

The Austrian Family opened a new mission in Liechtenstein on April 30

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In the month of April we were happy to have Parents' Day celebrations in the different centers of Austria. Through various letters from America and through a wonderful tape sent to us by our brothers at Belvedere we could feel big waves of our Parents' immense love towards us. We were very enthusiastic also about the new song "Marching on, Heavenly Soldiers", which we heard on that evening for the first time, presented by 50 young trainees in the "heavenly military academy" at Belvedere. This song has now become one of our favorites, and it often helps us in our struggle for discipline, courage and determination.

We are glad to report that we found a house to rent in Vienna which is perfectly suited as the new headquarters of Austria. We really needed a house in Vienna. We prayed hard and made indemnity conditions so that we might be guided to a suitable free house, and we decided that we should find it until the 12th of April. Exactly on that day two of our members were led to the house chosen by our Father.

During the last weeks some more brothers and sisters than usual worked in the candle production, because we had got a large order, and the first delivery was to be ready by the beginning of May. Though at first it seemed almost impossible to make all the ordered candles in time, we could manage it, and we were proud of so many boxes of colorful candles waiting to be distributed all over the country.

From April 20 till April 23 (Easter days) we had a special training-session at our farmhouse for the youngest members of the Family. These days were really blessed by our beloved Father. The course, mainly concerning Family life, missionary methods, questions and answers about the Divine Principles and several problems in regard to our anti-Communist work, opened to all the participants a wider horizon and gave them a stronger motive to work for and with Him.

On April 24 Mr. David Kim and Mr. Oyama, who were on a business journey, stayed in Vienna for one day. Mr. D. Kim talked to us for about one hour on the missionary work of the "One World Crusade" and other important events in America. All the members decided to turn the inspiration received into increased efforts. On another evening some members of the Korean embassy showed Korean movies to our Family, and many aspects of the Korean culture were brought closer to us.

This month we concentrated on several well-prepared witnessing campaigns which brought many interested people to the centers. Often it happens that people wonder about the strong guidance they have received to get into contact with us.

We also went through a number of heavy attacks from outside. Several parents of our members were influenced by press articles from Germany with negative reports or by the Catholic Church, and some parents are now trying to inform all other parents about that "terrible sect", and they want to collect all the material available against us. So possibly the future will bring us still more trouble in this respect.

On April 30 we opened a new mission in Liechtenstein, and we hope that many good people will be found there.

We thank our Heavenly Father for making so many things possible, and we want to send our love and greetings to all our brothers and sisters all over the world.