

STF Newsletter

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Dear Parents, STF Graduates and Friends

These last few weeks have been full of God's abundant love and blessings seeing STF visit Korea and meet True Mother. The experience of Foundation day was something that we all can never forget particularly having the opportunity of living together with Korean families in the home stay.

Mathias Kersting, who has been serving as STF commander from the beginning of the year, finished his mission on STF after Foundation Day and went home to Australia after Korea. STF brothers and sisters truly appreciate his hard work and care he gave to the STF program and could say their goodbyes at the Airport in Seoul. Upon returning after a short workshop, small teams went back to their witnessing cities to maintain the best guests and continue education. The other formed 3 fundraising teams and went to Switzerland. All are having a more valuable experience now on this foundation pursuing the internal goal, "Feeling gratitude for all we have been given, make an offering to our beloved True Parents".

Please pray for their continued success and victory.

Dale Rose
European STF Director



STF Europe in Korea



We arrived at Incheon on the 18th travelled straight to Cheong Pyeong to register for the W-CARP Assembly. The assembly was a 3-day program consisted of a performance festival where every continent performed something. STF was the first performance; we sang "At The Beginning". Other activities were; Theism vs. Atheism Debate, Brotherhood/Sisterhood bonding, Skiing at YeongPyong Resort, and CARP-leaders conference.

21st evening we did ChangYang session in CheongPyeong to prepare our hearts and spirits for Foundation Day, which was a deep day for all of us. That evening we stayed at the Cheon Bok Gung (Seoul church). 23rd was our first day of pilgrimage; first visiting the museum of Dae Mo Nim and Chung Mo Nim (True Father's mother), then to the old HQ church where we had a tour of True Family's individual rooms and hearing stories of the early days of True Parents. We had lunch at "Gangnam" and in the evening we had a interactive talk about witnessing from the former Korean CARP leader.



24th we attended Sunday Service at CBG, afterwards was free time for lunch and shopping. In the afternoon we did the ceremony for introducing and pairing-up STF members with Korean homestay families. This was so they could experience the family culture of Korea and find out for themselves as to why Korea was the chosen land of the True Parents. Homestay lasted until the morning of the 26th.

Once everyone arrived back at CBG from homestay, we travelled straight to Busan to continue our pilgrimage. We first went to visit the memorial for True Father's very first church (that he built from mud and cardboard with Won Pil Kim), and after we walked up the hill to see the Rock of Tears where Father has shed countless of tears to comfort Heavenly Parent's heart. offered a prayer followed by individual prayer where we were all touching the Rock. That evening we travelled to Yeosu to stay the night.





27th morning we had the privilege of visiting True Parents' house in Yeosu and to all ride in True Father's personal fishing boat. I feel that day in particular was truly prepared by God, as it was perfect weather like a summer's day (as there was bad weather the day before) and that we could so easily get permission to ride in Father's boat. We also received guidance from a Korean Rev. specifically for us 2nd Gen. That evening we had our "last supper" together in Busan, eating a traditional crab-dish & octopus. We travelled through the night back to CBG.

28th morning we watched a photo-slideshow of our time in Korea, setting the atmosphere for reflection time to offer up our gratitude to God and see what He was trying to teach us. Then we travelled to the airport to depart back to Germany. Our goal for this 10-day Korea experience was to help our STF BCs to connect to True Parents on a more personal level, and by the end I believe that everyone could connect more closely and feel more of the value of our dear True Parents.



Reflections from Korea

What I could gain out of our journey was, that God never gives up to reach us that he just wants the best for us and that he loves every person so much. I would never ever forget this time, so meaningful, deep and valuable for me. I want to say, something changed inside of me, what I especially noticed was, my relationship to True parents.

Nicole Thurner

I really hope that this period in Korea will be part of the STF program for the future, because there are certain things that we can understand and experience just by being and living in the place where TP dedicated so much effort and heart.

Deborah Call

I am very happy I could go on the pilgrimage with everyone somehow it made True Father's life real. It was no longer a story but a real life spoken about by many faithful members. Amazing! So now I feel closer to True parents through experiencing their culture.

Esther Sobambi

I was feeling the love and guidance of elders there who have such a deep love and desperation for father through the visit and hope for the future. We were able to have such an amazing experience, so spoilt. I guess I can take it as a way to try to refresh to see what has been possible so far and what hope we have for the future.

Rika Jones

Foundation day was the best day seeing all the blessed couples and TM crying really touched me. I feel it is still something I have to understand the pain that TP paid for humanity. I was so grateful to be able to visit those historical and providential places. I could connect more to TF. It was really meaningful because TP are our rock and if we do not understand them then we miss the point of our movement.

Dorian Gravrand



Easter Fundraising Teams

At the moment 3 teams are fundraising in Switzerland on their Easter Fundraising Condition. Hanna Gillberg from Sweden (STF graduate) came to help out with team leading for this time and Mari Isacson (STF Media) & Natania Squizzato (STF Staff) are also supporting by being teamleaders. A new brother from Korea also joined STF Europe for this fundraising condition, he is not a church member but is very inspired by our church values and is open to experience the front-line and the heart of our movement together with young brothers and sisters. It's a very interesting testimony. After 2 weeks the rest of STF brothers and sisters who are now witnessing will also be fundraising until they all meet back again in Schmitten for the Parents Workshop.

Internal goal for the condition is:

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Teamleader: Hanna Gillberg

Location: Lugano, Switzerland

Natalie Rizzi, Monica Inferrera, Victoria Marsh, Hanna Gillberg
Julian Ganz, Yuri Cordelino, Jaeyeong Yang



Teamleader: Deborah Cali

Location: Neuchatel, Switzerland

Aurelie Dumas, Frances Redihough, Deborah Cali

Victor Vanalderwerelt, Shigenori Suzuki, James Claxton, Benjamin Gillberg



Teamleader: Mari Isacson, Natania Squizzato

Location: Basel, Switzerland

Esther Sobambi, InShil Campagne, Romica Spiegl, Mari Isacson

Godwin Chionna, Simone Tammiso, Jonathan Hoyte