LIFE stories

New Faces at Lovin' Life

Each month 25~35 people join our church in America. Who are these new members? Through the following personal testimonies you will get to meet some of the people who are joining our church across America. They range in age from 15-52. They represent a diversity or races and backgrounds. They are students, doctors, professionals and business owners. They are America.

They met the church through natural witnessing; they had a friend or relative, either 1st or 2nd gen who is a member. They met us on the internet, in a post office, on the street, in the workplace, on a sports team. Some met a member close in age and others met someone with an age difference of two or more decades. But what they all felt was incredible love and acceptance and the culture of heart that flows from True Parents to all people.

Some new members first experienced our church in Manhattan and others attended a satellite service in a venue as small as a home where several families gather to watch Lovin' Life.

From these stories emerge important lessons: people are longing to meet True Parents and anyone, anywhere, can be successful in witnessing; it doesn't matter how old or young you are. It's about heart and being willing to put yourself out there for our Heavenly Parent to work through. We also see the impact of our national broadcast. New members love In Jin nim's sermons; the powerful music and profound sermons are exactly what they have been looking for.

Their Stories:

Matthew (19), Arkansas



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I'm a sophomore at the University of Arkansas, majoring in nursing with a minor in Spanish. I've done a lot of church-hopping. I've visited all the temples, cathedrals, Bible fellowships, everything. Before I hit the Unification Church I declared myself an agnostic atheistic, because I was so disappointed with other churches. I never experienced the kind of love there is in the Unification Church.

I met the church by being on a soccer team with the pastor's oldest son, Sean. I gave him rides home and one evening he told me he's a Unificationist. I asked him about it and it sounded interesting.

We would often sit in my car in their driveway, and he answered my questions and I became really interested. After awhile I'd hang out with all their kids. Their family was so nice. They'd do anything for me. I'd never seen such love. I spent a lot of time with their family. I could feel God's presence with them. I started going to their church and I never

experienced anything like it.

The music was perfect. The sermon touched me. I could feel God's presence for once in my life. I talked with Uncle John about joining and he guided me. To me, he's not Rev. Jackson or Pastor John; he's Uncle John. On Saturday nights, I'd stay the night and he'd teach me Divine Principle 'til 3 a.m. or 4 a.m., one on one. He revealed to me Father's heart

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and the trials he's been through. I learned about the creation, give and take action, the spirit world. Just the fact that someone would sit down and tell me this was so touching.

I really like the Lovin' Life broadcast. Then I attended the closing event of Father's European tour, in Las Vegas. Lovin' Life is inspiring, but to see it in person is a whole new level. And to hear Father speak is so amazing!

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Now I'm sharing with my own dad about the church. I'm building up to the point of Divine Principle lectures by trying to live the Principle. I throw out hints about the spirit world, that life is give and take action; that it all runs on love, and so forth. He is gradually getting it.

The Unification Church is beautiful thing. I love and adore it with all my heart.

Adam (31), Indiana



I first met the church in 1999, when I was starting out in college. Japanese missionaries invited me to the church, where there were a lot of activities going on. I studied the Divine Principle directly and it resonated with me.

Then I transferred colleges and that took me to another town. I discontinued church activity but stayed friends with people in the church. Ten years later I reconnected with the church. During that interlude I married and divorced. Coming back to the church offered me an opportunity to rebuild my life.

I am here now because my first experience of the church planted a deep understanding of the purpose of life. The misfortune and pain that came subsequently via an unprincipled life made me see the contrast between the right and wrong ways. I am also here because of the vision of where Lovin' Life is taking our church and movement into the next generation. I see the possibilities that are opening up. That brings me to participate.

In 1999 there was a different environment. I have witnessed a transition from an old school way to a new school way. It's not a matter of right or wrong, but where Rev. In Jin Moon is going is more appropriate to where we, the church, and the world are at. She is asking us to contribute to the betterment of other people. I am proud to be an Unificationist.

Jorge (19), New York



Jorge is a full time student studying Criminal Justice. He works for the Mayor's office. He was introduced to the Church by Shunichi, the team leader of the Lovin' Life Witnessing team.

I've been a member for 7months now. Before Lovin' Life Ministries, I never had a place to really dig deep into God, to go under the surface and know what God wants us to know about Him. I was not raised in a religious family but I knew a little about Jesus and about God. I knew He died on the cross and that God created the world, only basic things. I wanted to learn more and I started going to a church but I didn't find the answers I was seeking.

I met Shunichi san who very quickly became like a dad to me. I remember Shunichi was so patient with every word and every time I saw him. It seemed like he'd been waiting for me for so long. I realized he really wanted to show me the Divine Principle, which is something I have come to deeply love. When I'm studying at the Learning Center I often feel, "Wow, I really wanted to hear that and

this is what I've been waiting for". After each lecture I would have a whole page of questions. I remember Shunichi was so eager to teach me. I could truly sense from Shunichi, from the very beginning, a loving parent's heart. This is someone who didn't even know me. He knew me for maybe only a few weeks but I felt like he was loving me like his own son. Little by little he made me realize that I had such a big mission in my life. No one had ever told me this before.

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Shunichi introduced me to the Unification Church in the Manhattan Center, which was a really big church. Of course, it was not only good because it was big, but it was definitely a different experience for me. Before, my other church wasn't so big. Shunichi told me that we actually have True Father's daughter given to us as our pastor. I said, "WOW we're that close to True Parents!" Having the Messiah with us has to be the most beautiful thing we can have.

The more I read Father's autobiography, the more I see how much True Father knows and how much he wants us to know and how much he trains himself to learn about God. I have always prayed a lot and when I read True Father's book I loved that he's always praying before he speaks, before he does this or does that. I also started finding out just how emotional and sensitive Father was during his services in the beginning of our movement. I have become very infused with the Divine Principle; it has become a huge part of my life.

What I've been doing lately is developing not only my knowledge but also my heart. I've been doing a lot of witnessing, which is so great. I'm so happy that I can be someone to somebody.

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I see a lot of hope in In Jin Nim; we see her during the service- she just laughs and smiles. This is something I think is so important. The people at Lovin' Life are people who are happy and want to be happy. Just like it says in the beginning of the Principle- we are all seeking happiness. We are people who just want to help the world. What else could we ask for? This is what we all need and I am so grateful to have found it!

Ron (52), New Mexico

I joined the Albuquerque Family Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico. I'm 52 years old and I was born in Chicago. I was a Catholic and I also spent time with the Church of Latter Day Saints. I moved to New Mexico in 1998, where I started my own business, a small trucking company.

I met Rachel at the post office. I thought she had something valuable to say, and I stayed in touch. She introduced me to the church, where I got to know Rick and Janice Schnorr. I got to be friends with them and with the people in the church. I like the friendly culture. I like to attend Sunday service. I like the crowd; they are nice people. What else could I ask for?

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Lovin' Life is totally different from the other churches I've been to. They don't open

to scriptures in the Bible. It's laid back. I like the informal atmosphere in the small location. I like the singing; it keeps you alert. In other churches you sit there and get drowsy when they read the Bible. I like the broadcasts. It's interesting. Rev. In Jin Moon is a good speaker.

(Pastor's comment) Ron has contributed significant building repair work to our building facilities and he wants to be part of our construction activities. His volunteer efforts have been invaluable to our community.

Adrianna (22), New York and California



Adriana is descended from Jewish ancestors but attended Christian churches while growing up. Last December the Lovin' Life Witnessing team met her in New York.

I traveled with the team back to Los Angeles and met Rev. Juan (Morales). I saw them bowing and singing holy songs, and studying the Divine Principle and Father's autobiography. I watched lectures and videos, and basically everything made perfect sense. I had had some confusion from reading the Bible, but through Divine Principle all my questions were answered.

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I just wish that people would have the experience that I had to see Reverend Moon with spiritual eyes. If we just look at him with our physical eyes we will see a 92-year old man who is controversial. But my experience was being able to see him as the Lord and also being able to see that Satan was not able to penetrate his mind and spirit, that Reverend Moon is unable to entertain any evil thoughts. I saw the oneness of God with him. That's what I wish people can see in him, who he really is. In my own experience he is the returning Lord.

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doing, and that's all he's doing. That mission connects to my life. I, with many others, am in the position of John the Baptist. I want to be able to tell people about True Parents. I've been thinking a lot about the failure of John the Baptist lately, and it needs to be reversed. I hope I can bring people to True Parents and Divine Principle.

Rena (27), North Carolina

Rena attends church every week. She joined because of Lovin' Life Ministries. She turned from no religion or knowledge of God, to a high degree of dedication. She is the niece of Stephanie and Toshio Nishida, a local member. She studies Rev. In Jin Moon's sermon notes every week with her uncle and they discuss the sermon together.

She connected to the Lovin' Life Community through natural witnessing. She started attending Lovin' Life Sunday service, learned the Divine Principle at home from her uncle, attended the Lasting Imprint Seminar and Real Relationship Seminar, attended Saturday night family fellowship, and read Father's autobiography. In March she attended the Vision class and joined. Rena is humbled and grateful to be a part of the LLM.

She regularly studies Divine Principle in both Japanese and English. She is also reading True Father's speeches. She joined the small group of Rev. Uyama, the city pastor, studying Divine Principle in Japanese. The group meets Saturday evenings. They do study, play music, and enjoy ballroom dancing and play games. This Summer quarter, Rena is volunteering on the church cleaning team.

In June, her uncle took Rena to New York City for Lovin' Life live. She was very excited to be able to attend the live service and was overwhelmed to actually meet In Jin Nim.

[Rena is a college student. Pictured are (left to right) Rebecca Nishida (Rena's cousin, on STF), Rev. In Jin Moon, Rena Komine, and Toshio Nishida (Rena's uncle and spiritual parent).]



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Laura (46), Colorado



In terms of my religious background, I looked into everything. I was born Episcopal and joined the LDS at 21. I had a hard time, however, with their dogmatic approach, and they seemed more oriented toward getting more members than with helping people's spiritual development. I parted ways with them and explored pagan religions, but I couldn't give up my Christian roots. I joined my husband's Lutheran church, but was still searching.

I met a Unificationist online. We talked about philosophy and religion, and when I inquired as to her faith background, she recommended that I look up someone with the church in my area. I

live an hour and a half from Denver, so I went online and found the local church there and e-mailed Rev. Michael Hentrich, the pastor. Gradually we got to know each other, spending time in coffee shops

talking about God and life. He shared with me the Divine Principle. As I studied it, it answered my questions about God and the Bible. I experienced that it feels right. At that point, Rev. Hentrich invited me to join, and I did.

The Divine Principle absolutely connects me more to God. It also has helped my marriage, which was going through a rocky period. My husband is not interested in the movement but he is very supportive of the way our relationship developed as I studied and joined.

I work on weekends in order to balance family with work, and I live 90 minutes away, so I've been to Sunday service only once so far. But in the fall my youngest will start Gradually we got to know each other, spending time in coffee shops talking about God and life. He shared with me the Divine Principle. As I studied it, it answered my questions about God and the Bible. I experienced that it feels right. At that point, Rev. Hentrich invited me to join, and I did.

kindergarten and I'll be able to free up my Sundays so that I can come down more.

(Laura has a Ph.D. in counseling psychology and works as a psychologist. She is married, with three children, two sons, age 21 and 7, and a daughter, age 5.)

Jayden (20), New York



His aunt, a 73-year old Korean Christian, became enraged when he joined. She warned him that he would be kicked out of the house. He stood firm, defending True Parents and the church.

Jayden met Lovin' Life in New York City. He is a 20-year old university student from Korea who is studying English in preparation to finish his undergraduate study in marketing here in the US.

Jayden's hometown is near Chung Pyeong and one of his friends is a student at Sun Moon University. He had heard about the Unification Church but came with no negative opinions. He is openminded and he naturally loves people with a pure heart. In studying Divine Principle he was deeply impressed by the logical explanations

of philosophical and spiritual issues, and also inspired by the ideal of the God-centered family. He enjoyed creating friendships with STF members.

After completing the Divine Principle basic content (7-day level), he attended the Vision Class. At the end of the presentations, he enthusiastically rose to his feet and said, "Where is a signup sheet?"

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resentment based on misinformation. Jayden formally decided to continue his life of faith. He comes to the Learning Center at every opportunity without asking his aunt. When he decided to move out of her house so he could attend church openly, a Blessed family in New Jersey offered to rent him a room.

He is reading Father's autobiography and is impressed by Father's life. Jayden was deeply moved by True Father's perseverance and heart to love his enemies. He has a natural impulse to defend True Parents, and makes statements such as, "that is so unfair to Father! He is amazing!"

Recently he prayed together with the witnessing team leader, Andrew, and it was his first time ever for him to pray. His prayer was very beautiful, innocent and pure.

Jayden has enjoyed attending Korean drama night, Junction, the Ballroom Dance Social and Open Mic. He has a job on Sundays so he has not been able to attend Lovin' Life Sunday service. However, he catches up by watching the DVDs of Sunday Service during the week. He respects Rev. In Jin Moon highly. Jayden joined the small group for new members, Starting Point, at the beginning of July and has participated sincerely in the sessions each week. He expressed repeatedly that he deeply values the opportunity to develop pure relationships with brothers and sisters, which he cannot find anywhere else.

On July 25, he had to return to Korea to spend his 2-month summer break attending his grandfather, who is dying of Parkinson's disease. He keeps in touch with our Learning Center community by e-mail and skype, and hopes to meet some church members while he is in Korea. He plans to return to New York in September.

Kris and Leah and family, Ohio



On the Left: UC Pastors Clifton and Tiffanie Gaines and on the Right: Kris, Leah and their baby Mai Lein

Ever since Rev. In Jin Moon was chosen to lead the Unification Church in the United States of America many amazing things have taken place through Lovin' Life Ministries. As new Unification Church leaders we would like to give a short testimony about a young family who joined as new members of Lovin' Life Ministries after attending the National Vision Class which was facilitated by the Lovin' Life Ministry Team in New York and simulcast across America. Shown in the picture below are, Kris and Leah with their baby, Mai Lein.

Kris and Leah have been attending Sunday Service and other programs

quite frequently as guests. The husband Kris is a long time friend of one of our 2nd Generation members David Young. Over the past several years he had periodically studied the Divine Principle with David and his family and is considered to be a friend of our Unification Church Family.

However, the wife Leah, who comes from a Christian background, had not been able to connect to or understand many of the concepts of our faith, thus we immediately took an interest in getting to know them better. We also knew that our National Pastor Rev. In Jin Moon and Lovin' Life Ministries was the perfect vehicle to connect and empower them.

During reflection and discussion after the Vision class Leah stated that, "even though my husband was very content with becoming a Unification church member, I had been unsure until I watched the Vision Class." She further stated that; "We had been visiting other churches and on the morning of the Vision Class we were planning to attend and perhaps join my mother's Christian Church. But we decided to attend LLM instead. After being inspired by Rev. In Jin Moon's message we decided to stick around for the Vision Class."

Leah further admitted, "Honestly, visiting different Christian Churches had become confusing because each pastor's sermon just contradicted the next. Therefore, I was at a point of frustration with my personal religious beliefs until watching the National Vision Class. The class content was concise and straight forward and gave me a pathway to gain a better understanding about God. It also answered a lot of the questions that I had about being a member of LLM." Finally Leah stated that, "the class confirmed to me that our family is in the right place at Lovin' Life.

This couple has been attending LLM almost every Sunday since the Vision Class. In addition, we have invited them over for dinner on several occasions so that we can continue witnessing to them naturally. Recently, the couple approached us after Sunday service and stated that they would like to learn more Divine Principle, including all of the traditions. They also said that they are ready to take all of the steps necessary to become a Blessed Central Family. As a result, we will work with our Blessed Family Ministry rep to nurture and prepare them for the upcoming Blessing in October 2011! This couple brings great talent and leadership skills that are a great asset to our Lovin' Life Ministries and the UC Community!

Kwun (22), Nevada



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I study computer science at UNLV. I'm from Hong Kong originally, and my family moved to the US when I was twelve.

I met the church last September, through a missionary named Aya. I attended the video center at the UNLV student union, and studied the Divine Principle over the next couple of months.

I think it makes sense and explains the symbols of the Bible. I studied the Bible in elementary school and there was a lot I didn't understand, so I wasn't a very devoted Christian. The Divine Principle explained everything and it became clear to me. The prime example is the human fall, the meaning of the apple. Is it a fruit? It was unclear to me before but the Divine Principle made it clear.

The True Parents do a lot of great things to bring peace. Most religious leaders preach but don't do anything, but I can see they work hard to make peace a reality. I went to all their events in Las Vegas. I attend Sunday service every week. I enjoy Rev. In Jin Moon's sermons. Sometimes she talks about True Family and this helps me understand how we should live our lives.

Abdul (35), Connecticut



I started attending Sunday service, and I got to know the people and the teachings of global unity in the love of True Parents, centering on God. I realized that I've never seen such a wonderful movement. My heart was satisfied by the message and movement of Father Sun Myung Moon and Rev. In Jin Moon.

I grew up attending the mosque as well as Catholic worship services. When I came to study in the US, I attended Mormon services. But I did not find real happiness until I found Lovin' Life Ministries. I met my spiritual mother, Hiromi, who asked me what I think about God. I answered, "God is omnipresent." Then she invited me to come to a Wednesday night program.

There, I heard that God is our Parent and we are God's eternal sons and daughters. I started attending Sunday service, and I got to know the people and the teachings of global unity in the love of True Parents, centering on God. I realized that I've never seen such a wonderful movement. My heart was satisfied by the message and movement of Father Sun Myung Moon and Rev. In Jin Moon. I believe that it serves as one platform to unite the world.

I signed membership, and now I attend Sunday service plus the Wednesday and Thursday evening programs. I am very happy to be a member. (Abdul is a doctoral student in computer science.)

Stephanie (15), New Jersey

Stephanie joined our church 4 months ago with the blessing of her parents. Being faithful Pentecostal church members they were skeptical of our church at first but once they visited Lovin' Life and heard In Jin nim's sermon they were convinced this is a wonderful church home for their daughter.

I am 15 years old and I am from New Jersey. Let's see there are so many things about this church that I love. My story is a little complex and very different. I was about 12 when I started searching for religion. I was born in the Pentecostal church. In the Pentecostal Church, things are very different. We believe a lot in spiritual phenomenon. We don't believe in a spirit world- only a Heaven and a Hell. We

believe evil spirits are only demons. We don't have any mercy for bad people; they either want to convert to Christianity or doom you to hell. One of the biggest things in this church that struck me was having more mercy and empathy for people's lives and their struggles.

When I was 13 I wandered into a library where I met 2 librarians who taught me about religion. They both taught me from their point of view and from there on, I continued searching. I kept searching from church to church.

Then one day something told me to go to an open mic and this time I felt it was really spirit world. I heard a voice telling me "get up right now, get up right now!" and it told me go to the computer and I was like, "ok, ok" because I didn't really want to, and it was sort of screaming and I was just like, "ok, ok, ok". I went to the computer and it said "type in open mic right now".

I had wanted to do music for a while so it was on my mind but I never really had the courage to go to an open mic. When I typed it in, I clicked on a website that led me to a page that said "Lovin' Life" and I saw a sort of spiritual finger point at it. It said "go here now!" After I arrived, I sat two seats away from Naomi Froehlich and during the intermission of Open Mic we got talking. I told Naomi, "Church really isn't for me. I don't believe in just one religion- I believe in combining all the world religions to work together." And she said, "Oh yeah, that's what our church is all about!"

What struck me most was the Divine Principle because I had been longing for info like this for years even though I'm so young. Hours and days go by of you wanting and craving and crying and screaming for God. And when I finally got the content, I felt like I was 60 years old and I had finally found my messiah. This is what I call my messiah church because during the two years after I left the Pentecostal church I was really lonely. Even though I was studying religion, I was still really lonely because I had no God. I had been torn from God.

I call this my Messiah church because spirit world was always comforting me by saying that I would eventually meet a church like this. This church is going to guide me into something wonderful and I'm going to do a lot of great things in this church.

The biggest inspiration of this church for me is in one of the teachings of Rev. Moon. It is about how we can have true love. Rev. Moon talked about how we're slaves to false love. I agree one-hundred percent with him. I see millions of teens getting pregnant with guys who don't even care. I don't think anyone should ever go through that and I don't want to live in a world of false love. I want to give true love to myself and true love to other teenagers

I'm just really thankful. That's my story!

Church That Works: Designing Ministry for Church Growth

Every one of Lovin' Life's new members has a special someone who took an incredible interest in their life, showing them the love of True Parents in a very personal way. Because of In Jin nim's vision to create a Sunday Service that can reach Americans, brothers and sisters have a place to bring their spiritual children to be nurtured and connected. In Jin nim's sermons make True Parents accessible to us and show us how to apply their teachings in our daily life

Church growth has occurred through Lovin' Life Ministries because we are creating a church home for people to join that is alive and exciting. Church doesn't just happen on Sunday but all week long through the various activities that enable all members to inspire, empower, connect and contribute. When people are experiencing personal growth, naturally the church will grow too! This is what In Jin nim calls natural witnessing. Her priority is our health and well being.

To facilitate the development of a full ministry in each of the over 100 Lovin' Life locations our National Ministry Support office developed the LAUNCHpad. This Ministry tool is a user-friendly manual that is sent out quarterly and acts as a guiding force for the look, feel, and focus of the ministry for the next three months. It's a practical how-to manual that helps local communities structure their ministry to create a church that works! The LAUNCHpad includes starter packs on every aspect of the ministry such as Guest Care, Small Groups, Volunteer Management and Communication to name but a few. Local churches get to implement these strategies according to their size and stage of development. LAUNCHpad has flexibility built in to it because we know that America is a large and diverse country and one size does not fit all.

The 5 purposes of the ministry: Inspire, Empower, Connect, Contribute and Inherit are a constant but the face of the ministry needs to stay fresh and interesting. If a company wants to keep the attention of their customers, they come out with a new product, have a sale, or create a new promotion in their store. We are not a company, we are a church and our message stays the same. But we too need to change it up each quarter to keep our community engaged. Last Spring the theme of the quarter was "I Care" and LAUNCHpad was packed full of materials and resources to help communities utilize the theme. Members in Sarasota, FL showed they care by helping remove invasive plants disrupting the native wildlife in Myakka River State Park



Spring LAUNCH Party Seattle, Washington



Spring LAUNCH Party Columbus, Ohio



This summer's theme is Live Out Loud which encourages brothers and sisters to be proud of who we are as Unificationists and find creative ways to share our faith. Each successive LAUNCHpad will provide communities with something new to look at and think about. It is a great way to focus our efforts and keep church interesting.

The LAUNCHpad is a tool for the local ministry leaders and teams to use. It is not for the community to see, but rather to experience. They won't see the workbook and checklists or the flowcharts and communications support that assist leaders to think about building ministry. They will see the theme expressed everywhere and the newly designed bulletin, promotional materials for the small groups for the coming season and other opportunities to study and learn. The LAUNCHpad helps the ministry take off beginning with the LAUNCH party when the community becomes engaged and excited about what they can be a part of and contribute to in the upcoming months.

Supporting Guests to Become Dedicated Members

Unificationists are very capable of inviting new people to programs that give them a good first impression or experience. Our challenge is to turn these new guests into fully devoted members. Lovin' Life Ministries has developed an educational model to support people's spiritual journey as a son or daughter of True Parents to receive the Blessing.

How it all works

Based on Church attendance and 2-day Divine Principle education, we offer the Vision Class, through which people can become a member. We then assimilate new members into the mainstream of church life. We do this through an educational Journey that includes further study of the Divine Principle, regular Church attendance, opportunities to give and connect, as well as experiential learning in small groups. These growth groups, called Connect groups, are an integral part of the assimilation process, as it is in these small groups that new members open their hearts to one another and begin to grapple with what it means to apply the Divine Principle in their daily lives. It is in these groups that new members and young Unificationists experience the relationships that define our church family and learn what it means to be true bothers and sisters, supporting each others' spiritual journey to inherit the true love of God.

Starting Point

Starting Point is where it all begins for new members as they focus on developing their heart for God. This 10 week small group curriculum provides practical guidance for those looking to build a deeper relationship with God and develop their life of faith, applying the Divine Principle to daily life. Starting Point is just one part of the Heart for God Series and is the first step in the 4 part educational Journey at Lovin' Life Ministries. Starting Point is designed to empower new members and young Unificationists.

To find the Vision Class and other Lovin' Life educational curriculum got to http://www.familyfed.org/members/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2707&Itemid=796

or click on the Empower tab under the Ministry Support Section of the website.

In Jin nim's vision of a National Broadcast Ministry is cutting edge and designed to bring True Parents' message to the nation. Lovin' Life is committed to sharing the Breaking News with America and allowing all people the chance to meet their True Parents.

Internet Outreach - New Initiative at Lovin' Life

The internet can allow our movement to share True Father's words in different languages to millions of people and interact with the viewers who leave comments after watching videos, reading blogs etc.

2 Unificationists, Michael Callahan from Indianapolis and Pierre Tardy from New Jersey have launched one youtube channel called CompletedTestamentTV. http://www.youtube.com/user/completedtestamentTV?feature=mhee.

They share the Divine Principle on line in a very creative way with excellent quality videos. Over 74 videos have been created so far. They believe that it will take another 200 videos to cover all the Divine Principle's content.

They follow up on all their digital guests who are mostly under 30 years old. Already one 15 year old guest has accepted True Father as the second coming of Christ.

As a new religious movement, there is a lot we can do on the web with many more youtube channels to share the breaking news and support our traditional witnessing.

CompletedTestamentTV will have over 1 million views this year, over 10,000 comments and over 1500 subscribers. Our viewers include Atheists, Fundamental Christians, New Age thinkers as well as Muslims and others. This is the first time for them to hear the cause of the Human Fall or what is the original mission of Jesus.

Through this strategy we will find more spiritual children that can connect to Lovin' Life and become members.

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