

Heavenly Dream Prayer Letter

I was born and raised in a small rural village in Yanbian, China.

When I was eight years old, my mother suddenly left for South Korea.

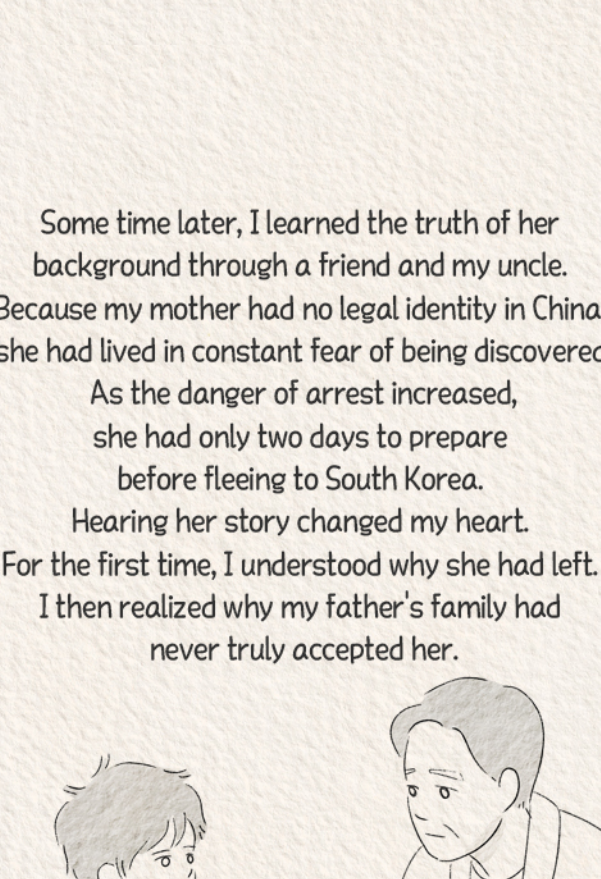
At the time,

I couldn't understand why she had left me behind.

Every day I waited for her, and at times

I even resented her, believing that she had abandoned me.

I didn't even know then that my mother was North Korean.



Some time later, I learned the truth of her background through a friend and my uncle.

Because my mother had no legal identity in China, she had lived in constant fear of being discovered.

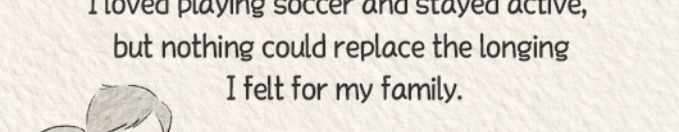
As the danger of arrest increased, she had only two days to prepare

before fleeing to South Korea.

Hearing her story changed my heart.

For the first time, I understood why she had left.

I then realized why my father's family had never truly accepted her.



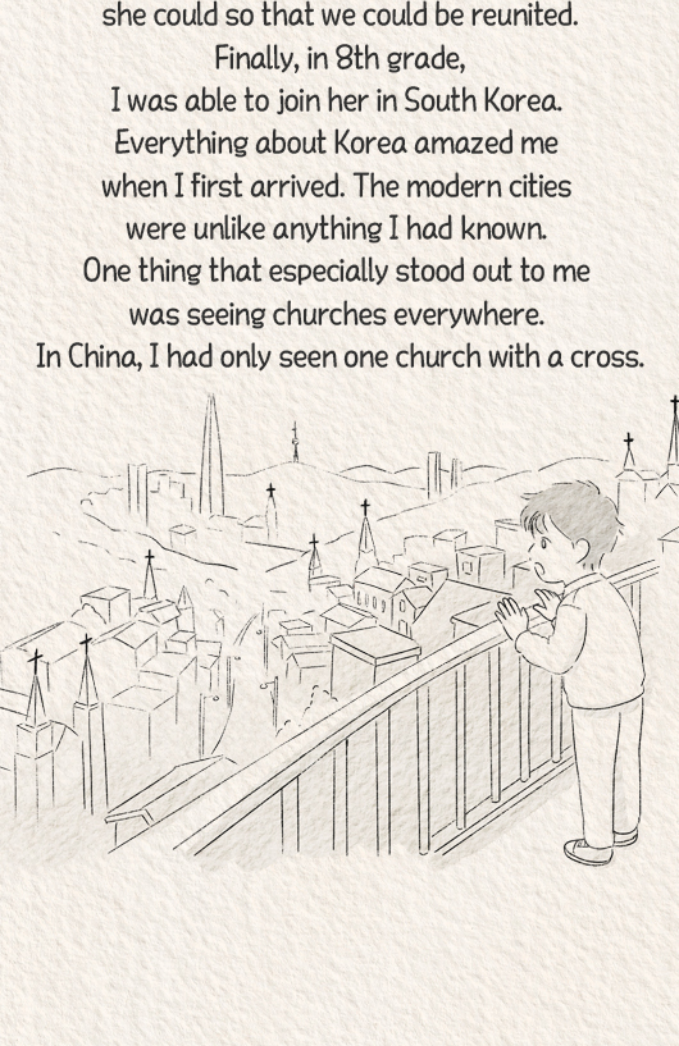
In fourth grade, my father also left for South Korea for work and

I remained with my grandparents.

Although I grew up without my parents, I tried my best in school.

I loved playing soccer and stayed active, but nothing could replace the longing

I felt for my family.



In fifth grade,

I was finally able to reconnect with my mother.

I told her that I wanted to come to Korea and live with her.

She worked tirelessly and saved every penny she could so that we could be reunited.

Finally, in 8th grade,

I was able to join her in South Korea.

Everything about Korea amazed me when I first arrived. The modern cities

were unlike anything I had known.

One thing that especially stood out to me was seeing churches everywhere.

In China, I had only seen one church with a cross.



I entered a regular Korean middle school as a 9th grader.

At first, my classmates were curious and welcomed me.

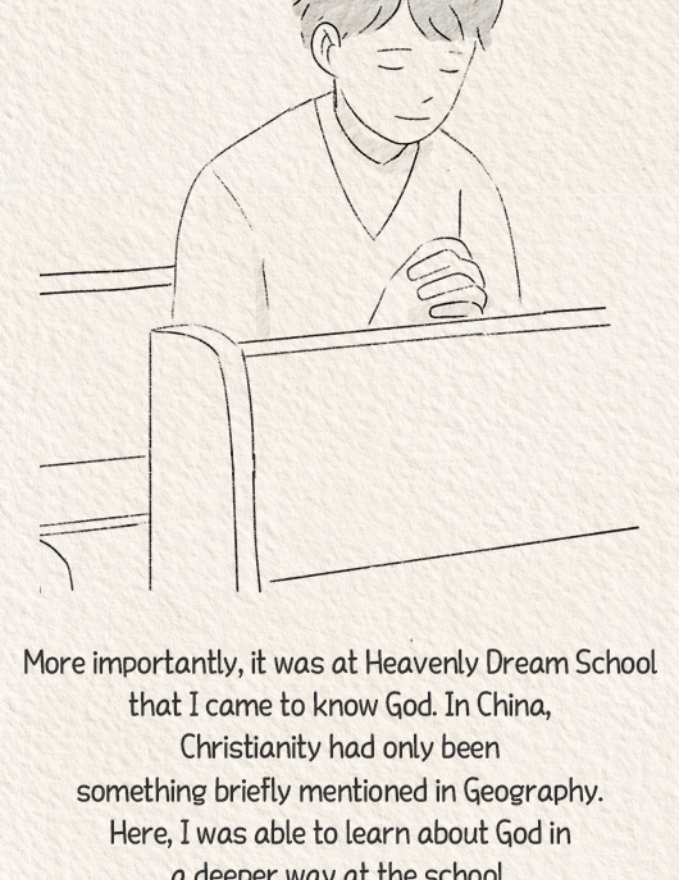
But because I struggled with Korean, conversations gradually became fewer,

and I found myself increasingly isolated.

I couldn't fully understand my teachers during class, often ate lunch alone,

and slowly lost my confidence.

I had always been outgoing, but I became quiet and withdrawn.



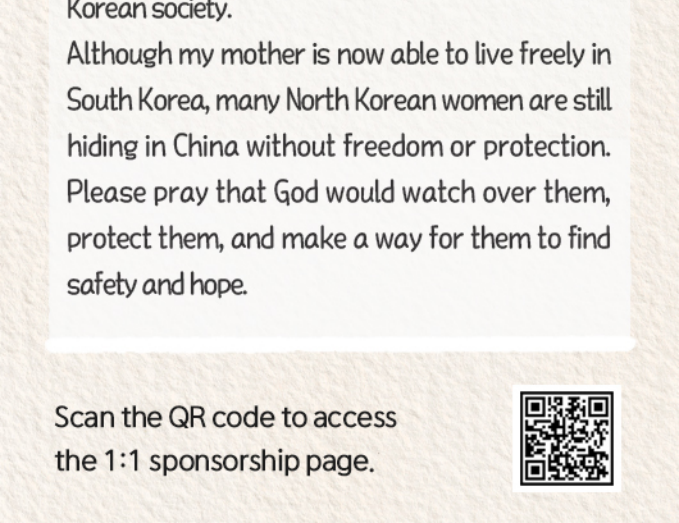
As I was finishing middle school, my guidance counselor noticed

how much I was struggling.

After speaking with my mother, they recommended

that I transfer to another school.

That recommendation led me to Heavenly Dream School.



At Heavenly Dream School,

I met friends who shared similar backgrounds and language,

and I was able to find comfort again.

I connected with my friends again, regained my confidence,

and rediscovered my desire to study.

The teachers invested

so much time and care into helping me, even spending extra hours teaching me Korean so

that I could keep learning.

Their encouragement gave me hope for my future.

More importantly, it was at Heavenly Dream School that I came to know God. In China,

Christianity had only been something briefly mentioned in Geography.

Here, I was able to learn about God in a deeper way at the school.

The worship and scripture felt unfamiliar at first, but little by little, God has become real to me.

I want to continue to grow in my faith

I am now a senior in high school and am prayerfully considering my future.

I enjoy studying geography and ecology, though I have not yet decided on a specific career.

Wherever God leads me, I want to keep learning, keep growing, and faithfully follow the path

He has prepared for my life.

My hope is to become an honest and upright member of society

who reflects goodness

and a positive influence to those around me.

Seojin's Prayer Requests

Please pray that God would clearly guide me as I seek His direction for my future career and calling.

Please pray that I would grow into a person of integrity who lives righteously and faithfully in Korean society.

Although my mother is now able to live freely in South Korea, many North Korean women are still hiding in China without freedom or protection.

Please pray that God would watch over them, protect them, and make a way for them to find safety and hope.

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