

Spring Festival

Manantial del Corazón, Spain, 26. June 2016



On June 26th we celebrated our 2nd Spring Festival in Madrid. This was an occasion to invite members and guests to spend a day together as a family.

We had a Spring Festival in 2014 and because of many requests, we decided to do it again and hopefully make it a tradition in our community.

The day started with a short Sunday Service for members and guests; our speaker talked about the family, the idea of a global family and the 3 blessings, referring to our True Father's words and the Divine Principle.

After the Sunday Service all participants were divided into teams in order to participate in the games and we had a brief welcome and

introduction. Before starting all games we wanted to animate participants and make them warm up, so we had 2 dances: one danced by the children and the other one was a group dance for everybody.

Apart from the games, before lunch, we organized the competition of "Top Chef". In this contest all those who wished could bring a dessert or main dish and present it. 3 judges tried all the dishes and elected two winners who, at the end of the day, received a prize.

There were also awards for 3 of the teams and for the couple that won the activity called "Declaration of love", where couples who wanted could demonstrate their love one to another in the way they wanted (dancing, singing, reading a poem, acting, etc.).

One of our guests said, "you can create a very nice family atmosphere" and another one said "I am very happy and I could make many friends".

The day ended with a snack and all participants playing different games such as: Volleyball, Ping-Pong, Poker and Yute.

As True Father said: "We are entering the age of one global family, in which we will have no choice except to live in much closer proximity to those whose religion, nationality and skin color are different from our own. In such a world we will need to develop a genuine appreciation, as opposed to single acceptance, of the wide variety of religions, cultural traditions and lifestyle around us."

Thanks to all participants and staff who made this day possible!

