

Number of Witnessing Guests Increase with Active Utilization of LCD Tablets

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Church wives learning how to use tablets in a witnessing meeting

Rev. Bong-jun Choi, the minister of the Shibata Family Church is emphasizing LCD tablet witnessing, which the Japanese headquarters church is promoting. Therefore, the Shibata Family Church has set a goal to utilize more than a hundred tablets. We have distributed more than seventy tablets to wives who are highly motivated in witnessing and have held witnessing meetings every week to teach them how to use the tablets effectively. The wives are actively utilizing them to attract new members, engage families in shosha (transcription of passages or pages of our sacred texts) and in information sharing.

Last June, we declared Tuesday as the church's essential witnessing day. We marked the 54th essential witnessing day on July 26. We started this practice with thirty members and not many participated throughout the day. Now, though, the number of participants has increased. More than fifty members gather every Tuesday. Compared to when we first started, the members are more active and bring more results. Furthermore, the ten center leaders are standing firmly as objects of Rev. Choi's heart and are taking good care of the members of their center and area. As a result, the members have grown substantially. I believe this is one of the main factors contributing to our achievements.

On June 9, Ms. Ito (a housewife) decided to take one of our courses through the tablet witnessing. Ms. Ito was a steady customer of a hair salon run by her relative Ms. Abe, who happened to be our church member. Ms. Ito is a stout-hearted person and does not usually show her weaknesses to others. Nevertheless, one day, when she came in for a haircut, she started talking about her family situation to Ms. Abe. She confessed that her family members were verbally abusing her. She later explained that she did not intend to talk about it, but she somehow ended up talking because there was nobody else in the salon at that time.

Listening to Ms. Ito's story, Ms. Abe recalled what she learned in the witnessing meetings about effective tablet use. She also remembered what Rev. Choi had said: "You should be thoroughly familiar with what is on your tablet," and took action. While she cut Ms. Ito's hair, she had her watch a video by Rev. Isao Asakawa entitled "A Lecture on Use of Language." Ms. Ito said she was moved by the video because she could relate her situation to what was said in the lecture. She quickly decided to attend a church event for newcomers. After participating in the event, she decided to take a course on the Divine Principle and is now proceeding in her studies.

We can learn from this testimony that even if we are not confident enough to convey True Parents' teachings in our own words, we hope to advance toward victory in our Vision 2020 efforts through effective use of LCD tablets.