

Let Us Welcome New Members from Indiana and New York

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Today Lovin' Life Ministries welcomes Adam from Indiana, who encountered the church ten years ago and joined ten years later after experiencing Rev. In Jin Moon's Lovin' Life Ministries, and Jorge, a student of criminal justice in New York.

Each month 25-35 people join our church in America. As promised, Familyfed.org will introduce new members each week. The following testimonies introduce two more of the many who are joining our church across the United States. These people range in age from 15-52, and represent a diversity of races and backgrounds, but what they all felt was incredible love, acceptance, and the culture of heart that flows from True Parents to all people.

From these stories emerge important lessons: People are longing to meet True Parents and anyone, anywhere, can be successful in witnessing. Age doesn't matter; it's about heart and the willingness to put oneself out there so that our Heavenly Parent can work through a person. We also see the impact of our national broadcast. New members love In Jin Nim's sermons and the powerful music of Sonic Cult.

Adam (31), Indiana



I first met the Unification Church in 1999, when I was starting out in college. Japanese missionaries invited me to the church, where there were a lot of activities going on. I studied the Divine Principle directly and it resonated with me.

Then I transferred colleges, which took me to another town. I discontinued church activity but stayed friends with people in the church. Ten years later I reconnected with the church. During that interlude I married and divorced. Coming back to the church offered me an opportunity to rebuild my life.

I am here now because my first experience with the church planted in me a deep understanding of the purpose of life. The misfortune and pain that came subsequently via an unprincipled life made me see the contrast between the right and wrong ways. I am also here because of the vision of where Lovin' Life

Ministries is taking our church and movement into the next generation. I see the possibilities that are opening up. That brings me to participate.

In 1999 there was a different environment. I have witnessed a transition from an old-school to a new-school way. It's not a matter of right or wrong, but where Rev. In Jin Moon is going is more appropriate to where we, the church, and the world are at. She is asking us to contribute to the betterment of other people. I am proud to be an Unificationist.

Jorge (19), New York



Jorge is a full time student studying criminal justice, and working for the Mayor's office. He was introduced to the Church by Shunichi Takagi, the team leader of the Lovin' Life Witnessing team.

I've been a member for seven months now. Before Lovin' Life Ministries, I never had a place to dig deeply into God, go under the surface, and know what God wants us to know about Him. I was not raised in a religious family, but I knew a little about Jesus and God. I knew only basic things, like the fact that Jesus died on the cross and God created the world. I wanted to learn more and I started going to a church, but I didn't find the answers I was seeking.

I then met Shunichi, who very quickly became like a dad to me. I remember Shunichi was so patient with every word every time I saw him. It seemed as if he'd been waiting for me for so long. I realized he really wanted to show me the Divine Principle, which is something I have come to deeply love. When I'm studying at the Learning Center, I often feel, "Wow, I really wanted to hear that and this is what I've been waiting for." After each lecture I would have a whole page of questions. I remember Shunichi was so eager to teach me. I could truly sense from Shunichi, from the very beginning, a loving parent's heart. This is someone who only knew me for a few weeks but I felt as if he were loving me like his own son. Little by little he made me realize that I had a big mission in my life. No one had ever told me this before.

Shunichi introduced me to the Unification Church in the Manhattan Center, which was a really big church. Of course, it was good not only because it was big, but also because it was definitely a different experience for me. My other church from before wasn't so big. Shunichi told me that we actually have True Father's daughter given to us as our pastor. I said, "Wow, we're that close to True Parents!" Having the Messiah with us has to be the most beautiful thing we can have.

The more I read Father's autobiography, the more I see how much True Father knows, how much he

wants us to know, and how much he trains himself to learn about God. I have always prayed a lot and when I read True Father's book, I loved that he's always praying before he speaks, before he does this or does that. I also started finding out just how emotional and sensitive Father was during his services in the beginning of our movement. I have become very infused with the Divine Principle; it has become a huge part of my life.

What I've been doing lately is developing not only my knowledge, but also my heart. I've been doing a lot of witnessing, which is so great. I'm so happy that I can be someone to somebody.

I see a lot of hope in In Jin Nim; we see her during the service, and she just laughs and smiles. This is something I think is so important. The people at Lovin' Life are people who are happy and want to be happy. Just as it says in the beginning of the Principle, we are all seeking happiness. We are people who just want to help the world. What else could we ask for? This is what we all need and I am so grateful to have found it!