

## **Skipping away the pain - Fundraising victory**

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*Photo date and location unknown*

I overcame close to death experiences and injuries. I was young, in 1991, had recently joined our church.

I was with CARP in New York at the time, at a workshop. Dr. Seuk took us skiing for three days. It was a first time for me skiing, and I got injured. It was a good thing I was carrying the DP level 4 book, because I crashed and I hit a rock. The rock cut the book. But I was so shocked, got like trauma. But I kept on going. I was having a good time. It was very moving learning more about the Divine Principle and I enjoyed a great time together with the brothers and sisters there. I didn't know the extent of my injury. I just went on with the workshop activities ignoring the pain. It happened again at another skiing experience that I hurt myself, but overcame the pain, and my fear.

After the workshop we went fundraising. It was Sunday. It became obvious that I had a hairline fracture. I was feeling much more pain, and I couldn't walk to cross the street, in the middle of the street, I had to lift my feet. My central figure told me I had to go to the clinic. But I had to pick up everybody first. Stay here, he said, eat your donut, and read the newspaper. I stayed there, but didn't eat my donut, but I got to think, what if I skipped across the street. That would be like getting out of comfort zone. So I came out and fundraised. At that point, I had made no money because I was in such pain, but now I went back out, and started skipping and hopping. I made \$100 in 30 mins. Not only that but I had become so joyful because I was skipping, and the pain had completely disappeared. The hairline fracture was gone.