

Outreach Equals Action

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Good afternoon, everyone. After listening to our elder sister, Naoko Hiraki's testimony, I really don't have much to say. My story is barely in the growth stage. And it's my fault, because I didn't listen to True Father's words carefully, and he was instructing me to go out and do things. I was hoping that my mission would just go away.

I don't think I'm the type of person to go witnessing on the street, so every time I heard those type of words from True Father, I wanted to run away. I thought, next time I see him, he's going to forget. But of course he never forgot.

Outreach, I think is all about coming from different directions. We are all different characters. We have different ways or personalities and connections. In order for me to meet people and engage with one another, I cannot do street witnessing. During the day, I'm working. So in the daytime, my time is tight.

I've been a Unificationist since 2009. The first three years I spent with True Father, I wasn't yet in the church. I was kind of oblivious, just following and listening to True Father's words, following True Parents, but not a member of the church. After True Father passed away, I joined the church.

Right before True Father passed away, the very same day he went into the hospital, we inaugurated the *Family Education and Empowerment Foundation* (FEEF), a nonprofit organization. I had no clue he was going to go to the hospital. We launched it. To be honest, I had no clue what I was doing. I had to find myself, because no one told me that it takes time and money. It took a lot of money, it took a lot of time, and I didn't know what to do.

At FEEF, we're teaching youth about abstinence and purity education. I reached out to the college to do mentorship.

All my life, I've liked to give to people. Without the church, or with the church. It's not my character to go out asking people for donations. I couldn't do it. FEEF was opened with my savings account. For sure we really didn't connect with any other organization, because I really didn't have a road map of what to do. I studied other nonprofit organizations to learn. But spiritually, I still wasn't connected. I didn't know what I was supposed to do.

We launched FEEF, and True Father passed away. It took almost nine months to get it off the ground. I was reading True Father's book, *Hanil Bumonim*. It hit me. This is it. I need to get active. I was hoping everybody else would do my job. I thought that I'd just open it up and put my name on it, and it would just run by itself. I wish it had. Nothing happened without effort. Not just effort, but sincere effort. Then in the period of two years, we reached out to about 7,500 youth and families through abstinence education.

We're working on making a stronger foundation through the city. And to me, the only way for me to witness is that my contacts need to trust me. In order for me to present the witnessing part, the Divine Principle and Father and Mother Moon and Unificationism, they must connect with me, they have to trust me, I have to be the role model.

Being connected. The way I witness is, I bring people to my house and we have dinner. We read the Divine Principle, we talk about Unificationist perspectives or about True Mother and Father. What is the parental role, what is God's heart, God's love, why do we do what we do?

Brothers and sisters, I went to Korea for the third anniversary of True Father's Seonghwa (ascension). The first part was almost over. I was sitting there very quietly. Then something hit me in my heart. That it's been three years already. I want to do something more. After True Father left, I would write every day things that I had not yet accomplished. I have so much to repent for. I could have done so many things before he passed away. I held my chin up and thought, next time, when True Father returns, I want to show to him. There was a day when people sang for him. I can't sing. I was going to take karaoke lessons and learn how to sing. I really wanted to show off to him, that I can sing. I lost that opportunity. I think you all heard about my fig tree story with True Father. No?

I have a small house in Henderson. I have about eight fig trees that I planted a long time ago. They're really big, and they bear a lot of figs. And in 2012, we had a 5 o'clock Hoon Dok Hae session with True Father, and one of the sisters said, "Oh, Mimi has fig trees." And True Father looked at me and said, "Do you have fig trees in your house?" I said, "Yes." He said, "Oh, I love figs. Can you bring me some?" I said yes, of course I could! Because they were right outside my house. I was so excited.

But then after the Hoon Dok Hae I went to work, and I got home around 10 pm. And I forgot. I forgot those figs. And a week later, True Father said, "Where are those figs?" And I thought, "Oh my God. The figs!" So during lunch time, I took some time from work, went to the house to collect the figs, and thought I could deliver them to True Father. But there were so many birds. And the figs were so ripe, they were all eaten by birds. They were all gone.

And somebody asked me, "Why don't you go to the grocery store and buy a few to give to True Father?" I thought about it, but I just couldn't do it. So the next morning with True Father, we were sitting there and I was hoping that True Father would forget about the figs too. He goes, "Did you bring my figs?" So I told him, "I am so sorry, they were gone, all eaten by birds." And I told myself, next year, I'm going to mark the calendar. When True Father comes, I'm going to go get fresh figs from my tree. Guess what, ladies and gentlemen? 2013 came, but True Father wasn't here. So in 2013, my trees were full of figs. I got some fresh ones and I washed them. Kwon Jin Moon had just moved nearby, so I had a chance to go visit him. I took the figs to his home and offered them to him.

I was so familiar with the concept that, when True Father calls, we gotta go. I didn't know he was going to disappear so quickly and suddenly. There are so much regrets, so many second chances that I lost. I don't want to do that with True Mother. I want to deliver what she's asking us to do. True Mother says, the number one priority is outreach, number two is outreach, number three is outreach. Each time she comes.

One time, True Mother asked me, "Mimi, when you come to heaven, who are you going to take with you?" I said, "I don't know—my husband and my daughter?" She goes, "That's it?" I said, "I don't know who else to think of! My friends?" Mother was smiling, and she said, "You gotta have a lot of spiritual children behind you."

We gotta go witnessing. So we're gonna go witnessing. Through FEEF, we engage with a lot of children and their families. There are a lot of challenging kids, as well. So we are working on witnessing with these FEEF families, and were able to bring 20 people to a recent workshop that was put on by Reverend Ken Doo and Reverend Andrew Compton with all the families of the Las Vegas Family Church.

I used my lunch time for outreach. I usually leave the house around 7:15 or 7:30 to go to work. I use my lunch time to meet with whoever I need to work with, and we read and share lunch together, and I rotate with everybody. It's been going on for one year, and we have two families that joined the church. One has been coming for about three years, one for about nine months. And anytime they have a problem, during my lunch hour and after work, I'm with them.

We also launched a tutoring system. Mentors have to go through three sections of abstinence education to become a tutor for those who need it. And it's working. Not soon enough, quick enough, but we do have one mentor couple who attended the October 3rd Holy Marriage Blessing.

My way of repaying True Parents is to let go of myself every morning. I don't exist. I work, I work for FEEF, and I try to help the movement. That's my way of a paying tribute to the sacrificial work that True Parents did for all of us to walk into their lineage. And every time I see you guys, I feel so grateful. Because I think of how much all of you sacrificed, of your years of hard work and dedication, so young members like us are able to come in. I am able to go out, proudly saying, I am a Unificationist because of you.