

Cheon Il Guk Holy Items were bequeathed at Louisiana Family Church

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The ceremony for the Special Grace was conducted on August 21 at the Louisiana Family Church.

On September 4, in Laplace, Louisiana, four sets of Cheon Il Guk Holy Items were bequeathed to families present after Sunday Service. Receiving the Holy Items were Isamu and Peggy Matsuya, Wendell and Shigeko Miller, Tom and Izumi Bonhagen, and John and Mihoko Monestere.

On September 11, in Lake Charles, LA, the Andrus family (B.H. and Lydia) received the Cheon Il Guk Holy Items from Pastor John and Mrs. Mihoko Monestere. The Andrus Blessed Couple had traveled to Laplace on August 21 to receive the Special Grace. The bequeathing was held at B.H. Andrus's office, where he has a sanctuary for Sunday Service, *Hoon Dok Hwe* (scripture study) and Divine Principle teaching. The Andrus family is fulfilling Tribal Messiah activities with a family in Louisiana and are also exploring ways to connect Lake Charles Ministers to the American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC).



One sister, Kyoko Taira, shared, "I had a most wonderful experience at the Special Grace ceremony and bequeathing of the Cheon Il Guk Holy Items officiated by Rev. John Monestere and Mrs. Mihoko Monestere in Shreveport, Louisiana. The morning of September 12th I woke up at 2:30 AM and could not sleep, knowing the ceremony was scheduled for 9 AM, even though I went to bed early so as to be well rested and spiritually prepared. I felt wide awake and was ready when Mihoko called so I could be there 15 minutes early.

"Every moment of the ceremony I felt very happy! When it was finished I realized that September 12th (13th in Japan) was the day my brother passed away in 2010. Although I had not asked for this to be the day of receiving the Special Grace, it was a blessing to realize that this was the day of my brother's passing. My brother had joined the Unification movement when he was young and because of him my husband and I could receive the Blessing.

"I feel this Special Grace allowed me to really know True Parents through the Pastor and Mihoko."