

## Second Generation Eastern European Summer Workshop in Korolevo, Belarus

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From June 15 to 24, the 2018 East Europe Second Generation Department together with FFWPU-Belarus conducted the sixth annual 2nd-Gen Belarus Summer Workshop in Korolevo, Belarus, for ten to fourteen year old members of our second generation. It was the sixth and the largest workshop in terms of people taking part -- we welcomed seventy-five participants from Russia, Belarus, Moldova, Estonia, Latvia and we had twenty-one staff members.

The workshop included diverse programs, such as Life of attendance through following the main traditions, for example, Hoon Dok Hae, closing the day with prayer, jeonseong conditions by teams, serving etc. The participants received daily internal guidance and they got into the habit of setting daily internal goals. We had programs on identity as members of our second generation and on habits and influence. They received Pure Love education, studied True Parents' life courses, and considered what vision our second-generation members might seek.



We had practical simulation of diverse behavior models of second-generation members using modern psychological methods. We spent a Day with True Father during which we tried to relate to hard work in the Hungnam Labor Camp and Father's steps on the way from North Korea to South Korea. They also had fun, learned teamwork through quests, through challenges and through sports. We provided some specialized education, such as introductory classes in psychology, entrepreneurship, design, science, medicine and first aid.

All of this helped children focus on growing internally in their relationships with God and True Parents, in preparing to "find themselves" and in fulfilling their purpose for having been created through immersion in one or another specialty. Crucially, it helped them make strong connections with second-generation members from other places. The special program "A Day with True Father" caused a wave of enthusiastic responses from the children, everyone shared that they could understand Father's heart.

Meanwhile the children listened to older second-generation Unificationists speak about their experiences in prayer, and give their testimonies about meeting True Parents. Six older members of our second generation took on the role of a team leader's assistant in each of the six teams and showed themselves to be truly helpful right hands for team leaders and best friends for the participants: *"I could feel the True*

*Parents' hearts through my team. They were for me like all humankind are for the True Parents. I really wanted to teach them a lot, help them to become a real 2nd-gen. I feel a great responsibility for their growth. It is very difficult to be a mentor, team leader, also because if the team fails, I consider myself guilty. Because True Father experiences similar feelings to all people on earth, I feel that I understand him more than ever."*

Understanding the importance of an older 2nd gen as a one who set a standard and should become a role model for the younger brothers and sisters, we are happy to see them taking this responsibility with a sincere heart and devotion.



## **Reflections**

On our challenge day we were carrying bags of soil. When I was carrying the third bag, I suddenly realized that True Father was walking in front of me.

At the workshop I had a dream about True Mother. She had a headache and asked me to cure her. I was very shy, but still put my hands on her forehead. I felt the warmth and love radiating from her. Her pain was gone, and she gave me a hug. I will never forget this dream.

I used to think that Rev. Sun Myung Moon was just a good man, but the older I get, I come to realize that he is not an ordinary man, he is a son of God.... I endlessly admire True Father. I really want to become such second-generation child so True Parents can look at me and think that everything they went through was not in vain, that we can change the world and create a kingdom of heaven on earth and in heaven.