

Moon Kil Chae, Korea, 1963



I was born in Saeto, Wangneung-2-ri, Ga-eunmyeon, Mungyeong-gun, Gyeongsangbukdo on the 27th day of the 2nd month of 1952. I joined the church around July 20, 1963 when Mr. Dohui Lee (430 couples) came to my home at the above address during a 40-day summer witnessing period while he was a bachelor and had not yet gone to the army.

He gathered people every evening, gave them God's Word, held discussions, and asserted that the Kingdom of Heaven would be established within the next 10 years. At that time, I was 12 years old and in the fifth grade. When I got back from school, he called me to his room and spoke to me about God's dual characteristics, and the returning resurrection of spirits while writing many things on paper. He also taught me Holy Songs, such as the "Song of the Garden." He also took me to a Holy Ground that he had established and prayed, saying that it was the land that God loved the most in that area.

In March 1965, when I went into the first grade of middle school, my family moved to Dan-yanggun in Chungcheongbukdo. My life of faith started there. In 1965, when there was a movement to increase church membership by four times, to 300,000 people, I lived at the church and recommended that my friends join the church. Many joined. And during summer vacation that year, I went out on a 40-day summer enlightenment witnessing and went out to fundraise in Yeongju, Andong, and Yeongcheon.

I met True Father for the first time in September 1966. He had turned 47 years old that year. He was accompanied by Mrs Won Pok Choi, and the number of members in Dan-yang Church was around

10. There was only one Seong Hwa student (middle or high school student) – me. True Father smiled when he saw me sitting in the very front, rubbed my front forehead a lot, and showed gestures.

I went to Sangju High School in Sangjugun, Gyeongsangbukdo. An uncle on my mother's side worked as a permanent member of the school's foundation board, and since our family was poor, he paid all the tuition fees and living expenses. However, my uncle was very opposed to my being a member of the Unification Church. While in the second semester of my second year in high school, my uncle told me that he could not help me anymore if I remained in the Unification Church and that I had to choose between the church and school. Naturally, I chose the church. My uncle stripped off my clothes and beat my whole body violently with a fly swatter. I gave up on my studies and went to the Danyang Church to work for a year as a salesperson of Ye-wha Gun Co., selling buckshot air rifles. Later, my uncle called me again, so I could continue my studies and graduate from high school.

While I was a Seong Hwa student, I read the *Way of God's Will* and always kissed the picture of True Father on the front page where he is wearing a *durumagi*. When I would pray alone or meditate, instead of calling out, "True Parents," when I called "Father" and "Mother" separately, they both felt closer to me, and it felt as though they were embracing me as their son.

After graduating from high school, I entered and completed my studies at the new Unification Theological College. When the Ilhwa medicine manufacturing building was built in Sutaekri at the end of 1973, all the theology students were enrolled there.

One Saturday afternoon, Hyo Jin Nim, Heung Jin Nim and some second-generation children came and played. At the time, Hyo Jin Nim was around the age of a sixth-grader. I had the impression that True Children were like True Parents themselves. I wanted to go close to them, so I made time and greeted them and helped them in their

play. Hyo Jin-Nim enjoyed making balls of mud and throwing them at trees. So I made many such “bullets” for him.

However, he kept calling me “Uncle!” which felt like the wrong relationship in my heart. Because I was full of the consciousness that I was also True Parents’ child, I did not like to be called, “Uncle.” So, I asked Hyo Jin-Nim to call me his younger brother. He smiled and nodded. He asked me my name. I told him it was Moon Gil, and he said that my name wasn’t good, so he would make me a new one. After thinking for some time, he gave me the name, “Suyong.” He then asked me what my last name was. I told him that it was “Moon” since I was his younger brother. He said, “I see.”

When Heung Jin Nim found out about this, he introduced me to the other 2nd generation who were with them as Hyo Jin Hyung’s younger brother, and we all played together enjoyably. From that time, I lived with the name “Suyong Moon” in my heart and was full of the consciousness that my name was entered into True Parents’ proper four-position foundation (family registry) as the youngest child.

From that time, when I thought of True Parents’ family in my own mind, I thought, centering on God, “Dad, Mom, Ye Jin-nuna, Hyo Jin-hyung, In Jin-nuna, Heungjin-hyung, Unjin-nuna, Hyun Jin-hyung, Kook Jin-hyung...” That is what I called them in my mind.

True Children were born in the proper four-position foundation of True Father and True Mother’s love centering on God, but we were also spiritually reborn and resurrected within that four-position foundation. That is the awareness with which I received the 1800 Couple Blessing on February 8, 1975 and strived forward in my life of faith for 47 years.