

## How I understood True Mother's sufferings and pain

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*Tomoe Hane and her husband*

During Sunday service at the Minami Family Church in Sapporo, Japan on March 19, the minister told us about True Mother's sufferings and pain.

Thinking about how she is taking the lead in loving others in spite of such difficulties, I could not stop my tears of gratitude and strongly hoped I could do something to make True Mother happy. This reminded me of Mrs. Abe (76), who had failed to attend the "Divine Principle Revival Festival" last January due to illness.

My husband (who passed away four years ago) had introduced her to the Unification Church ten years ago, but I have not been able to take enough care of her since the last Revival Festival because of my child's entrance exam and other issues.

I immediately wrote her a letter of apology for my long silence and informed her of the "Spring

Worship Revival Festival." It was right before the festival when I finally succeeded in contacting her. When I visited her, she said, "I'd love to go! I had another plan but I'll cancel it." Since we met again after a long time, we enjoyed our reunion with tears and laughter.

The Revival Festival moved Dr. Abe very moved by. After the festival, she said, "Today's chorus was the most beautiful chorus I've ever heard. I feel as though it has purified my heart. The speeches and dances were also wonderful. I had a great time. Please invite me again."

Furthermore, because she used to refer to True Mother as "Rev. Moon's wife," I was surprised to hear her use the term "True Mother." She said, "True Mother must feel lonely without True Father by her side," and praised True Mother for her teachings and her devotion to realizing a world of peace and happiness. I think Dr. Abe's original nature has been brightly polished.

In the train we took home after the festival, I was surprised to hear her say, "When I was reading the passage this morning, something told me that I'll be meeting a very important person for a reason. It was you."

Because Mrs. Abe and I are both widows, we came to understand each other more as we tearfully shared our stories of regrets on how we wanted to love our husband and children more and what we are grateful of.

Mrs. Abe told me that not only did she cancel her plan for the day, but also refrained from going outside on the day before in order to adjust her physical condition. I was moved by her devotion, and at the same time, I felt sorry for my lack of preparation.

Mrs. Abe has a pure beautiful heart that Heavenly Parent loves, and she acts based on consideration and kindness. I am grateful for being able to deepen my bond with Mrs. Abe centering on Heavenly Parents and True Parents and for being able to attend this wonderful Revival Festival where I could finally meet and embrace this sister that Heavenly Parent has waited for. I feel that my husband and the good spirits are helping me.