

## FFWPU President's Corner: 3 Years: A Letter to Our Members from Rev. Dunkley

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I remember it clearly. Three years ago, I walked into the Cheon Shim Won in Korea to pray about my new mission, right after being asked by True Mother to return to America.

The hall was empty. There must have been only one or two members sitting off to the side. I was able to offer a bow directly in front of True Parents' picture. As soon as my knees landed on the floor, an image appeared before me. I saw a pregnant mother holding her womb. Inside her

was a beautiful, unborn child. It was still alive, but the umbilical cord between them was in poor condition. Disconnected, and blocking the mother's nourishment from reaching the child.

I sensed the meaning, but before I even had the chance to ask God what I should do, I heard a clear answer in my heart: *"Bring the members to the Cheon Shim Won, allow them to be reborn through True Mother's words and their prayers."*

Before leaving Korea, True Mother invited a few of us on a trip to Busan for her first official speech after the CWG Dedication ceremony. On the drive down I told Dr. Song what God revealed to me. During our final lunch with True Mother he mentioned it to her. She responded, "There are many respected elder members in America. That is why I am sending Demian. To give new hope."

This month marks three years since Yumiko and I returned to the United States following True Mother's personal request. As I sat on the plane to New York, all I could think about was going to Las Vegas, and gathering our leaders to pray and to listen to True Mother's deepest expressions of heart and providence.

Because of this, I actually hesitated to attend my own inauguration in Manhattan. I didn't want to give the wrong impression. I didn't want members to think that the same Demian they knew from before was returning home. I didn't want to give the impression of things being the same. True Mother wanted something completely new. That is why I said during my inaugural address:

"This is not a new chapter. I can testify this is not a new chapter. This is a new book, a new era, a new history, and you will be shocked, you will be amazed at what Heaven has to reveal to you."

I didn't know what would happen, but I knew Heavenly Parent was guiding us. I felt everything that was to follow, was rooted in that initial prayer in Korea.

I told the members that day:

"I'm not even going to listen to my own ideas until we go this week to Las Vegas to pray in the Cheon Shim Won together with our leaders... Centering on the Cheon Shim Won in America we will decide and we will lead and we will capture the spirit and then everything else will come from that."

And before closing, I made one final appeal:

"Together as one, let us totally hold on to True Mother's guidance. I'm looking forward to meeting with you, praying together with you, and listening to what Heaven is revealing through you in the Cheon Shim Won in Las Vegas."

That is exactly what we did. I gathered Rev. Naokimi Ushiroda, Dr. Achille Acolatse, Rev. Kazuo Takami, Rev. John Jackson, and Rev. Kevin and Mrs. Masako Thompson, and we traveled to Las Vegas, where Dr. Ki Hoon Kim and local members had already been offering prayers. What

followed was three days of prayer, reflection, repentance, and sincere conversation before Heaven.



I remember the third day most clearly. We stood together on top of Mount Charleston. It was windy and cold. I had shared everything I felt True Mother had asked me to share. Finally, I asked the leaders what they felt we should do next.

It was Rev. Kevin Thompson who spoke first.

"We should repent."

That was the heart I was hoping for. And we all felt it.

We ended the day at the lodge over a hot cup of cocoa by a large window with mountain views. It was then that I read them my longest reflection letter to True Mother.

And the Cheon Shim Won Rebirth workshop was born.



You may wonder why I concluded the workshop with my own reflection letter? Because it tried to answer some of the questions that were in our hearts. I wasn't planning on sharing the letter with them, because I didn't want to put my ideas in their minds. Only True Mother's words.

However, on the way to the lodge I received a text from Dr. Song who had just finished a meeting with True Mother in Korea. Apparently True Mother had just given him and some other leaders a copy of my reflection letter in Korean. Here are a few of her words from that meeting:

"I heard Demian Dunkley's long reflection...he's truly someone who understands the providence deeply.

In fulfilling his responsibilities of the elder son nation, I'm sure he'll meet young leaders and guide them well on the essence of the providence. Korea must know [about the essence of the providence]. While reading those words a number of times, study them. [Demian's letter].

The essence of the Creator and Principle of Creation must now be revealed.

All religions must know about the Creator. They need to know why the Creator has no choice but to lead the providence of restoration.

There is no completion with just [current religious] teachings. They need to know about the Creator correctly. They need to know exactly what His dream is. We must teach the theory of creation and True Parents' ideology well.

You understand Cheon Shim Won, right?

The Era of Cheon Il Guk must change.

We cannot go on with the theories from the age of wilderness.

I said to write missionary journals.

After hearing Demian Dunkley's report, I felt that it should be kept on record. When he was working in Asia-Pacific 1, he also recorded what happened when he met members while touring, and the Bible was written by the apostles. It became a witnessing journal.

What is important is how we educate the people of the world to become one with True Parents through love, following the command of True Parents.

Demian may be young, but he understands the providence to a degree that would make elders feel embarrassed."

It was those words that gave me the courage and blessing to share my own deeper reflections with the leaders.

I have very fond memories of those early days in the Cheon Shim Won, gathering leaders and members for months. And then touring around the country to meet with those who wished to hear. This was our internal offering to reconnect ourselves more deeply to True Mother. To be reborn through her love. And together with Dr. Ki Hoon Kim and all leaders were able to expand the Cheon Shim Won prayer halls across the country in a short time.

From there everyone worked so hard to bring a great offering from America for the sake of the Entrance Ceremony of the Cheon Wong Gung.

So many members prayed, offered conditions, volunteered, and sacrificed far beyond what anyone could reasonably expect. Moments like that remind me that the strength of our movement has never come from programs or institutions. It comes from the hearts of people who genuinely love God, True Parents, and one another.

To every pastor, district leader, ministry leader, volunteer, blessed family, and member who has carried responsibility during these years: thank you. Much of what you have done will never appear in a report, but Heaven knows the investment that was made. I certainly do not take it for granted.

The last year in particular has not been easy. We are all perplexed at the nature of our challenges in Korea and Japan, with True Mother caught in the eye of the storm. Yet it strengthens my resolve. I know that we in North America must be strong. Stand tall. Reach the higher ground of our own hearts and be the higher ground as a movement and nation.

True Mother is praying for that. Trusting us that we will accomplish that, and not be discouraged by the challenges that will pass.

Truly, I am filled with hope. A rising generation of bright young pastors is stepping forward. Our youth ministries and missionary efforts carry renewed energy. New foundations like the property in Spiceland, Indiana, are preparing the next chapter of our movement. Every one of these victories stands on the foundation laid by True Parents and secured through our unity with True Mother — prepared through prayer, built through investment, and offered quietly by families day after day, often without recognition.

In a few days, I will return to Las Vegas to gather with our leaders once again. We will offer prayers of gratitude for all that Heaven has claimed over these three years, reflect honestly on the burdens that remain, and pray for wisdom for the road ahead.

I would like to ask each of you to join us in heart. Wherever you are now, please offer a prayer of gratitude for your family, your community, and for North America. And please pray for the wellbeing and release of True Mother and for the people of Korea.



My hope remains what it was three years ago: that we step into the era of grace and blessing that Heavenly Parent has prepared through True Parents' victory, that we build families and

communities we would be proud to invite our friends into, and proud to invite True Parents into. If we can keep doing that, Heaven will work through North America in ways greater than we can presently imagine.

Three years ago, Heaven showed me a child whose connection to its mother had weakened. Today, because so many of you answered the call to pray, to repent, and to reconnect, I believe that connection is stronger than it has been in years. For that, I offer my deepest gratitude to Heavenly Parent, True Parents, and to all of you.

Yumiko and I remain deeply grateful to walk this path together with you.

With love and gratitude,

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**Continental Director, FFWPU North America**

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