

Celebration of Life three nights of song, dance, inspiration and two-day workshop

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I was so fortunate to spend five days with some of the most delightful and loving people I have ever met - the Celebration of Life cast and staff. The three nights of song, dance, and inspiration, followed by a two-day workshop gave me a fresh perspective on life.

Words and pictures cannot convey the entirety of such an experience, but since this is my medium of communication, I must try to convey as much of this to you as I can.

Col. Bo Hi Pak, who is the principal evangelist in this, the first program of the Sun Myung Moon Christian Crusade, had longed for fifteen years to launch a program such as this. Now that his dream is becoming a reality, he is one of the happiest men alive. He puts his entire heart into his messages each of the three nights.

Mostly I think of the Crusade as an astounding miracle. The eighteen young women of the Korean Folk Ballet in three months' time put together a program of very intricate and exhausting Korean dances. Nine of the eighteen had never danced before. Yet their strong determination and vision accomplished a miracle.

The New Hope Singers International had two weeks to put together the vocal music for the three evening programs. This in itself may not seem too difficult, but during that time, Randy Rimmel wrote the music they sang, Linda Rimmel found or ordered all the costumes, and the singers themselves went out each day raising the funds for their expenses.

People who were total strangers to them a week before opened up their doors to the singers and arranged to get them the supplies they needed at great price reductions.

Each member of the cast and staff can tell many more stories of how God worked to make such a program as the Celebration of Life possible. Equipment and publications were miraculously obtained and produced.

But the greatest miracle is the renewal in spirit and the change in people's hearts when they experience God through the Celebration of Life.