

Even in Baltimore witnessing is not easy for anyone

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The Baltimore Family Church has come to the end of our first three days of outreach as part of the District's 21-day outreach initiative. I know the past few days have been a profound experience for many of us, a time where we could get back to our roots and meet God.

Outreach is not easy for anyone. As I stood on the streets of Baltimore, I forgot what it was like to face rejection. I had forgotten what it was like to face my fears and I had forgotten what it was like to face myself. When I saw brothers and sisters in the same situation including very new members of our community reaching out to people, I was able to make that first step forward. In that moment, I could experience the heart and love of our Heavenly Parent through the people who were with me and the people I met.

As we sat down with the people we met, we heard many stories of hope like the young man who understood love for the first time when his daughter was born recently. He is trying to do the best he can for his child and wants to understand how to be a "real or true parent." He has come daily since first meeting us. In addition, a couple we met came looking for a "home church." There are many who want to find God or a community of believers. We also heard heartbreaking stories. Can you imagine the heart of God when a 21 year old is asked his hopes and dreams and he shared that his hope is to live until he is 25? Three of his friends died in violence in the past few months and he was losing hope that he can make it to 25.

Everyone has a need to find hope, a need to understand how to handle suffering, how to protect their family and how to raise their children. These are all issues we have an answer for, and our message is clear, practical, loving and timeless. It is our responsibility to reach out to share this message and let people know our True Parents are here.

During the few days of our witnessing condition, we invited many to our witnessing café. Forty of them heard an introduction to Divine Principle and our movement. Since then, some have come to our center. Some shared in our Sunday Fellowship. Some joined our one-day Divine Principle workshop. Many continue to visit.

This experience allowed us to step in to the shoes of our True Parents and become to others what our True Parents are to us. Our experience was so profound we will continue this outreach weekly. The Baltimore families are grateful to the many brothers and sisters who came from around the district to support and help us. If you would like to share this experience with us, please call or come. We will take good care of you.

Peace and Blessings.

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