

God's Hope for America Bus Tour - Day 16 – Rain Won't Stop Our Parade

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Tour participants awoke in the morning hoping to find clear sunny skies, but were greeted instead with more gigantic layers of cloud formations that signaled another day of pouring rain. Sure enough, on their way to the Holy Ground and Sunday Service event in Miami, the rain came down on them. It may have dampened their spirits as they were hoping to have another go at the beach in Miami, but it didn't stop them from singing joyfully on the ride over and hearing from more of the passengers on the bus.

Rev. Denise Freeman, pastor of a non-denominational church from Georgia, invited everyone to pray with her with an intentional heart and mind to start the day properly with our Heavenly Parent. They also heard from Rev. Steen Miles who shared her testimony of how, as a TV anchorwoman and journalist, she first heard about True Father and the "Moonies," and she saw how badly he was treated. After retiring from journalism, she entered the political arena and went to Korea to attend one of the conferences held by Unificationists; it was here she saw people of many backgrounds, faiths and nations all in one place. Having grown up surrounded by people of many ethnic backgrounds, this group setting felt familiar; it felt like home, and she knew she found the truth about True Father and his vision for love and true families.

With that testimony fresh in mind, the tour group arrived at the Miami Holy Ground and Sunday Service event, still pouring rain outside. While a group was huddled in the pavilion, everyone else on the bus waited for the rain to stop long enough to get out. The rain was welcome as it felt it was washing the grounds before the event began. A welcome was given by Father Eduardo de Zayas. He praised True Father and spoke of how he went a dark and lonely path leaving a legacy that we should follow. Then the Family Church of Southern Florida led by Richard Curry, local co-pastor with his wife, Mari Curry, led some rousing songs. One brother from Tampa who just joined the bus supported on the trombone. Richard and Mari then held Sunday Service. They are one of the youngest Unificationist pastors and are Unificationist-born. They have served this area together for almost two years.

Our Heavenly Parent must really feel joyful at seeing such a grand offering for this Holy Ground Pilgrimage Tour through Florida!

Miami, Florida Photo Gallery on Facebook

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