

## Sarah Kambwala On the Purpose of Life and the Three Blessings

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Unificationists worldwide hope to establish a pattern of successful families, where our heavenly traditions will empower our children to lead fulfilling lives. First-generation members often gave up their dreams, went through a course of indemnity and sometimes could not taste real happiness. They tend to find satisfaction if at least their children can inherit this model, but live more happily and more victoriously.

Sarah Kambwala, twenty-three, is an elegant young woman from the Democratic Republic of Congo. She focused on church life and her studies until 2017. She has earned a degree in agronomy and created her own small business in farming. What other successes has she enjoyed?

"Frank and I understand the purpose of life, the three blessings," she said, looking lovingly at Frank Mbo Nzola Meso, twenty-nine. "After our parents met and agreed, reported to their respective pastors and finally to our national leader, we were officially engaged. The vertical tradition matters for us, and God's word is the center of our lives. After the official and vertical approval, this project became our project, which both of us have to make successful, through good and regular horizontal communication."

Frank puts his arm on her shoulder. "My elder brother is behind this. He told my parents that I should be blessed with Sarah. At first, my parents worried, since she is six years younger than I am, but we decided to try. After our matching, I wanted to see her often, but she was always busy. We would sit down to talk a bit, but she had to go, and I would walk with her to the university. She is not just a student. She has her business."

## **Building a personal foundation**

As a matter of fact, Sarah is growing amaranth and *ndembi* (chives). She also bought four pigs, thus creating a small business. When asked if he minded that his wife likes pigs, he replied, "I am proud of her, and I understand. My father was a farmer and at the age of ten or eleven, I was helping him. Sarah can have pigs, and yet be my lady."

Until the time of their matching, Frank and Sarah had of course thought about the blessing, but both were very involved with church activities and were motivated to succeed in their studies, in order to serve their nation. "I am an engineer in the field of electricity," said Frank. On paper, Congo has so much water; it could be a giant in producing electricity for all its citizens and for the agricultural sector. In practice, a person with many degrees, like me, has to fight to get a job. I was even planning to keep studying but maybe it was also time to meet my ideal bride."

When asked how she felt after officially being engaged to Frank, Sarah said, "I had to master my emotions. I felt joy, but did not want the feeling to take control. We have learned about mind-body unity, and even after meeting Frank and starting to communicate, I wanted to be in control. It is also because I had to complete my studies, look after my pigs and deal with many situations."

## **A more mature process**

Until now, the regional president had done all the matchings for those in our second generation. This is the first year in DR Congo in which parents matched their own children. "This had a healing effect on the community. Parents had to make effort to communicate more deeply with one another and with their children. In both our cases, we can talk quite freely with our parents, but for some families, it was more challenging. We need to develop good practices," Sarah said.

Finally, twenty matchings took place, and a few couples were able to travel to Korea to attend the main ceremony. "We have spent almost fifty days in Korea. We attended the Global Top Gun Youth workshop together and met our True Mother several times. We stayed until the 2017 Cosmic Blessing. We saw many things here. This is dreamlike. In Korea, we feel so much harmony and organization. They believe in people. We had to work very hard. They push you here much more than in Africa, because they want to bring out the best of you," said Frank.

"When asked about her wedding dress, Sarah smiled. "I found it on the internet, and my Mom liked it. I also showed it to my best friend, and she said it looks good. But of course, it was the best kept secret. Frank knew nothing, though he was so curious." "When I finally saw Sarah in her wedding dress..." Frank said, "Oh my God! What a pure vision of my wife! This happens only once in your life."