

## General Sunday Service

### Searching for the Heart of the Messiah

Chamarande training centre, 17. November 2013

On Sunday November 17th we invited as special guest speaker Mr Shoichi KIMURA, from Germany, to present the new French version of his book "The Tears of Jesus".



We started the service by presenting the two new Korean CIG Missionaries, Hyangsin LEE and Sohyun LEE, who just arrived from Dong Changwon Church In Gyoungnam Region, last Tuesday.



Then our brother Jean-Pierre LE GUILLY gave a testimony on what he felt while translating "The Tears of Jesus" in French.



And Shawna KEMPF read part of True Father's Words on "Let Us Become the Brides Who Reclaim What Was Lost to Jesus", October 4, 1957 and we listened a Christian song on Gethsemane.



Mr KIMURA then gave a deep explanation on his motivation for writing such novel, why True Father gave his signature on this book and True Father's deep love toward Jesus and Christianity.

It was more than thirty years ago when he first began to have an internal motive that

later inspired him to start writing the novel, "Tears of Jesus". It originated from the first impression he had when he came to know the Divine Principle, particularly the lecture about the Messiah and what he felt when he saw an advertisement True Father had placed in major world newspapers, offering a prize for the winner of a novel contest. He saw the advertisement in one of the main newspapers in Japan. It was entitled: An international novel contest with \$100,000 prize for the winner, Topic: "Was the Passion of Jesus Christ the Will of God or was it caused by human failure?" Even after the entry deadline, the winner of the prize was never presented. There may have been some who entered the

contest, but there were none that met the standard True Father desired.

In his heart Mr KIMURA always remembered the announcement of the contest, and the sorrowful heart of True Father, who so much wanted the world to know the true meaning of Jesus' cross, and he had a strong desire to write about it himself.

Having a Catholic background, he devote his life to restoring Christians, because he deeply felt True Father's desire to let the world know the true meaning of Jesus' cross.

However, in order to truly fulfill the mission to restore Christians and to write a novel that could testify to the true meaning of Jesus' cross, he had to study Christian theology, this is why he studied Protestant theology for four years, Catholic theology for six years and Unification theology for three years.

As the campaign to abolish the cross from Christian churches was being formulated, especially in America, he began to feel that it was necessary to theologically explain why we need to take down the cross. Finally, in December 2008 he could offer the book 'Tears of Jesus' to True Parents. This book is now translated in several languages.

After the service, Mr KIMURA could autograph many books. We feel it can be a good way to bring our Christian contacts to reflect about Jesus, particularly because several parts of the book are deeply connected with French Christianity.

To conclude, several Japanese members offered a song: *Juji ka yori sukebi kikoyu* <http://youtu.be/vD2uZlvct2w>.

After lunch, several brothers and sisters stayed for an inspiring questions and answers session. On Monday, we went to offer the book to an Ambassador for Peace. On Tuesday, we organized a meeting with Japanese sisters and missionaries.

One sister wrote after this meeting:

"The meeting with Mr Kimura this afternoon, we had a lot of internal guidance to be the real missionary. French catholic missionaries came to Japan with faith, gave their lives and love in the past history. So now we really need to give back to this nation with the heart of gratitude. Also he spoke about the Holy Spirit, how to understand True Mother as substantial Holy Spirit.

Other many points, it was precious guidance that we can develop our heart and mobilize spiritual world to unite with True Parents. Thanks a lot!"