

## ***Wonkil Son [Chang], Korea, 1969***



My name is Wonkil Son. I was born June 2, 1947 in Seoul. I am the second eldest of eight children. My father was born on January 5, 1920, a day before Father was born. I had lost my mother to the war. When I heard the Divine Principle in 1969, the lecturer told me that he had never met a person who understood Divine Principle so well, so quickly, and, without much help, understood exactly who Father was. My father had always liked the Moon clan. I told the lecturer in 1969 that I had lost my father seven years ago and had decided that Father Moon would be my new Father. I have trusted everything Father has said since. I had been in the church only 16 months before attending the matching in 1970.

On the third day of third session of the matching, a handsome man with curly hair, white skin and a kind face came carrying a trumpet case. His name was Choong Keun Chang. His sister, Choong Duk, asked me if I was interested in her brother, but I said “no.” That midnight, my future father-in-law showed up. When I looked up at his face, I suddenly saw my own late father’s face, and I knew my father in spirit world was giving me a sign. Mr. Chang said he could see that spiritually his son and I were symbolically the same. He predicted that I would marry his son and immigrate to another country. When he left, I spoke with Choong Keun for the first time, and I was surprised to find the tone of his voice made me feel like I was reunited with a dear friend. He didn’t ask me any questions; all he said was, “If Father says we can be matched, then please say yes.”

I fell asleep while Father was matching. At some point, Father was bent over watching me and laughing as I slept. He must have waited a

long time for me to wake, because everyone was laughing. I looked up in surprise and he whispered to me, "You have someone you like, don't you?" I started to respond, but he cut me off and said, "Don't think about it, just say it!" and I said, "How about number 169?" Father stood up and yelled out the number and Choong Keun stood up. Father said, "Oh, it's you! Did you finish the army?" He said "yes," and Father asked, "How old are you?" and he responded, "I am 30 years old." Then Father said, "This woman likes you. Go into the other room and talk." This was very special. Father had taken the time to single us out. When we entered the small room, Choong Keun leaned up against the wall and closed his eyes. I kicked him and said, "So, are we going to do this, or not?" At which he responded quickly, "Of course, of course! See this? I've been writing your name on my hand for five days now and praying we would get matched." I thought that was so funny. If you left the room laughing, then everyone knew the match was accepted.

Father called our couple over and addressed my husband: "Are you going to do church work or not?" He responded yes. Then he said to me, "You must create a model family." We were the last couple to be matched that session. Father prayed and held an engagement ceremony. He asked Choong Keun to play the trumpet. He played "The Garden of Eden" so beautifully. It took my breath away. I felt so proud.

We received an award in 1996 for completing our 21-year mission in Canada, at which time Father called the first Cheong Pyeong workshop for the 36 couples. We were asked to attend. We then began our now 15-year mission as National Messiahs to Democratic Republic of Congo. I am very proud that we are Korean pioneer Unification Church members in Canada. We have one son, five daughters and six grandchildren; three of our children are in an international/interracial marriage. I can say my life has been a success, and it is all thanks to God and True Parents.