

The path of a parent and of a Heavenly Tribal Messiah in Taiwan

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A Heavenly Tribal Messiah Blessing in 2016 for by the Lee Ker Shung and Sui Chin Wu family

I joined the church on June 1, 1974, when I was a sophomore at Taiwan University, majoring in mathematics. I have followed True Parents and been on the path of faith for more than forty years, but I clearly remember this date because it was the day I was reborn through Heavenly Parent and True Parents with a life full of blessings.

I grew up in a Christian family. Every time I faced difficulties in my life of faith, my ancestors helped me; they would appear in my dreams and encourage me to stay in the church. God's ideal of creation attracted me. I believed that God has guided history throughout the course of restoration, and I simply believed that the heavenly kingdom would be built within three years. A month after I joined the church, I did forty days of pioneer witnessing with another brother. Six months later, I took time off from school and became a full-time member to raise funds and to witness. The foundation of heart I learned during this period has become a great motivation for me to carry on my life of faith with the firm belief that I can fulfill my providential missions. After three years of military service, I went back to school and continued my college studies. I became a CARP leader before graduating. Then I worked as a church leader, pioneering churches in the cities of Tainan and Kaohsiung.

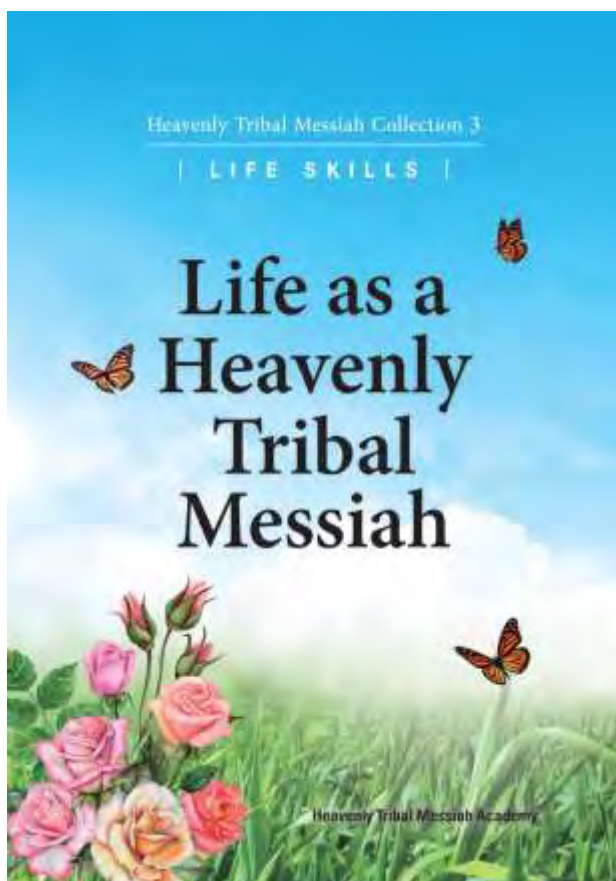
My wife is Chin Wu Sui (Soo Gyeong-oh in Korean). She was born in North Chungcheong Province, Korea, in 1953. In 1972, she began her university studies in Taiwan and joined the church on April 17, 1974. We were matched in 1978 and blessed in 1982, in the six thousand couple blessing. We have two daughters. After the heavenly tribal messiah blessing by the Lee Ker Shung and Sui Chin Wu family (2016) I became Taiwan's national leader. Later I was the regional president of the Greater China Region, which I am now the regional vice president of. True Father mentioned that if there were twelve heavenly tribal messiahs in a nation, that nation would be changed and restored. These words inspired me. I wanted to restore Taiwan as God's nation, so I gave much thought to the issues I must overcome to fulfill this mission. I was determined that the way to give back the great love and blessing given to me by Heavenly Parent and True Parents was to return happiness and glory to them by fulfilling my mission as a heavenly tribal messiah.

Hardships led to blessings

When my wife was doing pioneer witnessing in the city of Kaohsiung, the government banned our church and prohibited us from practicing any religious activities. Not only was it difficult for us to go out witnessing, but the existence of our church itself was in crisis. We were in a situation in which the police could question or arrested us anytime, anywhere. However, my wife did not give up; she carried on with witnessing. One day, she entered a store while fundraising on the street. A young girl was looking after the store; this was unusual for her, because she was not a full-time employee and she rarely looked after

the store. Only by chance, she was in the store that day. My wife asked her to buy some of the pens she was selling. The girl had no reason to buy pens because they sold many pens in the store. My wife said, "If you cannot buy them, please come with me to study the Divine Principle." Later, my wife told me that even she did not know why she had said that. She felt that maybe the spirit world was urging her to. The girl came to study the Divine Principle regularly, but her parents were irate and often blocked her from coming to the church.

They were strongly against Protestants and Catholics. When she finished the Divine Principle study course, we encouraged her to quit her job and become a full-time member. At first, she hesitated; she worried that her father would cause trouble or he might become so angry that he could even die of high-blood pressure. We told her that God would bless and protect him if she truly focused on God's providence. In the end, her angry father did everything to break off her relationship with the church, but she made up her mind and became a full-time member. She believed that God would protect her father and family. I realized some things through this event. First, although witnessing may not be easy, around the corner are people whom God has prepared and hidden for you to find. Second, Heaven can work when the Jeong Seong offered by the witnessing person matches the situation of the person being witnessed to.



Find ways to meet righteous people

I joined a reading club in my village. When I had a chance to lead the group's activities, I suggested we read True Father's autobiography. At first, people were puzzled as to why I suggested this book, but after I introduced True Father's life course and we read the whole book, three people joined the church. I started giving those three people Divine Principle lectures after they signed the membership application. I hope to raise them to be regular members and sub-leaders of our home group activities.

In this way, I looked for things to do within my community, and these led to successful witnessing. Lately, we have focused on carrying out the Blessing Ceremony through the local communities called "li." On average, two thousand families live in one li. Each li has its own community center where people meet. I have been thinking for a long time that it would be great if we could gather people and hold Blessing Ceremonies at these centers. I started offering Jeong Seong to put this idea into practice. Through the people I met there, I began to organize and teach seminars on the blessing. When I introduced and explained the

meaning and value of the blessing, all the participants without exception reacted positively to our slogan, "Let's become true families!"

To educate and guide our guests through the subsequent stages -- the Blessing Ceremony, the indemnity stick rite, the forty-day separation period and the three-day ceremony -- it was necessary for us to organize our home groups and staff. Therefore, we established the following guidelines: 1. Cooperate with the li leaders to hold the Blessing Ceremony. 2. Create regular study courses for the blessing participants. 3. Guide them to accomplish the three-day ceremony. 4. Set up a home group meeting in each li community and hold ongoing seminars to educate guests. 5. Set up a leader in each home group to take care of the blessed couples.

I still am trying to organize my 430 families so that I can guide them effectively as their heavenly tribal messiah. Most of them live in different cities in seven districts. Forty of them have become blessed couples and attend the church as devout members. The rest of the families are those who need more Divine Principle education to become regular members.

In the beginning, I tried to teach all of them on my own, but it was difficult because there were too many of them. For me to meet each of them to teach them was hard; actually, there are so many that it was impossible to meet them all, even if I invested myself 24/7 to doing only that. Therefore, I decided to select seven couples among my spiritual children who have leadership skills and fundamental faith, who live in the seven cities where the families in my tribe are living. I trained them to become home group leaders, so they could play an intermediary role in developing my tribe.

First, I appointed one of them as my successor, to help take care of the forty blessed families who are

already church members. I then chose two of my spiritual children among those families to help me take care of the families in my tribe who were not members yet. One of them is Rev. Yang Chang Shin, who takes care of 193 blessed families in the Y-lan area. He has a background in ministry, and we cooperate with each other in developing and managing educational programs. The other one is Rev. Min Tai-si. He gives lectures to the blessed families in Y-lan County once or twice a month. I am planning to manage my heavenly tribal messiah activities in the following manner:

Two other leaders and I set up successors, working with seven more leaders who will directly manage my spiritual children, and at the next level outward, will work with local blessed families of my heavenly tribe.

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I always face financial issues as I carry out my heavenly tribal messiah activities. I have to provide and manage all the expenses on my own. We usually hold gatherings, study-meetings and services in my home. We also have a tradition of a participating family bringing one or two dishes to share with others. Of course, moving around to hold all these home group gatherings is not easy, but I cannot let small difficulties block my work. I strongly believe that Heavenly Parent, True Parents and good spirits are always helping me solve all my problems. Moreover, my irreplaceable, beloved spiritual children constantly give me the energy to move forward.

These days I ask myself, What does it mean to be a parent? I've learned that to understand and practice Heavenly Parent's love by creating a harmony of unconditional love toward my children in the Cain realm, just as I love my physical children, is a valuable path. I hope to set up an effective system to educate and organize all my tribe's families and help them fulfill their own mission as heavenly tribal messiahs through blessing 430 couples.