

The Faces of Top Gun

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Participants of the 2016 Global Top Gun workshop are nearing the end of their first week here in Korea. If you've been following the blog, you know what's been going on, but you're probably curious to know how the Top Gunners are doing. Let's hear it from them:



Coming to Chung Pyung from Nigeria, and meeting with my brothers and sisters I never knew I had, was a dream I never thought I could realize. I promise to make the most of this opportunity and go back to my country with much to share.

—Godson Joonhwa Dgurie, Nigeria, 22



I've been here in Chung Pyung for about a month now before this GTG Workshop started. It's my first

time coming here and I've had a pleasant experience so far. All the staff are loving and inspiring, and the scenery is beautiful. Just being able to stare out the windows on the 5th floor of the *Chinwha A Building* during *Chanyang Yeoksa* and see the mountains makes me feel at peace. I've actually been lost, and I'm still lost, but I believe I'm on a better path now than I was on before. I joined GTG because I didn't attend True Father while he was alive, but True Mother is still here with us and I want to support her 110 percent.

–R. Copeland, United States, 25



I cannot express with words how grateful I feel to be here. I've been choosing the easy path, centered on myself, just tired of dealing with people, but already the first day of the workshop gave the greatest energy for me to have an amazing workshop and learn how to become someone like True Parents. I believe it's possible. That's how I found hope in myself, because God also didn't give up on me yet, which makes me hopeful.

–Erika Miyamura Huerta, Spain



I arrived at the workshop and we only just introduced ourselves, but I could feel at peace immediately. In our small groups I noticed that someone else had come for the same reason as I did, so I am hopeful and happy looking forward to the workshop that can initiate the change of spirituality of the community back home, connecting as a family.

–Janina Dubise, Malta



When the first Global Top Gun workshop ended five months ago, I was asked how I felt. Honestly, I didn't know—it felt like a new beginning. After spending four years of my life in a secular college environment, the first GTG workshop was a fresh start for me. Now that the second GTG workshop is beginning, I am once again filled with excitement that I will really be able to create a good foundation for my future career with the US Air Force. I'm thankful for this opportunity to start anew.

Love,

-Michael La Hogue, United States, 25



It is amazing to meet so many people from around the world. We are all so different, but we have one thing in common, which is that we all love True Parents and want to respond to their call. One fun fact: We were divided into clans and families, and since we are the only male participants in our family we named our family “True Mama’s Boys.”

–T. Wakayama, Germany



This time of history might be a crucial moment, so I don't want to fail to fulfill my portion of responsibility. That's why I dearly wanted to attend this workshop.

–A. Friesacher, Austria, 21