

Anti-Communist Rally Draws Thousands in Melbourne Australia

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Melbourne Family in front of their home

Here in Australia the center is growing and we received many blessings in recent times. A few weeks ago we experienced an anti-communist demonstration in Melbourne with about 5000-6000 participants. They were people from all ages and different backgrounds, but there was a strong spirit of unity. We could read slogans like: "Wake up Australia," "Communists took over East Europe, Cambodia, Vietnam-when Australia?" More self-defense for Australia," and many others.

Representatives of the opposition party, the Liberals, were present and other important personalities. They expressed their standpoint and gave explanations about the situation in Australia, the danger of communism for this country and how actions should be taken to make the Australian public more aware of the reality of a communist threat. For all it was a surprise that so many demonstrators took part in this action. So far nobody had really stood up to speak out his opinion. It seems that there are latent forces underneath and that they only need to be combined under a strong person who can lead such a movement. We all hope that in the future all anti-communist actions will find more support among the average Australian.

Our opposition leader, Mr. Fraser, is a strong anti-communist. Recently he declared openly in front of some thousands of public servants in Canberra that the lifestyle in Australia is too selfish and that we have to change it otherwise we will ruin our country. So at least it seems that some people feel responsible for the whole country and take a strong position. We stay in contact with Dr. Fraser to build up a close relationship which should show him that support for his ideas and actions doesn't come only from inside his own party but also from citizens in Australia. A personal meeting didn't take place because of his heavy schedule but, according to the secretary, will be arranged soon.

The family grows stronger every day, more members joined last month and one boy came from Finland. We feel that only the Divine Principle and the love of God can unite all these different nationalities.

Our centers in Adelaide and Perth are doing well, still emphasizing street witnessing. In Adelaide, the family started fundraising and the brothers are really enthusiastic about it and can't express enough how much they can learn from it.

Here in Melbourne we had an opportunity to give a lecture about the Divine Principle in an Institution for Technology. The response could have been more positive and so it only showed us again that we have to do much more to spread God's truth. Recently we started singing songs on the streets at our witnessing square. We feel that we can bring a lot of joy and happiness to the people; we also received responses from other religious groups who were positively attracted and expressed their delight.

Through these experiences we can see how much joy we can give simply by sharing our joys and hopes with others.