

Report on Rev. Jin Hun Yong's Seminar in Germany

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“Let us become the Heirs of True Parents’ Life Course and
Teaching and Prepare for Foundation Day “

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Rev. Yong and his translator, Christa Kamga, arrived in Frankfurt on Monday, 15th October 2012 and stayed in our church center in Giessen for the next 4 nights to present lectures on 3 consecutive evenings.

Altogether 36 first generation, 15 students and 10 pupils attended the lectures. Some could not make it every evening but we had almost 80 people attending the last lecture due to the visit of some STF teams travelling back to Schmittgen after a fundraising period.

Rev. Yong started with his lecture “Completion of Restoration and Foundation Day” first as he wanted to be sure to present this important content to us. That was challenging to the audience as we had not heard the previous lectures. On the second night followed some very enlightening insights into the core attributes of God and how we can realize these in our lives. He also explained the background of True Father’s birth, giving us some new perspectives on the life of Jesus, his lineage and family situation. As Rev. Yong was a Christian pastor before he joined our church, he could connect his teaching very closely to Christian teachings and he gave us some new views into the biblical contents.

On the final evening we heard lectures on the time we are living in, the situation in the world and the role of the True Family. Rev. Yong also answered questions. In some cases he referred to the videos of his lectures, saying we need to listen to certain content to understand the answer. In the end, the time was too short to say everything even though the lecture went on an hour longer than planned.

Some members, who had heard Rev. Yong’s lectures previously over a weekend, were surprised to hear almost totally new contents this time as Rev. Yong has such a wealth of information and is constantly updating and revising his material. Listening a second time is definitely not repetitive!

As Rev. Yong only lectured in the evenings, members had some time to speak with him on different occasions. He visited Saeilo one afternoon and we took him to a nearby convent another time. Two Korean families made sure our guests were well taken care of in the center.



Personally, I was interested in his experience and insight into developing the church community. In his lectures he touched on this point, e.g. when he explained that “God’s subjectivity” meant, the ability to grow the special talents of others. Instead of just focusing on numbers, he encouraged us to find each member’s special talent and encourage him/her to use this talent to grow our church and reach out to the society. He suggested the leader having a card with each member’s talents and focus on developing these positive points rather than focusing on what they are not good at. He also encouraged us to visit growing churches and to study what they are doing to grow.

We were very grateful for this opportunity to have Rev. Yong in Giessen. He is extremely knowledgeable about the providence and has a lot to give apart from his lecture contents. Thank you Rev. Yong and Christa for translating!



Some comments from reflections:

“It was good to hear a deeper explanation of the reversal of the fall through Eve. I was also happy to hear more about the lineage of Jesus.”

“I’m really thankful to have the opportunity to listen to these lectures. It opened my eyes, helping me to see what I have to do and what I have missed to do.”

“Thank you very, very much Rev. Yong for your excellent lectures! I learned a lot and feel more confident in my responsibilities at this very important time leading up to Foundation Day!”

“Very valuable new information about True Parent’s and True Family’s course as well as about our own responsibility.”

“The last words of Rev. Yong were that God’s responsibility has now been completely fulfilled and we as followers have to give our full heart in fulfilling our part of the responsibility. ...I renew my pledge to bring the fulfillment at any cost.”

“In a very short time, we got an amazing content of divine value – I am grateful that Rev. Yong has conveyed us very clear details and deep explanations.”