

7 Day OSDP Workshop for STF & Albanian Members

25th - 31st of May 2014, Training Center, Tirana, Albania

Dear brothers and sisters!

We would like to share with you the report about the 7 day OSDP workshop which was organized from 25th - 31st of May 2014 in our National Training Center in Tirana – Albania. This workshop was organized for STF, but thanks to them, also 25 Albanian brothers and sisters could participate. As a result, beside 6 STF teams, there were also 4 Albanian teams of members.



Our wonderful lecturers, Rev. Rainer Fuchs and Rev. Giuseppe Cali could transmit Heavenly Parents work in a special way, not just focusing in giving all the content, but going deeply in main topics as the participants were all members who attended already several DP workshops before. They spent a lot of time to answer all the questions through clear explanations thus helping participants to clarify all their unclear issues.



The way lectures were presented was not that traditional one with a lot of effort to understand principle only in theory, because all of us we got that before, but they explained how the principle can be applied in our daily lives and how much substantial and real it is.

What was emphasized by Rev. Fuchs was how to understand and build our vertical relationship with Heavenly Parent and True Parents, while Rev. Cali during the lecture of Fall of Man and Principles of Restoration emphasized the absolute sex and at the end he gave a presentation about how the gender identity is lost in the 21st century, and explained the confusions created from our society. What was also interesting for the participants was the recent developments of the providence, which made most of participants reflect deeply and also raised many practical questions for their life of faith.



Part of the program was also 2 special parts: sports and traveling. Albanian group could visit Petrela Castle, while STF members visited Dajti Mountain.



During the WS we had also the possibility to celebrate altogether the 52nd Day of All True Things. There was time for prayer, personal reflection and testimonies from brothers and sisters.

This workshop, as a whole, was a big blessing not only for STF, but for all those Albanian brothers and sisters who could attend. This was very visible from their reflections, where most of them desired that such workshop can be organized more often. We were sorry that many other Albanian members who had desire to attend the OSDP WS couldn't do so because of the limited number of participants.





Once again we would like to thank STF staff who organized the WS in Albania and allowed many members to join STF members.

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Reflections

Erion Meniku, Shkodra

This was my first ODP workshop. This is different compare with others because it was deeper in content and makes me reflect more who I am and who I need to become. Three points that I understood deeper and would like to practice are: 1. Put goals for everything. 2. Take care more of my mind and put it in subject position. 3. Keep my body holy

Vullnet Sejdiu, Kosovo

During this workshop, I had opportunity to learn new things. I am really thankful to STF that allowed us to be part of this workshop. There were some points that were mentioned, which I'd like to practice from now on. I will try to love my wife each day more and more, so that now I know what a value it will have for us as a central family and for our children that we will have. I know everybody says that 2nd generation children doesn't have a difference in the external, only internal, but as far I have seen these children, I can only say that I want my children to be like them, not like every other child. I want to grow them up with the True Parents; I want to tell them about Heavenly Parents.

Arlinda Elbasani, Tirana

In this workshop, that was very special for me I listened many things and I had a lot of deep feelings. When you listen these things, looks like you understand, but to understand means to practice and if we feel difficulties to practice, means that we have difficulties in understanding, but important is that the feelings which were transmitted and received in this workshop are a big help to have e new start and to go on the right way. There are many things that I need to practice more from now on, because I understood that there are many things that I didn't understand in the right way. This workshop guided me in the most important turning point of my life of faith, which I really needed and expected from some time ago. My purpose is to change myself based on True Parents words, investing also in changing the environment around me.

Bilbil Zharri, Tirana

... I think this workshop did help in strengthening my connection to Heavenly Parents and True Parents. Although a few parts of the workshop were a bit subjective and personal, I got to understand more of the heart of God in different ages and more of the course of True Parents, especially for True Mother. This workshop was deeper and was more intense heartistically. It gave me a broader understanding of the providence, probably because I haven't attended many workshops, but it was very touching.

Manuela Dushku, Korça

This workshop made me understand things related to True Parents. I think that now I know more and I feel them closer. This workshop made me feel more and be raised my conscience on those topics.

Vera Ymeraj, Vlora

..... from all the lectures I received, what I understood is that I didn't understand anything, even though I thought I know many things. During the lectures, I could go deeper in understanding the history of providence and every word said seemed more than true.

Sildian Llaha, Tirana

We can never give back to God what he gave to us. To be a participant in such a workshop simply makes you feel that you are lucky that you exist. All the lectures were special, explained till the smallest detail and a wonderful spirit transmitted from the lecturers. What I would like to practice more from now on is to learn to explain Divine Principle deeply, and to be able to give good lectures.

Zahide Tema, Tirana

... What I know for sure is that this workshop affected me a lot and really I could understand that I know very little, urging me to search more, not for my personal knowledge, but to grow in my heart. We are the problem and the solution, if we accept the truth, I can change. This workshop created a lot of space for personal growth. True Father discovered the truth and our purpose is to follow this way to restore ourselves centered on True Parents. This is our responsibility....