

Witnessing with Postcards in Urawa-North, Japan Church

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One day, we received news from our church that a reply had come to a witnessing postcard that my husband or I had distributed. After we checked the address, we realized it was from the first day that my husband and I went out together and that he had been the one to put it in the mailbox.

This was at a time when we had only recently started our family life. I was so unused to the environment then that I felt unable to achieve spiritual stability. Just as I was thinking that I must do something, find some way to witness, I received a stack of postcards from our church team leader. At first, I could not gather the courage to go out, but over time, I got used to the idea and began to distribute the postcards every day.

After I had been distributing postcards for a few days, I thought that it would be nice if I could do something together with my husband, so I suggested we distribute the postcards together. He

happily agreed. After work, we would meet at the nearby subway station, and as we walked home, we would change our path little by little so we could put the postcards in mailboxes on the way.

My husband said, "I don't know how I should be doing this." I suggested to him that before we begin putting the postcards in mailboxes, we should pray to God, True Parents, absolute good spirits, and all the spirits here in our mission area and we should say, "I will begin distributing the postcards, so please be with us." Then as we put the postcards in, I say, "Please help connect these people with God and True Parents. We are here to deliver God's love." On that day, we distributed postcards to twenty-one mailboxes on our way home. From that time until we ran out of postcards, I distributed them every day and if my husband came home in time, he joined me.

I had heard that our Urawa-North church had received much fortune through postcard witnessing, but I still thought it would not be easy to receive a reply. Nevertheless, I believed we were setting a condition and afterward (I think) because both my husband and I kept witnessing in mind during our everyday lives, we received news that a reply had come. I truly repented that I had not believed we would receive a reply.

What I felt from this experience was that God could work through us, as a blessed couple, when we united and based on my husband's selflessness and his belief in me when I decided to distribute the postcards that our church team leader had sent.

The reply we received was from a forty-year-old male, a person with a strong original mind who has been searching for a religion that will thoroughly convince him. He came to the church for the first time a few days ago and participated in our Open Praise Service. He appeared deeply moved by the video of True Parents and said, "I want to make a family like that." He also complimented my husband and me, saying we were a beautiful couple. Afterward, as we listened to him, we realized that he and my husband had a lot in common. The man was both very surprised and happy about that and decided to attend a Divine Principle lecture.