## Witnessing: Transcribing True Father's Words Moves My Guest's Heart

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For a few years I have prayed, "Let me love the person whom God wants me to love. Please tell me how I might make Heavenly Parent happy every time I go out witnessing."

One day, though, I heard an answer, "Please convey the beauty of the word." Until then, I was hesitant about joining a front-line witnessing team because I was working. Yet, realizing that success in witnessing is the greatest way to make Heavenly Parent happy, in April, I decided to join the front-line witnessing team.

Most members of the front-line team in the Fukuoka Family Church are devoted members who go out witnessing every day. I am the sole member who works outside the church. Although I can participate in witnessing activities only two or three times a week, the other members welcomed me, and I started out witnessing in joy and happiness.

Our witnessing activities focus on "shosha witnessing," where we have our guests transcribe a passage from *As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen*. When I first started witnessing on the team, failing to meet new guests, I would often complain to my center leader, "Nobody listens to True Father's teachings!" In response, the center leader scolded me, "What was your attitude toward Heavenly Parent?

What was your attitude toward the word? You should not judge others like that." On that point, I repented from my heart.

Since then, I offered sincerity by attending the morning Hoon Dok Hae sessions at the church and by doing Hoon Dok Hae of the Divine Principle. When I reaffirmed the beauty of the word, I met a man in his sixties, Dr. Oichi, whom True Parents' teachings deeply moved.

In April, the Fukuoka Region held the "Shosha Dedication Ceremony" with Rev. Isao Asakawa. From a week before the ceremony, the front-line team visited houses around the ceremony site. During that time, I met Mr. Oichi. He seemed deeply moved by the quotation "True love is a heart of giving that wants to give endlessly." He experienced shosha and decided to participate in the Dedication Ceremony personally.

On the day of the Dedication Ceremony, Rev. Asakawa's lecture deeply moved Mr. Oichi. During a meeting to interact with new guests, he said, "I will follow my wonderful mentors. Please provide me guidance." I was astonished because it had only been three days since we had met.

Three days later, Mr. Oichi participated in a lecture for new guests held at the shosha hall and immediately decided to take the course. Now, he has already attended six lectures and is keeping up with his learning.

From the depths of my heart, I was grateful and happy to see my guest learning True Father's teachings with elation through shosha. At the same time, I felt that Heavenly Parent must be rejoicing even more.

I have realized that if I have firm determination and make some sincere offering, Heavenly Parents will prepare things for me. I want to keep up my effort to make Heavenly Parent happy by retaining a beginner's mind with an obedient heart.