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Russia

As a part of the Peace Road project, the motorcar rally from St. Petersburg to Vladivostok was launched in St. Petersburg on July 23. Three brave men - pilots of the Honda car - started to travel across the country with the purpose to promote True Parents idea of the International Peace Highway, connect Russia to this global initiative as well as reveal the beauty and hospitality of Russia where about 200 nationalities live together.

Start: July 23, St.Petersburg

A round table on “Russia the Hospitable; The road towards peace” opened the project. Among the participants of the round table were the Secretary General of the Association of National and non-Olympic sports of Russia, Petr Kazansky; Ambassador for Peace, World Cup winner in the two-day race in the age group 60 +, organizer of a numbers of marathons, including world-level marathons, Gennady Valugin. The round table guests and participants wished good luck to the pilots.



July 24, Moscow



The main car of the Peace Road project in Russia arrived in Moscow at 5:00 a.m. Seven cars followed it. The football tournament “Play Football - Make Peace” started at 8:00 a.m. near the Peace Embassy. The Peace Road car pilots’ team won the first place among 4 teams. At 4:30 p.m. the bicycle tour started in

the beautiful park near the Moscow Peace Embassy. At 6:30 p.m., a press conference explaining the meaning of the Peace Road took place.



July 25, Ryazan

At the entrance to Ryazan bikers welcomed convoy from Moscow. Participants of the rally attended a tour of the Ryazan Kremlin. The head of the studio "Russian ball" Valentina Silvestrova handed gifts to motorists: folk style rag dolls dressed in traditional costumes, and paper flowers made by children from "Our Children" Foundation for the nationwide panel, which will be posted in the final point of the Russian stage - Vladivostok. The main gift for the guests was dances. Dancers from studio "Russian Ball" and school dances "Provincial Ball" produced a bright, interesting and varied program.



July 26, Nizhny Novgorod

In Nizhny Novgorod, the rally was met in a park near the monument to Minin. The delegation visited the Nizhny Novgorod Kremlin. Cycling rally with local participators was held as a part of the program of activities. Cyclists gathered on the waterfront signed a banner in support of the "Peace Road".



July 27, Zvenigovo

Small town Zvenigovo, Republic of Mari El, located on the Volga River between Cheboksary and Kazan, hospitably met the crew of "Peace Road" near the building of Zvenigovsky library. By Mari El good-natured traditions guests were welcomed with delicious pancakes with local honey. The Head of Administration and District Head of Education gave welcoming address. Folk groups performed songs and dances in costumes of Mari El. Afterwards began the bike ride with the participation of adults and schoolchildren by historical places of the city with stops and excursions.



July 27- 28, Kazan



The guests were welcomed in the capital of Tatarstan with “chak-chak”, the national food, in the territory of the Kazan Kremlin. A skullcap was presented to each rally man. In response travelers presented to hosts T-shirts. After visiting the exhibition of museum of cycling participants with dozens of cyclists from various sports clubs in the city took part in the marathon to the “Temple of all religions”.

July 29, Ulyanovsk

A free guided tour was held in the museum for the participants of the "Peace Road" in Ulyanovsk. Then there was a meeting in the literary cafe. There was a relaxed atmosphere and good conversation with questions and answers.





July 30, Ufa



Warmth and smiles greeted the participants of the rally "Peace Road" in Ufa! Local activists drove the cars with the participants of the rally from Park Pobedy to the monument to Salavat Yulaev - the main avenue of Ufa. Local TV station made the reportage on "Peace Road" project.

July 31, Yekaterinburg

At 11 am on July 31 the crew of the "Peace Road" crossed the symbolic boundary between Europe and Asia. They were met by friends with performance action. With sounding the Russian national anthem children treated motorists to pie. The team then traveled through the city with flags of the "Peace Road" to register for the first marathon "Europe-Asia". On August 1, participants ran a distance of 4.2 kilometers.



Ukraine

Universal Peace Federation in Ukraine started its Peace Road project on July 25 and will end on August 4. Launching events took place in Dnepropetrovsk city and Kiev city. 21 main participants will cover 1083 km of distance. Covering Peace Road distance participants will jog, ride bus, and car.



Belarus

Universal Peace Federation in Belarus in partnership with “Association of Korean residents in Belarus” and International NGO “Cultural Exchange” organized the event “Peace Road 2015: toward a World of Peace!” in Minsk, capital city of Belarus, on July 18.

In the morning cyclists and supporters gathered at the stunning site near Komsomolskoe lake close to Korean Embassy to start the Peace Road event. Representative of Universal Peace Federation in Belarus Vitaly Maksimov welcomed the participants and shared about vision of Dr. Moon, that first proposed the Peace Road at 1981. The main event was 53 km trek from Korean Embassy in Minsk ending at the Unificationists’ educational center in country side Korolevo.

The closing session included the presentation about Universal Peace Federation activities and Peace Road Highway project, followed by the performance with Korean and Belarusian dances and songs.





Latvia

FFWPU Latvia initiated the Baltic Peace Road 2015 event that was held on July 25 in Riga. It was a 5 kilometer march from FFWPU of Latvia Head Quarters to the National Park, to our Holy Ground. Twenty five participants in the march represented different countries. Students and young guests also took part in preparing this project.

At the opening ceremony, UPF-Latvia President, Dr. Makoto Ando greeted the participants and explained the main points of the project. March went along the main street in the center of Riga. During the action participants passed the government buildings, the Monument of Freedom, and the City Council building. Some people were happy to join the march on the way.



The 3rd International Students Seminar on Unification Principle

Our first joint project in the Baltic Sub-Region supported by the Northeast Region Headquarters, “The 3rd International Students Seminar on Unification Principle”, took place in Latvia, Lilaste, on July 6—12. It was the 3rd international 7-day seminar in our region. The location was a beautiful seaside, in the open air at the Baltic Sea. There were altogether 32 new guests from different parts of the Northeast Region: Georgia, Moldova, Estonia, Lithuania, and Latvia. They attended the 7-day Divine Principle lectures.

The introduction lecture was given by Rev. Jin Hwa Chung, president of FFWPU, Northeast Region. Dmitry Melnikov, representative of the Northeast regional headquarters, gave Divine Principle lectures. Dr. Mary Hinterleitner, the National Messiah of Estonia gave special lectures and held meeting. The Regional Leader of Baltics, Akira Nakamura, was the master of the ceremonies. Dr. Makoto Ando, president of the Latvia FFWPU and Rev. Sung Chal Yu, president of the Estonian FFWPU were the coordinators. Every day, after the two lectures seminarists discussed what they heard at each lecture and the ways to apply the new knowledge in the current situation.



On the 3rd day a few hours were spent on hiking under the beautiful sunshine, walking to the beach. When the sea was reached, there suddenly appeared heavy clouds followed by dazzling lightning; and then started a storm. Walking back participants compared the situation with that of Moses leading Israelites across the Red Sea.



The following evening, there was sharing and a candle prayer. Everyone was deeply moved by elder’s testimonies. At the Q&A about True Parents’ life course, participants sincerely shared about personal life and felt so much love of our Heavenly Parents and True Parents. The participants felt that just studying the Divine Principle is not enough, in our daily life we must practice living for sake of others!

On the last day, workshop participants studied the history of Latvia and went sightseeing in the Riga Old Town. The students expressed their desire to continue staying together, and some of them decided to join the summer program in Korea.

Russia

The summer program in the Kola Peninsula

From 2nd to 27th of July in Russia a summer program was held. Its main objectives were to study the Divine Principle, training of skills for internal growth, teamwork and practical service to the society. Young people from different parts of Russia and abroad came together to participate in the program. 6 participants, 10 altogether with staff went through this program together.

During the program, participants: studied the Unification Principle in the theory and learn to look at everyday life through the prism of spiritual laws; got acquainted with the life of founders of the Unification Movement; gained practical skills of organizing and conducting service project for society.

The program included several stages. From 3rd to 9th of July, a seminar on the Divine Principle in St. Petersburg was held. Especially after the lectures about True Parents' course, atmosphere of workshop was bubbling and active, listeners raised many questions in front of lecturers. There has been a genuine interest in the life and activity of the True Parents and True Children. At the end of the DP workshop river rafting was held in the Leningrad region. Then next stage from 10th to 16th of July, was to raise funds for the benefit of the charity project. Young people learned to build a personal relationship with God, to work in teams, to present the project to the public.

From 17th to 27th of July program went to the Kola Peninsula. There was an environmental service project. Participants got acquainted with the beautiful nature of the North. They built an ecological trail in the State Integrated Nature Reserve "Seydyavr." It linked the southern and eastern shores of "Lake of mountain spirits" what name of the lake "Seydyavr" means in the traditional language of local people. Just in a few days volunteers built a kilometer causeway through the swamp. The daily usual – wake up at 8:00, then exercises and breakfast cooked right there at the stake. Then everybody together went to work. Neither horde of mosquitoes nor cold wet weather became an obstacle for the volunteers. At the end of the project participants passed a serious test of 18 km hiking through the mountain passing Geologov, which was completed in 8 hours. Everybody successfully passed all stages of the program and became one unified team – a real family.

After the end of the program one person decided to take part in one year training program of our Movement and 2 people joined 21 day Divine Principle workshop.



Moldova

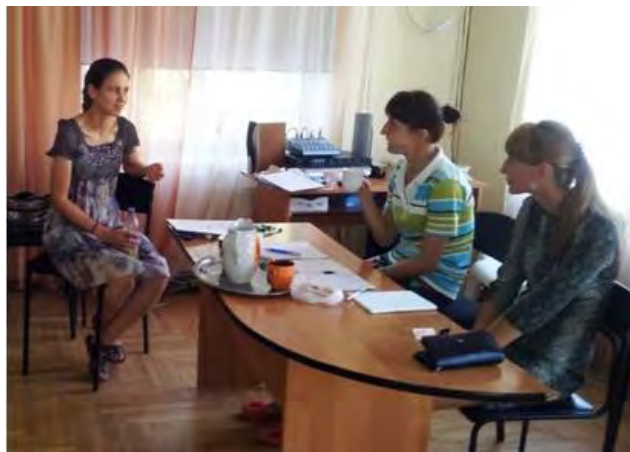
Church activity

The 10-day Divine Principle workshop was held in Moldova on July 9 — 18. Among the participants were four new guests and five home members. One home member took up cooking for the workshop. Giving Divine Principle lectures is good for spiritual growth of brothers and sisters.

New guests come through witnessing activity, and one more 10-day workshop is planned at the end of August. Church members in Moldova are working hard to break through in witnessing, and giving stable results.

Prayer meetings, Blessed wives' meetings, movie club, famous people club, Japanese language studies are held regularly.

A business missionary from Korea, Rev. Lee Hong Mo, is staying in Moldova now. He is in good relations with the major of Nemoreny city. Rev. Lee and the major's family visited Korea and Japan. This way they have come to know much about our movement.



Kazakhstan

Church activity

Sunday Service

Sunday Services are becoming more interesting. Every week the Peace TV news are shown at Sunday Service. Brothers and sisters feel love of Heavenly Parents and True Parents love by seeing how Providence is developing all around the world. Moreover, they gain more determination to develop the Unification Movement in Kazakhstan.

DP education

Members continue to make one-to-one witnessing. Witnesses strive to give five introduction lectures a day in order to break through. One day there is fundraising, and one day is devoted to learning True Parents course. There are new people who are listening to DP seminars. There is a plan to organize 2 day and 7 day seminars next month. In addition, two people take part in actionizing program. They live in church center and participate in all activities.

Holy Ground

Members visited the Holy Ground in Almaty. Everyone felt divine grace and renewal of spirit. Prayers were offered for the restoration of all the world and Kazakhstan.

NGO



On this month, Unification Movement in Kazakhstan has been organizing Movie clubs and the famous people's lives learning club. Spiritual education is given to young people by using public language. Brothers and sisters develop abilities to analyze, organization skills and presentation making abilities.

On Korean language club participants already learn to say some simple words and sentences. New people also invited to club. Nowadays Korean culture is very famous all around the world. By learning True Parents' language, we understand deeper that Korea is the chosen nation.

This month the English club started. It was an initiative of our Peace Ambassador Lamin Bangura. He himself is from Africa. It is big joy that Peace Ambassadors in Kazakhstan started to be more active. We hope that many young people also can become interested in our activity through this club.

Service Project

This month our members joined a service project in an orphanage house organized by a volunteer organization "SOS". Volunteers tried to bring joy to the kids by playing with them using water guns. Members met with the founder of this orphanage house. It is an old woman, who runs this house on her own initiative. In total, there are around 300 children. She shares her love with the children, so their future is much better in compare with the other orphanage houses, which are run by the government.

