

On, July 20, when True Father went Prison, I was in room in #1 C. Brion St., San Pablo City, The Philippines

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In a small city in Southeast Asia in The Philippines, some young pioneering missionaries learned to grow and stand by themselves in carrying out the mission to fulfill God and True Parents' dream while True Father was in prison.

We have just settled down in our new rented room in #1 C. Brion St. San Pablo City when we got the news from our National Headquarter that True Father went to Danbury Prison. We were shocked, we gathered together, we looked at each other's face with no words coming out. And suddenly, we noticed some tears started flowing from our eyes.

Together we dropped down on our knees in one corner of the room where we used to pray with True Parents' picture placed over a small table. Some sisters started screaming. I gazed at the only

brother with me in that pioneering mission. And to understand what he feels, I held his hand... and he held mine, too! ...so tightly! And it was only then we both realized that True Father will be gone, and he will be in prison.

We have no choice but to remain strong as we have many young members to take care. We needed to become more responsible in our mission while Father is in prison. God's providence must go on. So, we continue with the schedule of activities we have already set up for the month and fulfill them in the given timetable.

While doing mission outside, it's hard to find strength just like we have been used to, knowing that Father is just around us, but now Father is in prison. Some younger members would come home from their mission and share their feelings.... feelings of difficulties whenever they face and encounter persecutions from people who knows only the negative side about Father's imprisonment.

Inspire of that we remained steadfast and learned to be strong in handling the given situations. And in turn, Father would sometimes let us feel his presence in some difficult times. Some members would meet Father in their dreams. Yes, Father's prayers in Danbury have reached us. Father keeps on inspiring us, and he wanted us to grow and learn how to be strong while he was not around.

Sometimes in order to find comfort whenever we long for Father's presence, we would gather in our small center we called our home and have fellowships with our invited guests. And we would sing together...

"We shall overcome... we shall overcome... we shall overcome someday! Deep in our hearts we do believe that we shall overcome someday!"

And yes, we did... thanks God and True Parents!