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FFWPU

Visit of FFWPU International Secretary General Kim Man Ho to Ukraine

On September 20 ~ 21, Secretary General of FFWPU International, Kim Man Ho, visited Ukraine. He spoke at the workshop for Korean CIG young missionaries whom True Mother dispatched to strategic and providential nations. CIG missionaries brought a new spirit and desire to do witnessing. In his words of guidance, Pres. Kim Man Ho called upon the missionaries to work diligently for the Providence. The Ukrainians expressed their desire to proceed with further developing CARP activity.



During the lecture to CIG youth missionaries, Pres. Kim Man Ho, asked missionaries about their motivations to become missionaries.



“When we are boiling water, it is very difficult to reach from 99 to 100 degrees; it needs a lot of energy. Many people reach 70, 80 or 90 degrees, someone – even 99. However, until now, no one could reach 100 degrees. Me too.”

In the United States True Father prayed at 4:30 am, "So many people are shedding blood and sweat for me. If I will doubt that I am the Messiah, I will be the greatest sinner in the history."

Missionary life implies burying your bones in the mission country.

Think about the tradition of *Jeongseong* that the True Parents established, and try to understand how much you need *Jeongseong*. Now the 2nd and 3rd generation should inherit this tradition and carry it on.

In the course of your mission, you can get a lot of experience, meet the Heavenly Parent and True Parents, and grow spiritually. If you will continue with *Jeongseong* God will help you to become future leaders.

Our relationship with God is a relationship of parent and child. Therefore, it is important not to just believe and follow our Father, but to clearly digest and practice his teaching. Pres. Kim Man Ho's visit has greatly inspired us and enhanced our desire to successfully achieve the goal.

Official opening of the Yellow Castle, the new Ukraine Headquarters

Opening ceremony of the new Ukraine headquarters “The Yellow Castle” took place on September 23, 2014. Regional President Rev. Jin Hwa Chung, representative of FFWPU International HQ, Mr. Sang An Kwon, Leaders from Russia and Belarus attended the ceremony, as well as more than 120 Ukrainian members.



In Korea people say, “If the house is warm on a rainy day – that house will be full of happiness.”

Since the opening of Hun Hwa Won, workshop place, in 2002, activity in Ukraine has greatly expanded. During the current year, in these difficult times, Hyong Jin Nim and Heung Jin Nim gave us strength.

The Ukrainian UC members are doing the *jeonsong* condition: skip meals, prayers, bows etc. Today we offer all this to Heaven. The outside people that constructed the Yellow Castle together with our young members were very much inspired by their attitude. They said that Ukraine has hope with such good young people.

The regional president said, “We are building the heavenly country CIG. If you are happy more than 50% - you are living in a heavenly kingdom. You should pray for all the nations of the world. True Mother said, we should witness to young people. So, let’s build CIG through witnessing to young people. True Mother also said, we should forgive, love, and unite. Start from myself. I should forgive myself, love myself, and unite my mind and body. Also, we should forgive ourselves, love our spouses and children, and achieve unity in our families.”



FFWPU International HQ representative visited Moldova and Russia

On September 24 – 26, the FFWPU International HQ representatives Mr. Kwon Sang An visited Moldova to share about implementing the “Vision 2020” project. On September 25 he met with Peace Ambassadors of Moldova. Two meetings – with rectors of the Technical University and the Sports University – on the issue of further cooperation between the Sun Moon University, South Korea, and the Chisinau universities took place on September 26.



Moscow

Within his tour in three nations of the Northeast Region, Ukraine, Moldova and Russia, manager of FFWPU International HQ, Mr. Kwon Sang An, came to Moscow in the evening of September 26.

On the following day, Mr. Kwon met the National Leader of Russia, the Moscow Regional Leader, and the NER HQ staff. Russian leaders reported on witnessing in Russia and educational programs for new members. Russian leaders discussed with Mr. Kwon different approaches for developing the Family Church and taking care of spiritual life of families.

Then Mr. Kwon met the Second Generation dancing team “Angels of Peace” and gave them cookies that he bought with the money given by True Mother. In the evening he had dinner with witnessing and fundraising teams.

Mr. Kwon gave a short speech at Sunday Service. He asked members to reflect on how we can witness more people and invite them to the Church.



The second generation dancing group “Angels of Peace” performed a dance and sang a Korean song. He congratulated the second-generation members on finishing their educational workshop.

After Sunday Service, Mr. Kwon went sightseeing; he visited the center of Moscow, including Red Square and Arbat Street.

Special Emissary Dr. Hideo Oyamada’s visit to Northeast Region

Special Emissary to the Great China and Northeast Regions Dr. Hideo Oyamada came to Moscow on Saturday, September 19, with the purpose of meeting the NER leaders and learning about UPF and other activists. On September 20th Dr. Oyamada visited Holy Ground established by True Parents in the Moscow Kremlin.

On the same day, he had a meeting with 20 key Ambassadors for Peace who gathered in the NER Peace Embassy on the occasion of celebration International Day of Peace. Thereafter he went to visit the International Peace Highway Holy Ground in the park.



Next day, Dr. Oyamada spoke before the UC members at Sunday service. He shared his experience with True Parents and talked about God’s providence, history of Russia, and future activities.



In the afternoon, he met with Russia leaders (20 people). They discussed the current NGOs activity in Russia. In the evening, he discussed the UC activity with leaders of the UM of Russia.

Visit of Mrs. Kang Dok Rae to Russia.

NER Regional President Rev. Chung invited Mrs. Kang Dok Rae to Russia in order for us to inherit her victory in witnessing and Tribal Messiah activities. It is very symbolic that family name of National Messiah to Russia is also Kang. On September 13 Ms. Kang spoke to Russian leaders, and next day at the Sunday Service. She talked about importance of witnessing. She herself successfully witnessed throughout her entire spiritual life, found many spiritual children, with whom she constantly stays in touch. Particularly strongly, she talked about the need to witness to young people aged 21 – 22, and shared her experience of witnessing.



Ms. Kang is constantly in touch with the children of the second and third generations sharing with them about purity of love, the UC history, etc. She schedules meetings with her spiritual children and blessed couples; many ceremonies she holds herself. She makes effort to not only teach the truth to the children of the second generation, but also inspire them with desire for Blessing. During September 15-16 she was in St. Petersburg where she met with all members and personally with few couples.



Ukraine

Witnessing activity

On September 8-14, 2014 we held a 7-day Divine Principle workshop in Kyiv. 3 new guests attended the workshop. Three more attended the workshop for the second time, 2 people joined the NWET – our one-year educational program. All participants were inspired and interested in studying the Divine Principle.

On September 17-24, 2014 an educational program for six 2nd generation missionaries from Korea and Japan was held in Kyiv. They listened to lectures on witnessing and fundraising, as well as testimonies of our blessed families. They also participated in service projects dedicated to the International Day of Peace.



UPF Activities

Project on International Day of Peace



On September 17-24, 2014 UPF volunteers took part in the event dedicated to the International Day of Peace. It took place in the European University in Kyiv. Ukrainian students and students from Korea and Japan form UPF side exchanged Certificates of Friendship with each other. Participants showed short performances presenting the traditions and culture of their countries. 6 students from the European University were awarded the honorary title «Youth Ambassador for Peace».

“Kyiv Youth invites!”

On September 27, 2014 UPF volunteers took part in the annual social project named "Kyiv Youth invites!". The event was organized by the Kyiv City Center of Social Services for Family, Children and Youth, supported by the Department of Education, Science, Youth and Sports of Ukraine.



It took place in the Mariinsky park in Kyiv. The event was attended by 4,000 residents and guests – families, students, young people, parents, representatives of educational institutions and NGOs.

UPF volunteers took part in the quest for children from the Eastern part of Ukraine. Children had to visit 10 stations participating in social games and fulfilling certain tasks.

On UPF station named “A way out exists” children had to solve situational tasks – find out the exit from difficult life situations in relationships. After that they inflated balloons with the title “Peace begins from me!”

WFWP Activity



On September 1, 2014 women-volunteers from WFWP-Ukraine held lessons on patriotism in two schools in Kyiv. They shared to children about love for the country, culture and traditions.

On September 24, 2014 a delegation of women-volunteers from different NGOs visited the military hospital in Kyiv. They gave 50 pairs of woolen socks to the wounded soldiers. On September 30 WFWP volunteers took part in the assistance project to the victims of hostilities and provided financial help to the 18-year old soldier with third-degree burns.

Moldova

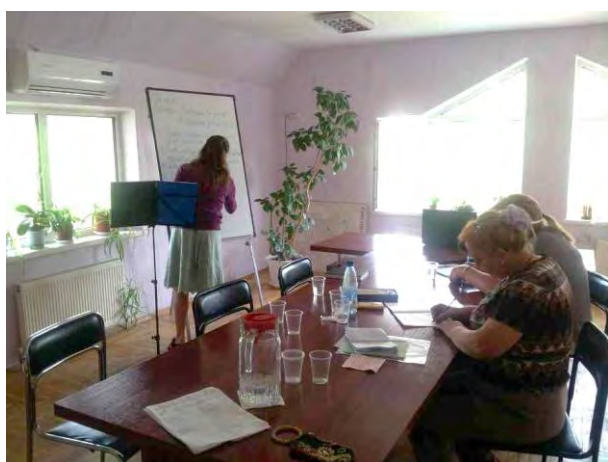
In Moldova, activity is being developed in three main areas: church, NGOs, and business. In September we were trying to expand the existing activities by initiating new ways for witnessing.

Within the Church, we improved weekly Prayer Meetings by adding the Holy Songs sessions and 21-minute prayer as the element of horizontal communication and sharing.



We held Blessed Wives Meetings addressing the issues of raising the Second Generation willing to work for God's providence. We benefited from sharing of the Japanese Second Generation missionary, Tadzu Tsuchida.

We proceed with our witnessing activity. It includes Introduction lectures that we gave for 39 people both in the streets and in the witnessing center, and the 2-days DP workshop for five guests.



The good point is that more home members have joined witnessing and lecturing activities on a regular basis. Our main goal now is giving DP lecturers at 2-days and 7-days DP workshops.

The new ways of witnessing are introduced in Moldova. Among them the weekly meetings of the *Studying Famous People' Life Club* as an interactive way of giving DP education based on studying famous peoples' lives.

The weekly *Cinema Club* provides the way of discovering the DP through watching movies, live sharing, discussions.



On September 6, Japanese missionaries came to do their mission in Moldova.

In the NGO sphere, we held the *WFP leaders' meeting* with the National Leader of Moldova

The Continental Missionary, Nobuko Omori, recently initiated the SUN Culture Centers project.

The Service Project in Mereni village in cooperation with a local youth organization took place on September 6.

“A thousand cranes for Ukraine” project launched at the initiative of the SUN Culture Center led by the Japanese Continental Missionary, Omori Nobuko, took place on September 12-20, on different stage-grounds. Japanese together with Moldavians handmade a garland of 1000 paper cranes, The SUN Culture Centers representatives would hand it to the first Ukrainian President Leonid Kravchuk after their return to Ukraine.

The first Stage was a joint action with the Public Library “Onisifor Ghibu” held at the Trolleybook.



The Second stage consisted of 8 sessions of making cranes for peace in Ukraine; it was in six educational institutions and participated by more than 600 students.



Kazakhstan



This month we worked in youth educational clubs where we gave many lectures on the Unification philosophy to the young people backing the words with practical examples based on lives of famous people. Youth needs convincing example and inspiration that could help them to find the right direction in their lives. The participants highly appreciated the program. We held some Divine Principle seminars for members and guests.

We are regularly visiting the Holy Ground and there offering our prayers for world peace and revival of our country. We are trying to mobilize the high-level spiritual world to help us advance the God's Providence in our country.

On Sundays, we often organize Family Meetings. Through this, we are getting closer in our community, and old members start to come back again.



We had a conference related to the International Day of Peace. Our Ambassadors for Peace and many young people attended the event. We had two new guests invited by our Peace Ambassadors. They were very much inspired by the True Parents' activity being themselves very active in public areas. They said they were ready to join in UPF activities.

Bridge of Peace between Belarus-Japan-Russia-Ukraine

On the occasion of the International Day of Peace, Peace Fund of Belarus, WFP of Japan, WFP of Belarus, and WFP of Russia held an International Peace Conference in Vitebsk, Belarus, on September 20, 2014.



Sixteen people from Russia including VIPs and children's ensemble "Angels of Peace" came to this event. WFP of Ukraine sent its representative, Natalia Mashir. WFP of Russia invited a very talented Ukrainian family that represented the Ukrainian Cultural Center. We decided to hold a Bridge of Peace ceremony as a spiritual condition for reconciliation between Russia and Ukraine, and to strengthen the WFP foundation in Belarus.



The whole conference went on in a very warm and loving atmosphere. Two Ukrainian women received the Ambassador for Peace certificates, which they accepted with tears of gratitude. After the Bridge, there was a beautiful cultural program performed by Belarusian children's ensembles, Russian ensemble "Angels of Peace," and the talented Ukrainian family. The head of the Belarusian Peace Fund mentioned that they consider it very meaningful that children of different nationalities take part in the Peace program together.

After the banquet, Belarusian, Japanese, Russian and Ukrainian women started singing folk songs and even dancing, many of them with tears in their eyes.

The Belarus Peace Fund asked WFP representatives of Russia to present a special greeting and a family song at the opening of the Third National Family Festival in Vitebsk.

The Baltic Dialogue Round Table and Peace Bridge in Latvia

UPF of Latvia and UPF of Russia North-West region held a joint program aimed at fostering better relations between the two countries. The event related to the UN International Day of Peace took place at the Riga Peace Embassy, on September 27, 2014.

Historically in Baltic countries, there are many Russian-speaking people. Now when relations between Russia and Ukraine have become worse, we are working in the direction of improving mutual understand and uniting the people centering on God. The NER members have already completed six conditions of prayers and bows for the sake of unity between Russia and Ukraine centering on God.

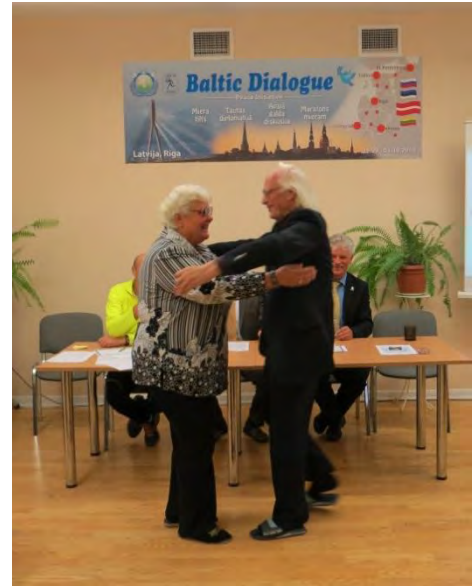
The local Ambassadors attended the meeting for Peace. There were also runners of the International Marathon for Peace “St.-Petersburg – Tallinn – Riga-Vilnius-Kaliningrad” that stopped in Latvia in their 1400 km long running course.

Tatiana Krasnosumova, leader of the UPF St.Petersburg, introduced the UPF activity within the Baltic Dialogue to all participants. She inspired all to foster sincere and friendly relations between the Baltic nations and Russia in the spirit of mutual respect and cooperation. During the round table discussion, 30 participants representing the grassroots diplomacy shared ideas about solving difficult situations and building peaceful relationships with the means of sports, art, cooperation etc. New guests, university students, attended this special meeting.

Dr. Kreslins, a military general and professor at the Latvian Military Academy, attended this meeting and was very positive about our movement. He shared about his family that has both Russian and Latvian roots having always lived beyond national differences.

Afterwards Dr.Makoto Ando, President of the UPF Latvia, and FWPU national leader in Latvia, explained the meaning of "Peace Bridge", quoting the UPF founder Dr. Sun Myung Moon: “Forgive, Love, and Unite.” Latvian, Lithuanian, and Russian participants drew lots to find their international partners. In the Ceremony of Forgiveness and Unity, participants shared their personal information to continue their friendship.

Participants were very much inspired by international character of the event and the general joyful atmosphere.



International Day of Peace 2014 in Estonia

UPF Estonia invited friends and Ambassadors for Peace to an afternoon program “Foundations for Lasting Peace” that was held in the Peace Embassy on September 21, 2014.

The program included a musical presentation, a PowerPoint presentation, reading words of famous people about peace. The guests participated in discussion, then followed refreshments and unofficial friendly sharing.

The participants of the event highly enjoyed the program, refreshments and live communication.



International Day of Peace 2014 in Lithuania

On Friday, September 19, the UPF of Lithuania held a commemoration meeting of IDP in Vilnius by offering interreligious prayers on Three Cross Hill in Vilnius.



By this gathering, we wanted to give our spiritual support to those who suffer at this time, and consolidate the unity of our nation. Lithuanian Mufti assistant, Mr. Romualdas Krinickis; a dissident and spiritual leader Mr. Petras Cidzikas, and two representatives of the Subudo community attended the meeting.

During the meeting, we read the UN Secretary General’s Message for the International Day of Peace, and an excerpt from the UPF founder’s speech given in 2005 on the day of establishing the UPF. The Muslim leader offered the traditional prayer and Mr. Cidzikas spoke on importance of seeking righteousness, and God-loving people. The participants shared their thoughts about this Day. We concluded feeling uplifted and inspired despite its being a symbolic gathering. We would like to express our special gratitude to Mrs. Elmira Urbanavichene for her activity in organizing this meeting.