

Recipe for Success: team effort and absolute obedience

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Coming to Las Vegas for the second time in itself is God's grace for me. I was here in April and stayed a month for the book distribution and the May 21 event. When I came home to Chicago, my UPS boss just took me back in without question and that was unusual for any employer. To expect him to give me time off again was asking for possible termination.



I called Happy Health clinic for something else that day, and somehow got Rev Ikeno on the phone. He asked me when I was coming back to Las Vegas and explained the three conditions, one of which was the 120,000. The next day, I told my family I was going to Las Vegas and booked my flight on a cheap Spiritair.com ticket. (highly recommended to be part of their \$9 club, where you can fly one way to Vegas on as low as \$84.00). I also want to add here, a big thank you to Hyung Jin Nim, for his sermon on the 'Meaning of Marriage' that Shahram posted in the ShiningCityKingdom website. My husband allowed me to come because of that. Grateful as always to my family for allowing me this time away to participate in the last push for the goal.

As for UPS, to make a long story short, my boss simply allowed me to move my September vacation time to June and all he said was, "see you next week." Miracle number 2.

So here I am again, back in Las Vegas. At Leonard Lane where all the volunteers stay, I found myself in the company of these heavenly Japanese missionaries. They were handing out the autobiography books by the hundreds per day! So grateful to feel their heart for True Parents! We would have hoon dok hae in English and no one from their team read, but when it came time for prayer, they were almost always crying their hearts out. I really bow down to my Japanese elders because despite all the suffering and the tsunami and the kidnappings of members in Japan, when True Father calls, they are the first to respond.

They are truly the mother country and I deeply respect their faith and obedience.

I somehow gravitated towards this team of brothers: Shahram and Mark. Having a vehicle is a plus, and Mark Spowage was so generous with his service and gas money. We did gas stations and 7-11 corners. The first day, we went to the prison in Indian Springs. Mainly because one of my guests from the last time that I came, was in jail. We met his father and he filled us in

on son's whereabouts. And we thought that it might be possible to distribute books in prison. Wrong. It's like the paranoia at the airport. you could not even complete the application inside their building. But at least it was an effort to reach out to that one soul. Father said that one person is worth the whole world. And that's how I see the people in Las Vegas. Even the most destitute of them. In every human being is the Divine Spirit, whether or not they know it. And like the song says, "I will live to carry your compassion, to love a world that's broken, To be your hands and feet. And I will give with the life that I've been given, And go beyond religion, To see the world be changed ...by the power of Your Name."

We are God's hands and feet and voice in a world that's tired and dried up for lack of connection to the Source of Life.

The next few days, we were at a swap meet and then in front of Spanish grocery stores and gave books away to mostly folks from Latin speaking countries, Mexico and South America. We have heard good responses and many people would encourage their companions to take the book.

My most productive day was when it was 110 degrees outside in front of Marianna's at Sahara and Valley View. Despite the unpleasant smells and the scorching heat, almost everyone that got out of the shopping market took one. I would say, "This book is free but its not cheap. Here's the name of the one who paid it for you. It's a true account of A very wise man who lived his whole life for peace. Despite being imprisoned 6 times in different countries, he continues to live his life loving all people, specially those who are more like enemies than friends. Read it and glean something and if you use his ideas, you can help lead this world towards true peace inside and outside."

Many people would nod and grab the book. A few would be apathetic or negative, but we just kept going, sometimes til past midnight. It is July 4 now as I write this report and I should go to the fireworks to give out more books. Just to make sure.

Dearest Most Beloved Abbonim, Omonim,

Thank you for who you are and for what you sacrificed for this world.

It is our desire to vindicate your name and to protect the realm of Heavenly Heart you have opened for all mankind.

Respectfully,

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