

Welcome our New Continental Director, Rev. Jack Corley

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On Sunday, July 26, we were quite pleased to receive our new continental director, Rev. Jack Corley, who spoke at our training centre south of Paris. There was a two-day workshop for guests over the weekend and those guests got much more than they expected. Being in the atmosphere of our Sunday service and **hearing Rev. Corley's talk gave them a much greater vision of what our movement is than what they would normally hear in a two-day workshop.**

It was an opportunity for Rev. Corley to renew his connection with those French members he worked with in the European IOWC in France 40 years ago. His stay in France at that time was at the apex of persecution. The day after he left the centre in Rennes, anarchists overran it and everything was thrown out the windows. In the following two cities he visited, bombs went off in our centres.

But he also came to introduce himself **to the members who don't know him**, which he did by explaining his path since meeting True Parents. That path has taken him to every continent,



except Africa. And through his experiences in so many different countries he has become a very open, understanding and positive person.

During his talk he developed three main points:

1) He shared a quote from True Father that he appreciates in which Father says circumstances around us are always changing. Our responsibility is to remain subject over the circumstances and not be influenced by them.

2) We need to hold onto two points to keep our stability. The Principle is true and True Parents are True Parents. When we hold onto those two points, we will not be affected by the confusion that swirls around us.

3) One of his priorities is raising up more second gen leaders in our movement. He is very proud of the new UK national leader, Matthew Huish, and wants to see more capable second gen leaders coming to the forefront.

His visit to France was quite short and he could only meet the members of the Paris region but we look forward to welcoming him again so he can visit the other communities outside of the Paris region.