss ways that might help them succeed. I give them additional input to assist them.

I have helped a hundred and eighty pastors here in Korea to become successful. They write diaries. For the sake of coaching, I look through their diaries. I am helping them so that they can succeed one by one. I am now making case study books. After we see case studies from different countries -- Korea, Japan, America, we will also have developed a system for what works where and how.



Question: In your cyber school, do you teach from here or are others doing it in their own countries?

We have coordinators and translators and we do it from here. We just do the main course. We call it flip-learning style. It's not about the teacher becoming the subject. Basically, the student becomes the subject. Instead of me teaching something, I first give the students the material and a Zoom video in English. They study the material by themselves first.

Then in the main study session, after they have studied the material, we come back together on Zoom and we study together. I support them. I am not teaching them or telling them what to do. I cannot teach them because every country and every situation is different. I just show them the principle and I find out how they manage it, how they adapt it to their country.

In the main class, we basically have people asking questions. I ask them questions about what they have done, and they report, give their presentation, and then other people ask questions of them. And those people also report. So the people in the Zoom conference can all learn about it. I just coach them.