

Questions and prompts to help write down memories of the early church days

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As part of an ongoing project to help brothers and sisters to write down our memories of the early days, I've begun a list of questions and prompts. The idea is to pick a question and write whatever comes to mind. The list I'm including as a doc here is 4 pages long, and growing. Let me know any ideas you have for questions. We're collecting stories on our page, We Were There.

DESCRIBE (to someone who wasn't there)

Belvedere
your center
an MFT van
the New Yorker: lobby, grand ballroom, KoyaMart, offices, stairs, rooms
a workshop

MORNING SERVICE

at a center
on MFT
pioneering
Global Team
IOWC
Belvedere
at a workshop

When did you meet the church? How?

What was your best/worst fundraising day?

Did you ever get arrested?

What questions would people ask you when you were witnessing/fundraising?

Where were you matched? Blessed?

What was the matching room like? What could you see?

Did you have any spiritual experiences about your spouse before you met them?

What did you go through waiting for Father to call on you in the matching?

What were your first moments like with your spouse?

FOOD

What did you have for breakfast?

How did you eat? Sitting down, standing up, on the run, in the van?

What was the usual lunch?

What was the weirdest meal you ate on your mission?

What was it like eating in a restaurant when everyone knew you were a “Moonie”?

SLEEPING QUARTERS

(Don't hold back...I know some of this was crazy)

What was your room like?

How many people to a room?

On the road...where did you sleep?

How did you share the bathroom?

NEGATIVITY/PERSECUTION

What was your favorite “Oh my God!! You're a Moonie!!!” moment?

What was your most intense experience of opposition?

What was an experience of attack, then blessing?

MFT/FUNDRAISING

Describe the different products.

What was your favorite fundraising product?

Describe the daily schedule of a fundraising team

How was the van arranged?

What were the different jobs on the team?

How did your team do breakfast? What did you have?

What was your favorite fundraising area?

What was your favorite/weirdest fundraising line?

What was your best/craziest fundraising experience?

Did you have an experience that could only be explained by spirit world?

What lessons or skills did you learn through fundraising? How do you use them in your life now?

Explain the following terms:

ODU

Blitz

Internal/External goal

spiel/line

breakthrough

sleep spirit

spill spirit

mansei menswear

MFT captains: What did you do to stay awake when driving?

Give an example of an indemnity condition.

Give an example of an internal goal.

WORKSHOP

Describe hearing DP for the first time.

What was the workshop site like? What was the lecturer like?

What first hit you about DP?

What did you have a hard time accepting?

When did you decide to join? What made you decide?

Did you get 'sleep spirit'? Describe.

UNITY

Describe a Cain/Abel struggle you went through. What did it feel like when you struggled with them? What kind of thoughts did you have? When did it change?

FOREIGN MISSION

Were you sent to the USA?

Did you go to another country?

Describe your culture shock when you arrived in your new mission country.

How was the food?

What things shocked you? Did some things people did seem rude, compared to your country's customs?

How was your experience learning the language?

How did you get along with members from your new country?

BUSINESSES

Describe a church business you worked in.

What was the office like? Store? Warehouse?

How much did you know about the job when you started?

How was the work atmosphere different from other, non-church businesses?

MATCHING

Describe what the room was like. How many people were there?

What were you wearing?

What were you thinking about?

Did you have any dreams or visions or expectations about the matching? About who you would be matched to?

Describe your experience waiting: feelings, thoughts, expectations.

Did you experience a spiritual attack? Describe what it felt like, what thoughts, feelings etc. How did it end?

What happened before Father called on you?

How did Father put you together? Did he point, grab one of you, ask any questions? How did he look at

you?

What were your thoughts/impressions when you first met your spouse?

What was your first conversation? How did the discussion go?

Do you remember what you said? Do they remember the same thing?

What could you accept/not accept about them?

What could you accept or not accept about the Matching?

BLESSING

Describe the Blessing venue.

What did you do to prepare?

Where did you stay? What was the room like? Was it even a room?

What was it like meeting your spouse? How often did you communicate?

What is your strongest memory from the ceremony?

When did you see each other again after the Blessing?

FAMILY

Where did you start your family?

What were you doing? Did you have time off, or still worked on your mission?

What was married life like at first?

How did you balance family life and mission?

Describe adjustments/culture shock/clashes as you started to live together.

Did you have different expectations of each other? What were they?