

Cheon Il Guk Youth Missionaries

Kyeong Seuk Lu
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A variety of staff members and leaders including Rev. Kyeong Seuk Lu: center; with the missionaries

Cheon Il Guk youth missionaries have been enthusiastically carrying out activities in their mission countries in response to True Mother's desire that we testify about True Parents to people in all corners of the world. On September 12, in the fourth floor auditorium of the Korean headquarters building, church leaders and family members observed a completion of mission ceremony for the first batch of fifteen Cheon Il Guk missionaries and a ceremony to dispatch the same number in the second batch to their mission countries. Rev. Yeong Gyun Lee, director of the Youth and Student Department of the Korean headquarters, was the master of ceremonies. Regarding the first batch of missionaries, Rev. In Seon Shin, director of the Witnessing and Education Department prayed, "This year has been unforgettable for our missionaries. Through this event, please enable them to reflect again on the purpose for which our True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind dispatched them, now that they have returned to their original place." About the second batch of missionaries, he prayed, "Please enable our second batch of missionaries to understand that they are going to their mission countries with you. Please bless them today so that they can all make a new start and leap through this time of mission work."

President Lu spoke to the first batch missionaries after reading a message that True Mother gave on September 5 at Cheon Jeong Gung. He said, "One cannot grow or have great experiences in a happy, joyful, good environment. We need to realize how hard our Heavenly Parent and True Parents have been working for the salvation of humanity as they have led the providence." To the second batch, Rev. Lu said, "During your eighty-day educational course, you reflected and looked for your faith and there are those of you that could make new starts. The education you received was possible through the missionary experiences of those that went before you." He then emphasized the significance of holding both the completion of mission ceremony and dispatch ceremony together.

Reflections

In a reflection from the first batch of missionaries, Mr. Gyeong Bong Seo, whose mission country was Malaysia said, "Through my experiences there, the faith I had vaguely held as a second-generation member become clearer and solid. This, I believe, was the greatest result from this mission period." He also said, "As we worked together with the local members, there were many times when I was greatly moved.

As I experienced the members' purity and the familial love they shared among themselves, I felt that Malaysia, as an ally of Cheon Il Guk, will be able to greatly develop. In the end, I am confident that a day will come when Malaysia will be completely saved and dedicated to our Heavenly Parent and the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind."

Ms. Ah Young Shin also spoke, representing all the second-batch missionaries. She first spoke of her motivation in becoming a youth missionary. She said, "I volunteered for this in order to better understand our Heavenly Parent and True Parents and to find my identity as a second-generation member. Thinking that 2014 was an important time, I wanted to be of help to our Heavenly Parent and True Parents, no matter how small." She also said, "One great point I felt during our eighty-day educational period was that I am a child of our Heavenly Parent. I realized that our Heavenly Parent was always within me and that he wanted me to realize this fact. I realized that it was his love that guided me all the way here."

Members in the church headquarters in Korea, our Heavenly Parent's homeland and the fatherland of our faith, have been recruiting Cheon Il Guk youth missionaries to spread Heaven's tradition and culture and to testify about True Parents around the world. The first batch began their mission last year. They chose the second batch and taught them from June this year. They plan to start recruiting missionaries for the third batch this December.