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My future consists of three things. God, family, happiness. One without the other two does not make any sense to me. A lot of people would think that their future would be set just as long as they have money and a big house and fancy cars. Even though these material possessions are attainable, they will not be satisfying, especially when there are new trends every day. Living each day to the fullest is the best way to get ready for My Future.

I grew up with a Christian background. Going to church every Sunday and keeping the Sabbath day holy was what kept me going everyday. I would like wake up every morning and pray to keep my family and I safe throughout the day. Then at night before I would go to bed, I would pray for the world to be kept safe and for sweet dreams in my mind and heart while I slept. As I grew older I relied on God to help me through every trial, and He did. Whenever I felt like the world was falling down on my shoulders, I knew it was God who helped carry the weight. In the past, in the present, and in the future God was and is the center of my life. Sometimes I have gone astray but ultimately have come back to him, because only he knows what lies in my future, both the good and bad days. They say that blood is thicker than water. I totally agree with that. Sometimes my family and I cannot get along. We fight about who's turn it is to do the dishes, who's turn it is to take out the trash and other arguments about petty chores. But we always find a way to forgive each other and forget about the harsh words we exchanged earlier. One day I want to have a family of my own. My mom and dad did a great job of raising me and

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my brother and sisters. I learn from their mistakes and I make choices that will help me later on in life. When I do have my own family I would want them to have everything that I could not have. no, I am not talking about spoiling my children; actually I want them to have security that they will always have a college fund waiting for them in their future. I want to work hard, not for myself, but for my children. The big pay-off day is when I get to see my children with every benefit and opportunity is available to them.

Happiness is a mixture of it all. God, family, working, living, and sometimes even money. Seeing other people happy because of my actions is my happiness. Happiness in the past for me was a lollipop or a teddy bear, maybe even sometimes a nickel. These small amounts of worldly things kept me happy for a while because as a child that is all I knew. Now as a college student happiness is getting a free lunch or dinner. Sometimes just passing a test or getting an A+ on an essay gives me a huge smile. But like the lollipop, teddy bear and nickel, it lasts only momentarily. Happiness is the future. And my happiness is my future. Every day I look forward to what God and Life has in store for me. The good things I can get more of. The bad things I learn from and use as a helpful experience.

Everyone has different view of what his or her future is going to be like. Some want all the fame and fortune of the world; others just want a roof over their heads and a hot meal on a cold night. I think the past affects the future and everything you do now reflects on what you will do and what will happen in the future. So I'll say it again, living each day to the fullest is the best way to get ready for my future.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



* Congratulation ! *



Three On Track participants, Linda Lee(Seattle University), Elijah Lee(Concordia University) and Sarah Yu(Clover Park High), were nominated for the scholarship from Korean Women's Realtor Association.

* On Track Planning *

- ☞ **Christmas Party** Dec. 23 5 pm
Days Inn (6802 Tacoma Mall Boulevard)
- ☞ **Leadership Training** Jan. 2 & 3
Pacific Beach Retreat Center
- ☞ **Bowling Tournament** Jan. 31 6pm
Narrows Bowling Lane
- ☞ **Boeing Company Touring** Feb. 17
Boeing Everett Plant
- ☞ **Work Readiness Workshop** Mar. 15 & 22

MSM has just purchased a van, which seats up to 16 people. So from now on if we have trips we can provide you with adequate transportations.



We also have a new caseworker, Nick. Nick has just come back from his military training and will be working with the "On Track," program. "I'm excited to start the New Year in this program, I believe we're going to accomplish a lot this next year." Nick, graduated from the University of Washington last year with a BA in International Studies.

MSM Mission Statement

To provide specialized assistance to disadvantaged people in the community. We help them to maximize their own abilities and decision-making in our complex society.