



## **Eastern Europe Highlights**

June 2024

# CheonBo Event Brings 'Day of Resurrection' to Armenia



A wonderful CheonBo workshop was held in Armenia on the first weekend of June. Heaven sent a big Blessing in the form of the EUME CheonBo branch team. I am sure that in the future, June 1, 2024, will be known as the “day of resurrection.” We searched for a good location for a long time, and finally we found a really good place. This was truly an international workshop, with brothers and sisters traveling from Georgia and Russia. Including the five CheonBo team members, there were 34 participants, ranging in age from 2.5 years to 70 years. All the brothers and sisters were so excited and moved, and had a wonderful experience. Some members who have not been active also took part, and there is a big hope that they will become more active. – *Hovhannes Barseghyan*

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**Maka and Alexander Strizhenkov, Georgia**



**Hovik and Nora Barseghyan, Armenia**



# EUME CheonBo Team Visit Belarus

The EUME CheonBo Team, led by Rev. In-pyo Moon, visited Belarus from 6 to 11 June. ... On 7 June, the team offered special prayers in the capital, Minsk, and at Kurapaty, a wooded area outside Minsk where the Soviet secret police executed thousands of Belarusians from 1937 to 1941. ... More than 80 people, including 12 from northwestern Russia, attended a CheonBo workshop on 8 and 9 June. ... After the Sunday service on 9 June, the CheonBo team had an inspiring, fun and exciting meeting with Belarusian Second Gens. ... The daily night vigils in the Cheonshim won, the lectures and guidance of President Moon, the testimonies and tearful prayers of brothers and sisters created a high spiritual atmosphere. ... Many blessed families living in the Korolyovo settlement invited the CheonBo team to their homes and prepared meals for them. – *Olga Plotnikova*



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# Parents of 'Special Needs' Children Feel God's Love



This year the "Treasures from Heaven" camp took place in the Moscow Peace Embassy from 3 to 6 June. The 40 participants included 13 children with special conditions, aged from 4 to 19, several of their parents, and 11 volunteers (mostly Second Gens).

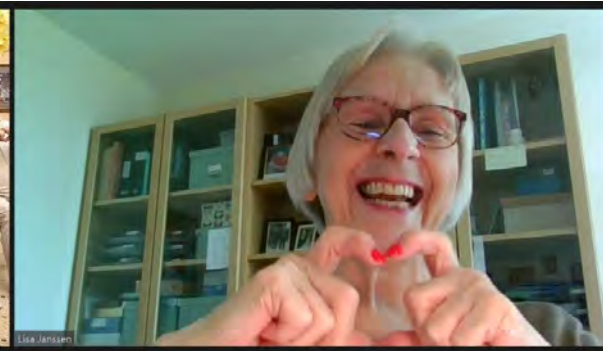
We were challenged on the first day by the disappearance of Lisa, an autistic non-verbal girl, who left the building. We called the police and summoned the local volunteer organization "Alert." At the same time, 20 of our brothers and sisters quickly responded and went looking for Lisa under heavy rain. Luckily, she was found safe and sound by a local volunteer. Our "Treasures from Heaven" community felt how every life matters to God: a healthy child or a child with a special condition. ... Exactly one year ago, Daniil, a Second Gen boy who was also autistic and non-verbal, passed into the spirit world under very similar circumstances: He ran away from his house and was struck by a train. During our camp this year, we held a commemoration service for him.

During the camp, the parents listened to several deep messages – from Eastern Europe President Jack Corley, EUME CheonBo President Rev. In-pyo Moon, and Treasures of Heaven European leader Lisa Janssen. The children attended master classes in art, cooking, recycling materials, and sports.

Activities included a wonderful outing and an evening of songs and poems. One evening, our CheonBo team organized a special prayer vigil for our camp, which was joined by local members.

The four days were a rejuvenating experience for all the participants, including the Second Gen volunteers. We will continue to meet via Zoom every month to share our insights and support each other. – *Tatiana Panichenko*

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# Hiking and Praying for Peace in Armenia's Mountains



An international group of mostly young people spent four days hiking along an Armenian mountain range under the theme “Hiking for Peace.” The 20 participants came from not only Armenia but also Russia, Germany, Poland and Austria. There were 12 Second Gens, including two Second Gen couples. It was a very challenging hike. Every day the group walked more than 80 kilometers, going up and down hills of more than 900 meters. In addition to the physical challenge, the participants also did a spiritual condition of praying in churches every day for peace and for True Parents’ victory. The Armenian community is planning to do this type of project regularly, and they hope that next year there will be more participants, especially Second Gens from Europe and Russia. – *Hovhannes Barseghyan*



# Lithuania Community Celebrates Holy Day in New Peace Embassy



Our members in Lithuania were happy to celebrate the recent Holy Day and 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Unification Church/FFWPU in their newly purchased Peace Embassy in the capital, Vilnius.

# Russian Leaders Report and Reflect at Moscow Meeting

To conclude the first half of the year, 20 leaders of communities and departments in Russian's central region gathered in the Moscow Peace Embassy. Jack Corley, the Eastern Europe sub-regional president, began the meeting by giving guidance about "servant leadership." Russian President Alexander Timofeyev described his experience of meeting True Mother in Munich before outlining the main goals for the second half of the year. Then it was time for reports and for a discussion of topical issues. The program ended with prayer at the Holy Ground and a night prayer vigil in the *Cheonshim won*. –  
*Alexander Timofeyev*



Central Russia Leaders Meeting



Prayer Vigil



# Russia's Angels of Peace Perform for Children's Day

The Angels of Peace gave two performances at the beginning of June – in honor of Children's Day, which Russians observe on 1 June, but also to celebrate the end of the school year.

The group of singing and dancing Second Generation children, clad in traditional Russian costumes, performed at a big children's festival at the Tsereteli Art Gallery organized by the Revival and Hope charitable foundation.

The next day, right after the Moscow Sunday service, they performed a musical titled "A Fairytale about Nezhaleyka" in the Moscow Peace Embassy. The story tells of a mother who is kidnapped by a witch because her children didn't appreciate her love and sacrifice for them. In order to save their mother, the children have to begin to live unselfishly. The whole Moscow community was singing and dancing together with the Angels. – *Olga Vakulinskaya*



# From Moscow to Minsk: the 'Peace Road' Super-Marathon



Forty runners gathered at Red Square on 15 June to begin a 12-day, 900-kilometer super-marathon from the capital of Russia (Moscow) to the capital of Belarus (Minsk). UPF has been co-organizing “Peace Road” events for almost 20 years. The project is supported in Russia by the Main Directorate for Drug Control of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and in Belarus by local town administrations, NGOs and the Belarus Peace Fund. In different cities along the route, the runners were welcomed by local authorities, sports organizations and regional police units. Local and national media reported on the marathon, which concluded in Minsk on 26 June. Another co-organizer, for the second consecutive year, is the Chinese company TIENS, which is proposing a marathon next year from Russia’s Far Eastern city of Vladivostok to Beijing. On Red Square, Konstantin Krylov, the UPF secretary general for Eastern Europe, gave an inspiring speech at the start of the race. Dmitry Samko, the head of UPF-Moscow, is the chief spokesman for the marathon while also running with his 13-year-old son, Andrey. – *Maria Nazarova*

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UPF Eastern Europe director Konstantin Krylov offers words of encouragement.



Farewell to Red Square



Dmitry Samko, Moscow UPF director, and his son Andrey



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# Russian Teens Find Faith and Fun by the Volga River

Thirty young teens from 14 Russian cities attended the first Second Generation workshop ever held in the Ulyanovsk area. They were divided into four teams – “Fire,” “Air,” “Water” and “Land” – each with a motto taken from True Parents’ speeches. During the seven days, there were lectures about True Parents, the spiritual world, Dae-mo Nim, and relationships with God, and deep dialogues on Second Gen identity, pure love, and friendship. Regional leaders and the Second Generation department leader presented the lectures, and elder Second Gens from other countries offered testimonies. In the second half of the workshop, at the participants' request, each day ended with individual prayer by the Volga River. The youths bonded in teams through games and activities, including a small service project at the workshop site.

– *Elena Kalmatskaya*

# Romania Thanks GPA Missionaries as They Return Home

At the most recent Sunday service in Bucharest, the Generation Peace Academy missionaries concluded five months of working in Romania before returning home to the United States. One by one, the six missionaries came forward and spoke movingly of their experiences in witnessing, including the challenges that they overcame. Their reports touched on the topics of “Team Vision,” “External Result,” “Internal Result,” “21 [points of] Victory,” and “Personal Lessons from Witnessing.” During their time in Romania, they organized three 2-day DP workshops and one 4-day DP workshop. As a result, two new YSP members and one active CARP member joined. – *Miki Predescu*





## **YSP, EMPOWER Give Moldovans a Taste of Korea**

Around 40 young people were introduced to Korean history, culture and food at a “Korea Evening.” YSP-Moldova together with the EMPOWER team organized the event, which was held at the Chisinau Peace Embassy. Everyone enjoyed the evening. – *Andrei Eșanu*



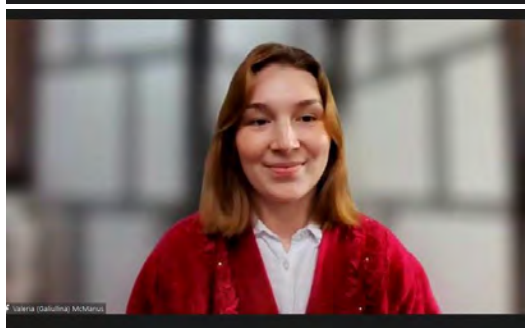
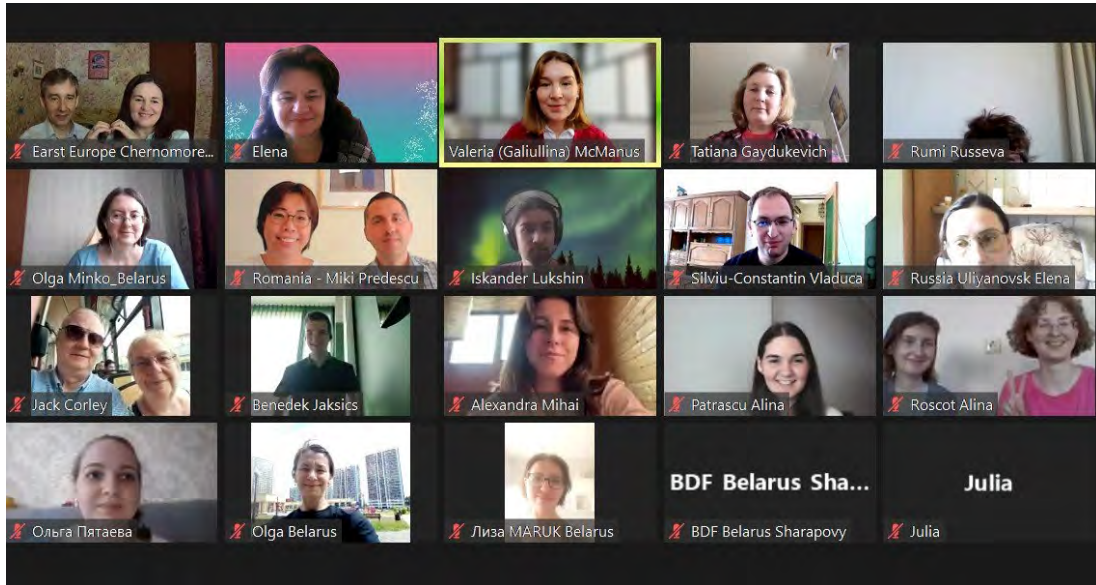
# Moldova Says Goodbye to EMPOWER Team

The EMPOWER team just concluded a month working in Moldova, where they brought a fresh and energetic spirit to witnessing activities. Working together with local Second Gens in witnessing and lecturing, service projects and other activities, the team proved to be a blessing during their stay in Moldova. They also assisted at the Sunflower Center, where Ukrainian refugee children and their mothers receive education and skills training. At a farewell ceremony at the Chisinau Peace Embassy, the EMPOWER members gave sincere testimonies about working in Moldova, and local members expressed their gratitude for the team's support.

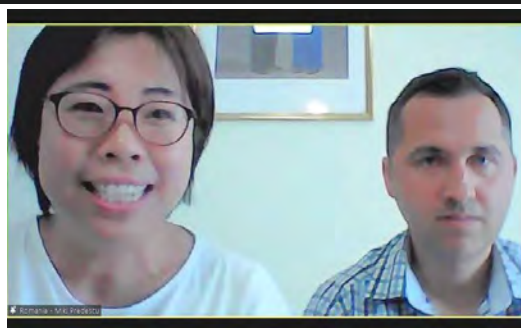
*Sabina Nadejdin*



# Blessing Webinar Series Starts with 'New View of Marriage'



Valeria (Galiullina) McManus



Miki and Andrei Predescu



The Marriage Blessing Introductory Course had its inaugural webinar, “New View of Marriage through the Blessing.” The seven-part series, organized by the Eastern Europe Blessed Family Department, will continue until September 7, with about two meetings per month. There were about 40 participants at the first webinar on Saturday, June 15. Valeria McManus, a Russian Second Gen who is blessed with an Irishman, was the emcee. The languages were Russian and English, with interpretation available. Galina Chernomorets, the director of the Eastern Europe BFD, gave the main presentation, outlining the attitude necessary for a successful marriage. Following a participants’ discussion, Andrei and Miki Predescu, a Romanian-Japanese blessed couple, gave a moving and heartfelt testimony of overcoming challenges together. – *Renee Corley*

# Shin Chul Moon leads Cheon Myeong Worship in Tirana Peace Embassy





*Thank You!*