

Two-Day Spanish Seminar in Minneapolis

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Nancy Makowski, originally from Ecuador, served as the lecturer at the Minneapolis Family Church's Two-Day Spanish Divine Principle Seminar.

In Minneapolis, passionate Unificationists invited about 30 Spanish-speaking guests to a two-day Spanish seminar at the Minneapolis Family Church on August 31 and September 1, 2013. Nancy Makowski served as the lecturer.



Passionate Minneapolis Unificationists invited 30 Spanish-speaking guests. Here some of the guests listen to a PowerPoint lecture.

This was the fourth time I came to make “an offering” and to help my community. There is one Spanish brother, Enrique Nuñez, a French sister, Flor Mathison and the Japanese sisters who have a passion for witnessing. As a result every year there is a Spanish Divine Principle Seminar to which they bring their Spanish-speaking guests.

This time, we had 15 guests on Saturday and 12 on Sunday.



Guests enjoy lunch during a break at the Divine Principle Spanish-speaking Seminar.

Last year's seminar was very special, because as soon as I finished teaching True Father's Life Course, someone texted me saying that True Father had ascended to spirit world. I felt Him so close to my heart, and I hurt so much that I could not contain my tears in front of the guests. Another sister had the same reaction, so they had to take the guests to another room. Next thing I knew, there was a reporter from the

local Channel 5 news station who came to the church to interview Rev. Carl Swearson. During the break, I requested that the reporter not to publish negative articles about Father, to just let him go in peace, he saw me sobbing and asked why I felt Father's passing was so painful. He wanted to do it on camera. It was a great opportunity to witness about our love and respect for True Father so I agreed. Afterwards, all the members went to Holy Ground to give our prayers. More than ever, I felt True Father accepted my offering and asked to keep doing it, not because someone asks, but because we want to do it out of our love for Him.

That's why, when I was asked to come again to give the two-day seminar, I felt this had become a tradition.



Nancy Makowski, seated third from right, took a group photo with the seminar for Spanish-speaking participants.

I believe the reason why these seminars are successful is because there is an incredible unity among the members. Raymond Hoffman came to help us in the morning, even though he worked all night, and several other brothers and sisters also gave their very best to help us by attending the lectures even though they did not speak Spanish. At the end of the seminar, Mrs. Yokoi talked to all the guests and invited them to sign membership. All of the guests signed up. This was no surprise to me, because Spanish people are very religious. They love God and Jesus. Even though they might have problems with Father's negative reputation, still, they have a deep love for God.

This was the case with three of the guests who had heard a lot of negativity about Father and were reluctant to keep listening. I kept reiterating to them to go home, to pray and ask Jesus about this new revelation because Father received it from Jesus. They were from Ecuador which is where I was born also. Their sincere attitude really moved me. I also found out there was a doctor in the audience who was asking deep questions but was skeptical at the same time. He stayed till the very end of the workshop even though he had to catch a plane to Mexico.

I want to take this opportunity to thank God, True Parents and the Minneapolis church for allowing me to make this offering. Every time I have to teach Divine Principle, persecution begins from family and from everywhere to try to stop me. I even got sick this time. However, once I made the determination to go, God is there helping, healing, loving and giving me the confidence I need to keep going. God Bless.