

Our Tribal Messiah Course to Blessing 430 Couples

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Patrice and Nellie Huard bless couples

My husband Patrice and I came to the Philippines from France, in Europe. My husband is French. I am from Holland, from a family of fifteen children. We are both sixty-five and we have been in the unification family for forty-three years. We received the blessing in 1978 in England among the 118-couple-blessing group. That blessing took place for the unity of Europe.

We have three children and six grandchildren. I had worked as a pioneer in the south of France. I contacted forty thousand people in six years, but we could not bring people to participate in the Blessing Ceremony. We moved back to

Paris, where over a four-year period, I distributed seventeen thousand pamphlets, but no one responded.

I had finished working and I wanted to know what God wanted me to do with my life, so I went to Chung Pyung. During a forty-day workshop there, my ancestors told me, Go to the Philippines. We have prepared everything for you. This is not for you to gain results but to heal your own heart.

This happened several times, so I thought that it came from my ancestors, so I could trust it. My only desire is to bless people. The blessing is the only way to rid ourselves of the fallen bloodline. When I came home, I said to my husband, I must go with you to do a mission in the Philippines.



Republic of the Philippines

When my husband and I arrived in the Philippines, I saw the late Pope John Paul II (1920–2005) speaking happily with True Father. We stayed in a hotel for a few days because all the members were in Chung Pyung at the end of August. I saw the pope praying every day in our room. After we started witnessing, I asked him, Will you witness to your 430 through us? He smiled. I often saw the pope smiling like that.

We discovered a new way of witnessing. We did not present ourselves as members of a church but as members of the Family Federation for World Peace. We would visit people in the poorest area around Manila. Fulfilling our four hundred and thirty couples completely took only four months.

One woman came to help us. “God and the Holy Spirit told me to help you,” she said. We also worked with a few coordinators, like Grace and Rose, who helped us by gathering people in different houses. People in Marikina City are like children—with open hearts and excitement. They receive the blessing with a humble attitude.

Can you imagine people running in the street to give you the paper filled out with their name and their picture in order to receive the blessing and asking for more papers to give to their friends? In an hour and a half, a hundred and fifty people signed up for the blessing. That amazed me.



The indemnity-stick ceremony taking place in a public setting as Ing Keng Brandner (in white) and a blessed member in her tribe supervise and guide the process

I felt the presence of True Mother walking in front of me every day in the street. When my husband gave a speech, I felt True Father’s presence. Sometimes, we were doing prayer blessings half bent over, because the ceiling was so low. Sometimes the unique small rooms people lived in had no windows. We did the indemnity-stick ritual for seven couples in a tiny room; sometimes a mouse would run by or fall down from the ceiling when my husband would give his speech.

In the beginning, they told us that in order to have a hundred people finish the three-day ceremony, we would need to contact three hundred couples. My husband said, I do not want that. I hope that 98 percent can succeed.



The Huards with (left to right) Shirley Vergara, head of the Witnessing Department, and Renely Baloaloo and Roel Ejada, who married before they were blessed

In the end, we accomplished that goal. We would show a picture of True Parents and after a short lecture of less than ten minutes, in English, by my husband, despite whatever difference existed in their Christian

background, they easily accepted that they had to drink the holy wine, do the indemnity-stick ritual and for married couples, remain separated for forty days. In the end, 98 percent succeeded in doing their three-day ceremony.



Francis and AnnaLiza Lopez, the couple that began missionizing Marikina

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The power of the holy wine is strong. The attitude of husbands that had not been interested in the beginning changed after the holy wine ceremony. Usually wives became excited. People stopped drinking. Couples stopped fighting and others found a job after their three-day ceremony.



Attending our church service with Mr. Kwon, Head of Africa Public Relations Department

This mission, reaching this number of couples, involves reversing collective sin, because only by working with our coordinators were we able to bless the required number. I personally went through a very deep cleansing of collective sin. Thanks to Heavenly Parent for such patience and love. Thanks also to True Parents for their sacrifices and for having paid a huge amount of indemnity, through which we could be free and we could help free the world through our four hundred and thirty couples. Thanks to the enthusiasm and wonderful lectures of Dr. Yong. For the help of our ancestors and others in the spiritual world, for Pope Paul II, who was with us from the beginning, we are grateful. We also feel grateful toward all the leaders in the Philippines, who received us so well; for Francis and Anna-Liza Lopez, the main leaders in Marikina City; and for all the coordinators, who helped us to fulfill our goal of four hundred and thirty couples.

Personal visits

We visited them one by one to administer the holy wine, guide them through the indemnity-stick ritual and start their forty-day separation. We would visit couples a second time, one by one, to offer a prayer blessing over their three-day ceremony. For the people living in that area, just reaching the end of every day at 10:00 PM or 10:30— Saturday and Sunday included— required a huge amount of energy. Sometimes, a wife would need to awaken her husband for the sake of the three-day ceremony. How great the willingness of these people was to follow with grateful hearts.

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Why were we so successful in Marikina? It is the most difficult place to live. Many people died there because of devastating floods. The residents are strongly religious. The fact that only ten couples did not do the forty-day separation period and three-day ceremony surprised us. They understand that to receive heavenly fortune they must make effort.

We created a center in the middle of our area to educate people following their three-day ceremony. Father said that we could fulfill our 5 percent of the responsibility by blessing four hundred and thirty couples as tribal messiahs.

Dealing with collective sin