

## *Changje Kim, Daejeon, Korea, 1955*



I joined the church on January 4, 1955 at the Daejeon Church. I received the 72-Couple Blessing.

When I joined, the Daejeon Church had grown to the point of having more than 60 members from Chungnam University. However, due to various reasons, scarcely 10 members remained later. In a situation where there was no church pastor, Sectional Prayer Meeting Leader Mr. Yuseop Lee and Student Leader Changje Kim went to Seoul (on July 3, 1956) and made an earnest request to Teacher (what we called Father at the time) to send us a leader. Teacher told us to “go back to Daejeon, bring our minds and hearts together, and pray for now.”

According to his words, four people in Daejeon Church — Yuseop Lee, Changje Kim, Seonyeol Yu, and Munja Kang — joined their hearts and minds and prayed on July 4, 1956. During these prayers, Seonyeol Yu met Father in substance and Munja Kang met Mother in spirit. We received revelations that Teacher would become Father and that Mother would be determined through the Marriage of the Lamb.

There were many spiritual experiences at the time but they can be summarized as follows. Korea, as the fatherland of the Truth, will become the Parent’s Nation. Teacher had near-death experiences for 12 years, while he tried to discover Satan’s secrets, made Satan surrender, and requested God’s approval many tens of times but was rejected. Finally, Teacher said that he would take that content and go to Hell and made a final request. At that time, God said, “Your words are right. You are the first in history to discover the Fall (Principle).”

When Teacher came to Daejeon, we reported these things to him

and he made a very meaningful comment, “Now I can feel relieved about the Providence.” Later, the total mobilization order for summer witnessing came, so I went pioneer witnessing in Gongju, established a church, and offered a 21-day fast. For this, I received an award from Teacher at Teacher’s Holy Wedding.

In 1981, based on Father’s direction, Changje Kim and Yongsu Seol were assigned to give speeches to Korean-Americans on the East Coast of America, and Yongseok Choi and Intae Hwang were assigned to do the same on the West Coast. After the speaking tour, Yongseok Choi and the others returned to Korea while only I remained in America to work as a pastor in charge of a region.

When Father was in prison in Danbury, Connecticut, we held religious assemblies across America. At the time, I was working together with Sheri Reuter, Michael Jenkins, and Reiner Vincenz in Chicago. They played an excellent role as leaders, helping and loving each other while working hard. In the Chicago region, we talked to Christians in various positions, including seminary professors, clergy, church elders and evangelists. More than 700 people attended a Divine Principle workshop in a hotel. In the morning, they studied the first half of the Divine Principle and in the afternoon, there was a religious assembly. In the evening, we taught the second half of the Divine Principle until 9 p.m.

When our supervisor received this activity report, he gave us \$10,000, saying that we had held a high-level seminar. When Father received this report, he gave us the blessing of calling the Chicago Church five times from Danbury. However, because it was during the tour, there were two times that we could not receive his phone call. I received the blessing of riding in the car with True Mother to Danbury to meet Father. Later, Father told me to get a green card and gave me a monetary award.

Father told me to go and work in Japan, so I worked as a regional leader in the east provinces of Japan (Gunma, Tochigi, Nagano,

Niigata, and Yamanashi). I taught Japanese members to become people of faith in their daily lives and gave them the guidance that parents can only go to Heaven when their children follow God's Will. In the East Region, we sold 700,000,000 yen worth of ginseng, paying off our debt and completing our region's responsibility.

In 1996, I was appointed National Messiah to Indonesia. I joined the Japanese National Messiah, the local Ocean Church leader, the Indonesian leader, Mr. Tagol and several Japanese women missionaries in building a health center at a location where five villages in Sumatra, Indonesia come together. From this center, we delivered medicine and medical supplies and dug about 10 water wells to serve the public welfare. The Ocean Church Leader and Mr. Tagol witnessed to the Muslim leader Abdurrahman Wahid, widely known as "Gus Dur," but stronger education was needed, so he was invited to come to New York City, where he was educated by Mr. Taj Hamad (who is from Sudan). In New York he stayed for more than a month hearing lectures. He and his wife drank the Holy Wine and attended the Washington, D.C., Blessing. Later, he became the president of Indonesia and attended Father's 80th birthday celebration while he was in office, thus returning glory to True Parents and bringing the miracle of doors opening to various activities at the United Nations.

The reasons I joined the Unification Church are: First, I came from Manju after Korea was liberated, so it was moving for me to hear that Korea would not only prosper but become a central nation of the world. Second: Not only was I moved and touched by the Divine Principle, but one of my ancestors came to me in my dream and asked me to follow Teacher Moon as my father and my teacher, to not lose my footing no matter what, and to stay alive until the end. In this way, the spirit world has been active at important times in my life.

While doing church work, I did not receive economic support from my family. Also, there was a lot of persecution from society, but these difficulties did not faze me. That is because my conviction and

my creed were firm. I dealt with every work or activity on a case-by-case basis, step by step. That is because when a purpose is fulfilled by fair means or foul, if Satan accuses in the end, then everything will go down the drain and it will affect the descendants born through the true lineage.