

Panamanian Hope Emerging for a Multiracial Nation

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Gustavo Giuliano teaching Divine Principle to the Hisao Lee academy

style but to evangelize and train people for peace.

A providence is brewing; a glimmer of hope is growing in a place where various races and cultures have integrated as a nation, making this country a gateway to the world. From Panama emerges the Hisao Lee Academy, made up of "men and women of light," who day after day study the Divine Principle.

The men and women of light or warriors of light, formed under the spiritual guidance of Grand Master Fabio Perez. While still young, Sake Fabio met two oriental teachers, who taught him karate and kung fu. These teachers came with the mission not only to teach their

Soke Fabio received a prophecy that from him would begin the generation of the unshida (men of light) but in the future they would meet other men of light that would come from the other side of the world and Sake Fabio and spiritual and much disciplined group. All Panama talks about them; they are considered the guardians of the country. Today, the Ministry of Education and Culture entrusted them with training students in seventy-nine public schools.

Four hundred instructors are part of a Civil Defense group formed to take action against any disaster that occurs in the country. This group is constantly in motion. The interesting thing is that it comprises many professionals, young people who in the past did not have a clear future or had lost their families. Soke Fabio invited them to his academy and inculcated values in them, which aided their transformation into professionals.



Hisao Lee academy members with their Divine Principle books

The academy has a place of praise and evangelical preaching. Every Friday night hundreds of them come to hear the word of God. You feel a holy atmosphere. The designated pastors, who are also martial arts instructors, take turns preaching and make time to listen to Divine Principle lectures or study one-on-one with our and national messiah missionaries, Regis and Nancy Hanna.

The Hannas, our national leader, Toribio Jose de Lora Jeannette, Angela De Lora and members of the Family Federation in Panama have developed an extreme determination that this group be dedicated to serve our Heavenly Parent and True Parents.



They have gone through many difficulties, atonement and tests as blessed members, making prayer conditions early in the morning for the hundreds of instructors and administrators of the fourteen schools under the academy. Additionally, a group of Hisao Lee Academy members formed a Home Group; five couples attend this group regularly to deepen the lives of faith. Recently, I had the opportunity to participate in one of their Home Group meetings. I found their reflections to be of the highest quality and depth, yet they surrender to the logic inherent in the Divine Principle. It is as if they have found the lost map to return home.

We had the opportunity to teach them about the formula course. On the one hand, it shocked them to see the many parts of the formula course process that they practice but that without True Parents they could not achieve blessed marriages. Thus, they could never walk toward ultimate perfection.

During the month of October, this year, I had the opportunity to teach the Divine Principle to selected groups in the Hisao Lee Schools. As Soke Fabio says, "The study of the Divine Principle is like going through Bible school or graduate school or a Ph.D. course; not everyone can understand." Those who came to participate in the study generally are practicing Christians that have read the Bible and practice open-mindedness. In addition, he says, "The Divine Principle reveals the mind of God."

Soke Fabio pushes those in his academy to understand all religions, to have an opinion about them, as well as about all other areas of human activity, such as politics, environmental protection, or business. Fundamentally, he urges them to form good families, because Hisao Lee is a large extended family.

The studies consisted of the following methodology: In a group of forty instructors, we divided the students into pairs to read the Divine Principle, the red and blue part. We chose a theme (for example, the Principles or Creation) and the students read four pages from the first chapter. Then the speaker called them and formulated questions to ascertain their level of understanding. He then reinforced that with a thorough explanation.

Divine Principle Study Material First Part

Principles of Creation: How do realize the kingdom of heaven, which is the object of God's Joy? (Reading: five pages)

Created beings undergo a growth period, that included indirect and direct dominion (Reading: five pages)

The Human Fall: Section II: The Motivation and the Process of the Fall (Reading: six pages)

Sin and characteristics of Fallen Nature: (Reading: four pages)

Consummation of Human History: The Meaning of the Last Days (Reading: four pages)

The Last Days, the New Truth and Our attitude (Reading: four pages) (We also scrutinize chart 1, the unfolding Manifestation of God's Word in the creation of the universe and the Providence of restoration.)

The Mission of the Messiah: Did redemption by the cross accomplish the providence of salvation?

Resurrection: The Biblical concepts of Life and Death (Reading: five pages)

How God carry Out His Work of resurrection? (Reading: three pages)

Predestination: Section I: The Predestination of God's Will. (Reading: five pages)

Christology: Is Jesus God Himself? (Reading: three pages)

Section IV: rebirth and Trinity. (Reading: five pages)

Divine Principle Study Material: Second Part

The Principle of Restoration Through indemnity (Reading: four pages)

The Foundation to receive the Messiah (Reading: five pages)

The History of restoration and "I" (Reading: two pages)

The Providence of restoration in Adam's Family (Reading: four pages)

The Foundation to receive the Messiah -- Abraham's Family (Reading: five pages)

The Third course of the Worldwide Restoration of Canaan (Reading: two pages)

Why and How the Providence of restoration is Prolonged (Reading: eleven pages)

We then scrutinize chart 3: The Progress of History as Guided by the Providence of restoration.

The World Wars (Reading: twenty-one pages)

When (one page), How (five pages) and Where (thirteen pages) the Second coming will occur

The speakers' explanations reach levels of depth that could explain what actually occurred in the days of the Messiah Jesus. The students appeared to esteem highly the material and eventually wanted to pose for a photograph while holding Explanation of the Divine Principle.

A light of hope has been in this wonderful country, Panama. Professor Toribio de Loria, his wife and other blessed members are doing a great job supporting the Hannas in the task of witnessing. It's like they have a people on hand to take them the message of salvation of True Parents.

Dr. Hanna says, "If you want to have spiritual children await them." Now we have fifty blessed couples with fourteen children comprising the second generation of Panamanian Unificationists. Many have already listened to Divine Principle lectures and are in the process of receiving the blessing. The Hannas' prayer room lit every night to accommodate intensive prayer for the great men and women of light prepared by Heavenly Parents at this time, so that they could approach the hearts of our Heavenly Parent and True Parents.