



Kimiko Nakamura (pseudonym), a woman in her 60's from Aichi Prefecture

Graffiti on a private car with oil-based magic marker

Interviewer : Mrs. Nakamura, thank you for taking the time to speak with us today. First of all, may I ask how did you join to the Family Federation?

Nakamura : Yes, in my case, my sister was actually joined before me and she approached me. It was more than 35 years ago. Then, I started to study the Divine Principle. When I heard the word “religion,” I imagined a dark, temple-like place. But when I went to the church with trepidation, I found it to be very bright. The church members seemed to be single-minded and working hard, and I thought it wasn't a bad place.

I am more the emotional type than the intellectual type, so as I studied the Divine Principle, I was emotionally moved by many aspects of it. For example, when I pray at places where Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon actually visited, I can feel the love that they had for Japan, and it is truly wonderful, and it brings tears to my eyes. I am happy to be able to attend services and see everyone in the church, and I am grateful to receive the strength to walk through the week.

Interviewer : Thank you so much. Now, may I ask you about the “damage” you suffered?

Nakamura : Here it is (she shows us a picture of the car) One day in the fall of 2023, around 8:30 in the morning, my husband noticed it first. He called me over to take a look,

and I found a very large, white, oil-based magic marker scrawled on the hood of the car. I was so surprised. In addition to “Unification Church” clearly written in white oil-based magic marker, there were also insulting words and a note that said, “Return the money,” even though I did not owe anyone any money in particular. I was sad by the feeling of “why are they doing this?”

It was written in oil-based magic marker, so it could not be easily erased, but it finally disappeared after scrubbing with a melamine sponge. Perhaps the surface paint on the car has peeled off a bit. It was also shocking because I think it was in full view of anyone passing by the house until we noticed it.

The next day, I went to the nearby police station to report the damage. The police told us that they would take action to increase patrols, and no suspicious events have occurred since then. However, we are worried because we still do not know who did the graffiti.

We have heard that many other church members across the country have experienced this kind of nuisance damage since 2022. I hope that society will become a place where members of the Family Federation can live normally.

Interviewer : It really is. Thank you very much for your time today.

