

Young Hwi Kim's Testimony about True Parents in Chicago

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Rev. Kim explains a page from speech given by Rev. Sun Myung Moon.

Following the successful visit by Rev. and Mrs. Kim to LA and San Francisco, Chicago was chosen as the third stop for the five city tour. On Wednesday evening, November 13, 2013, more than 300 people gathered in Elk Grove Village, IL at the Holiday Inn, to welcome Rev. Young Hwi Kim and his wife Mrs. Dae Wha Chung Kim, who were sent here on the direction of our True Mother as True Mother's representative.

Wednesday, being a mid-week day, created challenges for our members, but nevertheless, more than 12 states gathered - not only the Midwest states, but Texas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Utah and so on. The energy of the audience was great as we prepared for the program with holy songs and prayer.



Unificationists from Texas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Utah and the Midwestern states attended the event.

Our Dr. Ki Hoon Kim, Continental Director of North America, who resides here together with his wife, welcomed Rev. Young Hwi Kim to the stage after we viewed our True Mother's message video: "We are Happy People."

Many people were so impressed by Rev. Young Hwi Kim's clear explanation, delivered in fluent English, and there was also a Japanese translator assisting the program.

Each topic that Rev. Kim covered such as True Father's life course, the Providence in the Spirit World, and Age of Woman being led by our True Mother was a great benefit to our members. Rev. Kim spoke about True Parents' for more than one and a half hours enabling us to deepen our faith and understanding. His delivery of the message was filled with passion and conviction. He never even touched the water glass next to the podium while he was speaking. Many people were amazed to discover that he is 85 years old.

The following are reflections from participants:

"I was especially inspired about the liberation of the spirits in spiritual world. It reminded me of the vast scope of the mission of True Parents. I like the emphasis that Father left this world with complete victory. It is easy to reflect on our shortcomings, but this felt like a shot in the arm."

Jim Anderson, Wisconsin



Dr. Bishop Ki Hoon Kim, who resides in Chicago with his wife, introduced Rev. Young Hwi Kim at the third-stop of the five-city speaking tour on Wednesday November 13, 2013.

“So much hope and inspiration came while Rev. Kim was sharing the message that True Mother entrusted him to share with us. We need to educate ourselves anew and thereby rediscover the value of all that we have been given.”

Patricia Fliginger, WFWP Midwest Chairperson, Chicago,

“In tonight’s speech, I loved the explanation that Rev. Young Hwi Kim gave about how True Father encountered the important events in his life, and why he did so.”

Iris Wojtowicz, 13-years-old

“What a wonderful night to spend with a Blessed Couple who have loved each other and devoted more than 50 years to serving God and True Parents. The most impressive thing to me was to see this elder couple who have continued to serve and attend True Parents though all of their days: They chose to follow True Parents.”

Doug Corrigan, Wisconsin



Rev Kim and his wife, Dae Wha Chung Kim, spent time with families in Chicago on Thursday, and shared their personal testimonies.

Chicago Received an Extra Blessing on Thursday

On Thursday, the next evening in Chicago, Rev. and Mrs. Young Hwi Kim gave the Chicago community another chance to spend special time together with them.

Rev. and Mrs. Kim joined a community fellowship meeting held at Allen and Ritsuko Davidson's family home, together with 50 local members, sharing their personal testimonies and valuable advice to the members intimately.

Rev. Kim testified about early church life in Korea with True Father and Mother and explained how many spiritual phenomena influenced them all. He also pointed out that understanding the Divine Principle correctly is very important to develop and sustain our religious motivation. Mrs. Kim also shared, in fluent Japanese, her life experiences of exemplary service to True Parents.

Beginning with her experience of offering to serve in the kitchen of the old headquarters church cooking for True Parents in 1960's. She was blessed to have such a precious role in caring for them as well as her own family. Because of that experience, which even to this day, she continues to practice by calling (even during this tour) the current kitchen staff of True Parents to make sure they are serving True Parents correctly and sincerely. Mrs. Kim also shared about how much True Father poured his heart out in the 1950's to take care of members individually and how the members felt loved and did not want to leave the church even after midnight. Those of us who attended this evening meeting were incredibly blessed with their sharing and were able to personally thank Rev. and Mrs. Kim directly on behalf of their

families and all our members.



Rev. and Mrs. Kim visited Rev. Reiner (second from left) and Mrs. Barbara Vincenz (far left), respected elder couple of the Unification movement. Rev. Vincenz and Rev. Kim worked together in Korea during the Yeoido Rally in 1976.

Prior to this evening meeting, Rev. and Mrs. Kim visited Rev. Reiner and Mrs. Barbara Vincenz, respected elder couple of the Unification movement. They worked together in Korea during the Yeoido Rally in 1976 (Rev. Young Hwi Kim was then president of the Korean church) and other times in Europe when Rev. Vincenz was a leader in Germany.

It was a truly Blessing and a great revival for our family members to receive. We are so grateful to True Mother for sending such a wonderful elder couple to our city. We are truly strengthened and inspired for the journey ahead.