

## Testimony: I felt guided when I decided to become a missionary

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I served as a Cheon Il Guk missionary from mid-June 2014 to the end of March 2015. My life before I became a missionary was a busy one, a continuous repetition of only work.

Having to work every day exhausted my body and soul. After Sunday services, having no energy to do any church activities, I would go directly home. Because I had been in Junior STF and CARP in my school days, I could not help comparing my present and past selves and feeling that I was becoming more distant from our Heavenly Parent and True Parents.

That was my life when my father suddenly got into an accident. I still remember hearing about this and standing still, unable to utter a word. After the accident, I felt I had to change for my family's sake. I quit my job.

I felt guided when I decided to become a missionary. Amidst this situation, I did a forty-day workshop for missionaries last year. I was able to listen to True Parents' teachings and every single day I was grateful to be there. A heart gone cold was warm again.

After my mission area was set as Asia, I began a language course in the Philippines in June 2014 and went to my mission area in August. Through the mission, I learned that a parental heart and Cain–Abel unity are important. During the first month in my mission area, I experienced conflicts with a team member. I would clash with the limits of my ability to love this person.

Not a day passed by without my shedding tears during Hoon Dok Hae or prayer time. During this

experience, I recollected what Dr. Akaishi, head of the International Mission Work Department in our Japanese headquarters had said, "If you pray for someone for a long time, God himself will interfere and transform that person."

I thought that offering conditions was the only thing I could do for this teammate. At times, I offered four hundred bows a day, no matter what. The person I was praying for is now able to overcome physical limits and arduously lives more for the sake of others than anyone else does, voluntarily taking on work such as doing the cleaning or laundry to help others.

### **Hard work is never wasted**

In my mission area, I began pioneer witnessing at the best university. One student among those I was trying to recruit said, "I hate any group that speaks about God and religion." In this way, I realized, Chinese people and Japanese people are the same. Yet, that student was the sole person that came to our seven-day workshop from that university. The transformation of heart in this student occurred after I was able to resolve my conflict with my teammate and we had become one in heart. Through this student, I realized that hard work never evaporates and learned the importance of Cain–Abel unity.

The profoundest change I experienced through this program is that I can now take on any challenge. Before this, I did not have confidence to take on the responsibility of being a leader; I thought that I could not always gain victory both internally and externally. Yet, during my mission work, when I thought of Heavenly Parent's and True Parents' circumstances and how they could not avoid asking me to take the lead despite my inadequacy, I felt I had to take on the responsibility and move forward despite my fears. When I thought of the huge pressure True Mother is enduring on a daily basis, that my apprehension is small in comparison became clear. I also came to experience that I can certainly get results if I do not give up and continue to work to actualize the goal I set up.

Through my mission activities, I had many experiences that I will not be able to forget for eternity. I would not have had them if I had stayed in Japan. I will advance with all my might toward 2020 and live up to True Mother's expectation in becoming a second-generation leader by challenging myself every day and making an impression on my surrounding.