

One World Crusade taught 50 people 1st chapter and 12 conclusions

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Dear President [Young Hwi] Kim,

The really big news in Denver is the birth of Erik Trenor Rapkins. Trenor was born May 24th at 2:52 p.m. much to the supreme joy of everyone in the center, especially Carl and Linna.

Denver Center's recent activities can be divided into basically three areas: witnessing activities, Center activities, and Pioneer activities.

In the realm of witnessing, we have been very busy searching for and bringing in Father's lost children. Our main method of attracting children is through our weekend workshops. We have had nine workshops so far, each time with a different brother or sister in the subject position. During the workshops, we teach all of Principle, go to the mountains, folk dance, and generally do all we can to give love to those who come so that they will be drawn to us. We have figured out that for every workshop, at least one person joins.

We continue to teach first chapter twice weekly on Wednesdays and Sundays. In order to attract people to our meetings as well as to give our street and park witnessing a bit more punch, we have begun singing and folk dancing in the local parks. Mary O'Brian, who learned folk dancing in high school and from the Berkley family, has been teaching us dances from Greece, Israel, and many other countries. Each time we dance, we gather a good sized crowd who watch and participate. We are gaining a reputation for singing and fancy footwork all over the youth and college communities.

Within recent months, we have held meetings and classes at three local universities. At the University of Colorado Denver Center, we held one meeting that attracted about 9 people. At the University of Denver, we have held two meetings and from them have gained two new brothers. At Denver Free University, we have sponsored a class called "The Supernormal in Human Experience" taught by Maryellen McCabe. We have gained one new brother from the class, and several positive people who have heard conclusion.

For those who have heard all of Principle, we have started an ongoing Sunday evening meeting so that new student's questions and problems can be worked out. The regularity of the meeting helps students to establish a pattern of interaction with us and also gives us a more predictable way of dealing with students.

In the realm of Center activities, much of our actions have been directed towards helping the new

members and keeping the atmosphere in the house high and productive. Currently, we have 17 active Center members and approximately 5-10 members outside of the Center who are supporting our work. For the last three months, we have been operating an annex about three blocks from the Center. Living in the annex are Buff Baker, Maryellen McCabe, Kathy Nelson and her son Jason who is the main reason for the annex.

There are four planned meetings during the week set aside as special times for growing closer to Father. In order to start our new members teaching as soon as possible, as well as to help older members become better teachers, we have set aside two nights a week (Monday and Friday) especially for outlining Principle and for practice teaching. In this way we hope to have everyone able to teach proficiently within three to six months after they come in.

Another meeting is a Thursday night Prayer meeting where someone presents something of inspirational value that all of us can take inside and grow from. On Saturday evenings we have spiritual growth meetings in which some aspect of center life such as Cain-Abel relationships, service, or witnessing is explored in depth, helping us all to apply Principle in better and stronger ways. Also, every Monday, the home members meet at the Center to discuss Principle and ways of relating to it and applying it better in their daily secular lives.

Financially, Denver is really starting to get off the ground. Kim Home Cleaning (Soon to be renamed New World Home Cleaning) is grossing more and more and, at present, with eight family members on the cleaning crew. Within the past three weeks, we have started selling candles 7-8 hours a day in shifting teams of four and six. We are only just starting to get into the swing of candle selling.

Many people in the Center are busy fulfilling individual conditions to help them through the 60 day period of indemnity. Some are fasting frequently, others are taking cold baths, but whatever the method, everyone is determined to succeed during this period and to overcome Satan's attacks. For the Center, as well as for the pioneers, we are in the middle of a condition where the family is divided into prayer partners that rotate weekly. The daily prayer is for twenty minutes. In this way, both individually and as a center, we will subjugate Satan and keep him away from Denver.

In the realm of the pioneers, Denver has also been very busy. At the present time, Mike Smith is in College Park learning the fine old craft of New Age candle making. The reason is that Denver has been given the mission of supplying candles for all the bus teams and centers throughout the Midwest. We should be in full production by late June or early July.

From May 14th to May 23rd, Denver was host to the One World Crusade, bus team #1, led by Joseph Sheftick. While the bus team was here, we witnessed during the day and sold candles during the night. At least 50 people heard 1st chapter and of those, about 20 people returned for 2nd chapter. We taught 12 conclusions. One of those has joined the family and is now with bus team.

We held several meetings during the week, but the highlight was a large meeting at Denver University in which we sponsored the Hare Krishna Movement, the Divine Light Movement (Sat Guru Maharaj Ji), unusual Christian mystic who thinks she's the reincarnation of Elijah, a professor of Hindu religious studies at Denver University, and of course, ourselves. All of the groups performed in some manner and gave a short talk. One World Crusade sang and Maryellen McCabe spoke to the crowd about Principle and about our Leader. Over 400 people attended the meeting and many expressed the desire to find out more about us.

Shortly after the bus tour had left, one of Michael Roth's new members, Pat Cain came up to Denver for a week while one of our members went down to Albuquerque to take her place while she was gone. Also several of our members have commuted up to Cheyenne to help Maureen Murphy. The last weekend in May Denver hosted a workshop for all the surrounding states. John Dorosky came from Texas, Michael Roth from New Mexico, Stepheni Schutz from Montana, John Harries came from Oklahoma, and Maureen Murphy came from Wyoming. Each Pioneer brought at least two students and all were very receptive.

In Early July, Denver will send out four members to be trained as Pioneers. They are Susan Miller, Alice Van Dyke, Munch Baker, and Ken Fried. When these four leave, it will make a total of nine members that Denver has sent out to other missions. The other five are Richard Parks, who is the state representative for Indiana; Bob Heater, who is on the southern bus, Gary Vesper, who is now in Washington D.C.; and George and Sylvia Norton who are now working in the San Francisco print shop. Denver has sent out two others, but not to missions within the movement.

One is Yoshiyukui Asano, a Japanese student from Kyoto, who left for Germany because his visa expired. The other is John Lapardo, a naval intelligence officer, who was assigned to an aircraft carrier off Vietnam.

These last few months have been a period of trial and struggle for Denver, but now we foresee a great period of expansion in our area. This summer, Sandy Boshart, who started the cleaning business here, will travel to Boulder, Colorado to Pioneer a new Center. We have many students deeply interested in Principle, and many plans to attract more. We in Denver are determined to do our part to save the mission of America.

We all send our love to the True Parents, and sign

In Their Name

The Denver Family