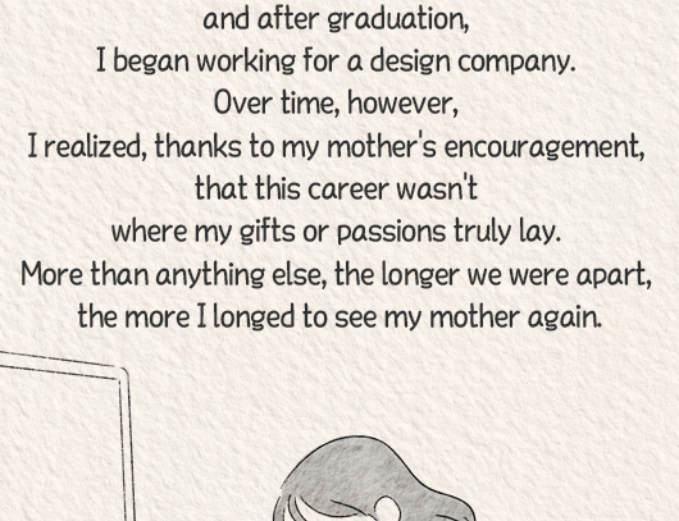
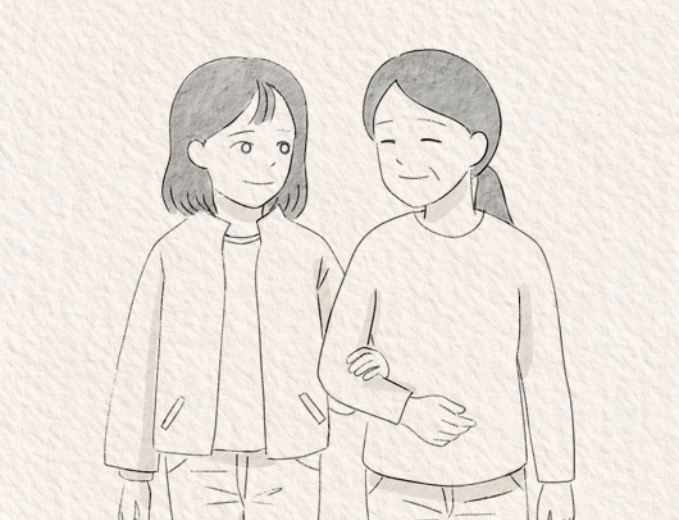


Heavenly Dream Prayer Letter

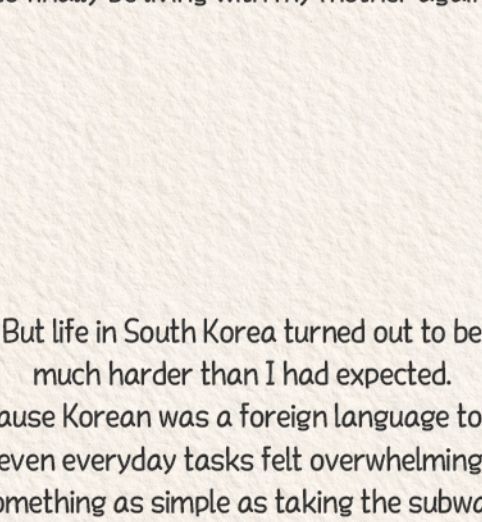
I was born in Jilin Province, China, to a North Korean mother who had escaped to China and a Chinese father. I lived there until I was twenty-two years old. My parents raised me with incredible love despite the difficult circumstances we faced. When I was twelve years old, my father suddenly passed away in a workplace accident. Three years later, my mother also had to leave for South Korea. Because she had no legal status in China, she lived in constant fear of being discovered and deported. Eventually, she had no choice but to seek safety in South Korea. At just fifteen years old, I was left behind and lived alone in my school's dormitory.



Although I was left behind, I didn't give up. I studied hard, earned a degree in design, and after graduation, I began working for a design company. Over time, however, I realized, thanks to my mother's encouragement, that this career wasn't where my gifts or passions truly lay. More than anything else, the longer we were apart, the more I longed to see my mother again.

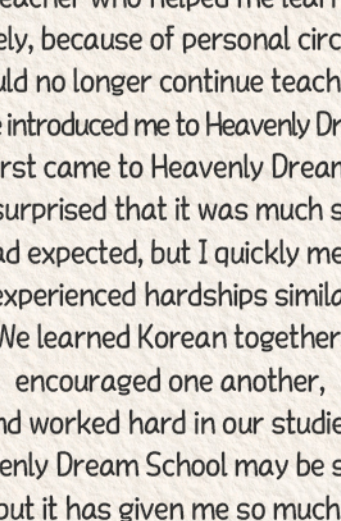


My mother never wanted me to be alone. She encouraged me to come to South Korea, and as my desire to be with her grew stronger, I decided to make the journey.

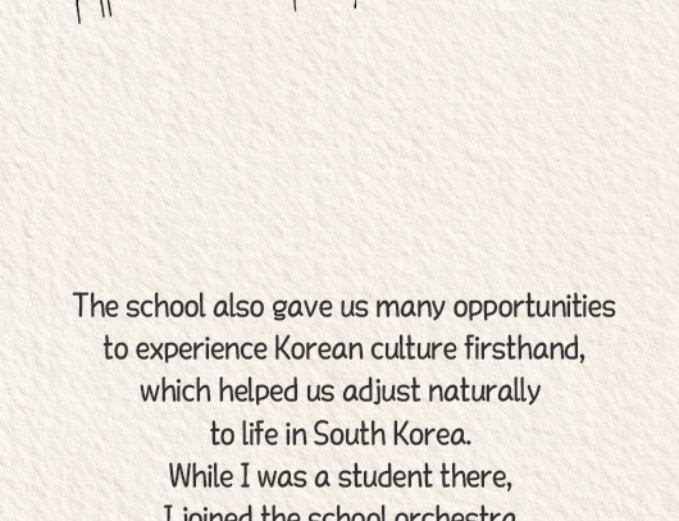


When I first arrived in South Korea, everything felt new and exciting. The streets were clean, and the food, culture, and even the language were so different from the environment I had grown up in. I was also overjoyed to finally be living with my mother again.

But life in South Korea turned out to be much harder than I had expected. Because Korean was a foreign language to me, even everyday tasks felt overwhelming. Something as simple as taking the subway or the bus was difficult, and if I got lost, I didn't know how to ask for help. Making new friends was the hardest part. Before long, the excitement of living in South Korea gave way to loneliness.



During that time, I met a teacher who helped me learn Korean. Unfortunately, because of personal circumstances, she could no longer continue teaching me. Instead, she introduced me to Heavenly Dream School. When I first came to Heavenly Dream School, I was surprised that it was much smaller than I had expected, but I quickly met friends who had experienced hardships similar to mine. We learned Korean together, encouraged one another, and worked hard in our studies. Heavenly Dream School may be small, but it has given me so much. Every day, we were served warm, delicious meals, and the teachers patiently taught us Korean. It became a place where I could grow, find community, and begin to feel at home.



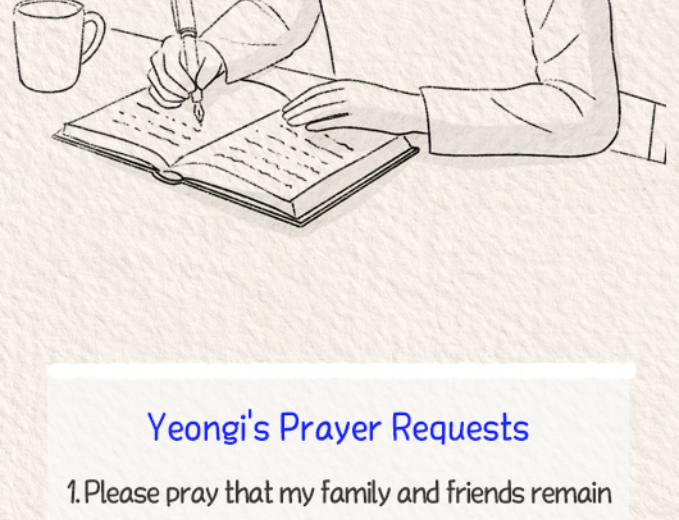
The school also gave us many opportunities to experience Korean culture firsthand, which helped us adjust naturally to life in South Korea. While I was a student there, I joined the school orchestra and learned to play the clarinet. It was my first time playing an instrument, and I discovered a joy I had never experienced before. Most importantly, it was at Heavenly Dream School that I first came to know God. As I learned more about Him, I wanted to believe, and I began attending church.



My time at Heavenly Dream School also helped me discover what I truly wanted to do with my life. It showed me not only what my dream was, but also how to prepare for it, one step at a time.



Though Heavenly Dream School is small, it has given me more than I could have imagined. It gave me a new language, a new culture, lifelong friends, the love of God, and even a dream for my future. I am deeply grateful to Heavenly Dream School for welcoming me so warmly, and to every sponsor who has encouraged and supported me along the way. Looking ahead, I hope to work in publishing. I have loved reading books since I was a child, and I have always enjoyed writing stories of my own. Although Korean is still a significant challenge for me, I want to keep learning, keep growing, and build a life centered around books. One day, I hope to translate meaningful Korean books into Chinese so they can be shared with more readers. Through those books, I hope to introduce not only Korean literature, but also the culture and heart of Korea.



Yeongi's Prayer Requests

1. Please pray that my family and friends remain healthy, safe, and happy.
2. Please pray that God would guide me to the right university and major as I pursue my dream of working in publishing, and that He would help me prepare well for the future.
3. My mother endured many hardships while living in North Korea and China, and as a result, her health has become very fragile. Please pray that God would restore both her physical and emotional health and bless her with renewed strength.

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