## Again on a Worldwide Mission 1984-1988

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After years of hardship I had opportunity to make a fresh start with the 40 days seminar in Camberg, Germany with President [Young Hwi] Kim and many brothers and sisters coming from all Europe: During the day Divine Principles lectures from president Kim or about big philosophers from our viewpoint through Unification Thought from a German brother and in evening cultural event or sharing or Mrs. Kim playing piano for us.



So in June [19]85 I was chosen to represent France to the worldwide CARP Festival so every morning, after the prayer at 5 and before going to work in a cafeteria, I began to run in the streets of Paris with its wonderful outlook of the monuments of la Cite to prepare for the 3000 m in Tokyo. I went to Tokyo through Philippines Airlines with a Zaire brother, Frank, student in Paris. So we slept in Manila and in the morning we ate in a carinderia, it was my first contact with this country where I'll live more than 21 years. So we were welcome by some Japanese brothers to visit Tokyo, to eat in some Japanese restaurant and to see our CARP center in Tokyo. Afterwards, another brother, Ryuta, brought us by train in a little city, outside of Tokyo, Kawasaki, in a Japanese old style house where we slept.

In the morning I ran in this Japanese countryside to train myself for the 3000 m and I saw an old woman

planting cabbages with hand in the old tradition and beside very modern building and on the top of it Shinto temple, tradition and modernity are so mixed in Japan. Incredibly, when I arrive in the witnessing center in Gdansk in 92 it was this Japanese Brother who opened the door to me because he was working for some Japanese enterprise in Poland, I was so happy to see him again, 7 years later; the world is so small for us. I met Hyo Jin Nim in a big meeting with all the CARP leaders, I shake hand with him and he gave me his book of poetry he just finished, I give to the CARP movement in France when I came back. I met many brothers and sisters from all other the world (Peru, Bangladesh, Brazil, New Zealand, Norway ...) I had a still a notebook full of addresses, I wrote to some.



Some days I had hard time and the Thai family through a Thailand sister Rojjana invited me to pass the afternoon in a beautiful park in Tokyo, a very peaceful and gentle moment. I met also a Filipina sister, Jacqueline, who told me they have many visitors in their CARP center but very few guidebooks to study and give lecture. So when I went in United State as missionary in September 85, one of the first thing I told to the state leader of Colorado, Jim, was that I wanted to fundraise in my free time to send a parcel with Divine Principles guidebooks to this Filipina sister and her center, I was already heart bound with Philippines.



So finally, when happened the sport festival, I ran the 3000 m with members from all the world, I was ahead of the second group, when I heard the bell for the first group, I thought it was the finishing line and I ran as crazy, but there was one tour more for our group and I was exhausted, so I finish walking with Frank, my Zaire brother, walking near me and people encouraging me and I finish last. But I was happy to

have participated. We appreciated Hyo Jin Nim participating to the Korean traditional game, Tug of War.

One month later I was going in Denver as missionary to meet Christian ministers and to invite them for a jointed action for a spiritual awakening of America by different actions principally for strengthening family values and to make them aware about communism, denying God, in this big time of pacifism. I worked there 3 years in Denver and also, but shortly, in Houston, Florida and New York. This type of mission as European IOWC in 1975-1976 or this mission in USA about Christian ministers make me really feel the power of God in His Providence, even if sometimes we went through hardships.

