

## HARP, Frankfurt and Giessen celebrates New Year Bad Camberg, January 1, 2012



Two communities, Frankfurt and Giessen, together with the HARP winter workshop, celebrated Sunday church service on Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 2012 (greg. Calendar) together with 150 school-aged HARP members from all over Germany. The service was basically set up by the youth leadership of the German HARP. Fritz Piepenburg, Vice President of Tongil-gyo Germany and city leader of Frankfurt, presented a picture overview of the most important events in 2011, prominently featuring the “three big ones”: Little Angels and True Parents in Berlin, and Dae-mo Nim in Frankfurt. – Dr. Dieter Schmidt, President of Tongil-gyo Germany gave the sermon, encouraging everyone to double efforts for the important year of 2012, leading up to D-Day in early 2013.

The service was followed by the so-called ring ceremony, whereby young 2<sup>nd</sup> gen at the age of 14 and above pledge to keep their sexual purity as special gift for their future husband and wife. After reciting a pledge of purity, they received rings with a capital “R” engraved on it, handed out by Christian and Glenis Claus, city leaders of Giessen.

After lunch, everybody joined in a large Yute game which lasted till the evening hours.

