

Light Came to Our Street

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Sergey and Natalia Roskot from Moldova talk about how they worked with neighbors to persuade the town administration to provide lighting on their street.

Our family lives in Moldova in the town of Anenii Noi (“New Aneni,” in English) on Mira Street. Since the neighborhood’s construction in the 1970s, there has never been permanent street lighting, even though pillars for that purpose already have been established. The surrounding streets do not have lighting either, so our street at night, and after 5 p.m. in the autumn and winter, is fully immersed in darkness. Many pupils and preschool children live on our street, and they are afraid to go home alone in the darkness.

Our family, together with the local deputy, initiated a street lighting project. In November 2017 we wrote a petition, collected signatures from up and down the street, carried the petition to the administration, and took responsibility to monitor how the administration would carry out the project.

In the beginning of April, lighting was installed on Mira Street. The lighting was done with modern, economical LED lamps, and lanterns were hung on every second pole along the lower part of the street. The upper part of the street is still not illuminated, because the old wooden poles have to be dismantled and new concrete ones set up before new wiring for lighting can be installed. The administration plans to complete the lighting before the end of the year. Residents of the street are very happy and satisfied.



In addition to the external victory, we would like to describe the internal victory. For all our social projects we always set up internal goals and offer sincere devotion - *Jeongseong*. Our aim in the project of lighting Mira Street was to create a foundation for the light of truth to shine over our town, so that we can witness more directly about the Divine Principle and True Parents. And, of course, we prayed for the success of this project.

Compared to our first project, which was related to road repair, this time the administration showed a better, more correct attitude toward the residents.

On April 10, after the work on the lighting had been finished, the street residents who had been most active in the project gathered at our house. We celebrated the installation of the streetlights, analyzed the extent to which the administration had fulfilled our requests, and made new proposals to improve the state of our streets. In fact, we had a meeting of a home group.

We decided to start the meeting with the words of True Parents. We selected quotes about unity and hope, linking it with the fact that because of our unity we were able to get victory in a number of projects for our street.

Three women who earlier had received the Blessing in our home and had fulfilled the three steps of the Blessing came to the meeting. A widow and the adult daughter of one of the blessed women also came, and our couple led the meeting.



We had a very harmonious and good gathering. The women did not want to leave, so we were sitting together for more than two hours. It was a heartistic, family-like gathering.

We fulfilled our goals for the meeting and gathered the opinions of all the participants. Soon we will write a new petition to the town administration. Also we decided to write a letter of gratitude to the administration and the deputy from the residents of the street.