

## Cote D'Ivoire: Inauguration of Family School

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**By FFWPU COTE D'IVOIRE:** FFWPU in Cote d'Ivoire started the construction of their first school on July 2015. On November 2, 2015, "Family School" was inaugurated during the national Sunday service with Regional President Rev. Dr. Dong Ho Cho. Nearly 200 members attended that historic event at Family School that is located at the National FFWPU HQ in Yopougon, Abidjan.

In his keynote speech for this special occasion, National Leader Rev. Philbert Seka said: "A school helps us get more credibility. We are living in the era of democracy. And thanks to democracy, we got religious freedom. This has enabled True Father, the Lord of the Second Advent to work and transmit his message that first targeted the religious realm. A school enables each religious organization to spread its area of intervention. And the youth has always been the target. That is the reason why True Parents have greatly invested in school infrastructures. We are the children of True Parents and we should develop and sustain their legacy. At the time of Vision 2020, Cote d'Ivoire, as a strategic nation, now needs more than ever a school for setting the foundations for the victory of Vision 2020. This school will enable us to justify the necessity to implement our vision in terms of education for the wellbeing of the youth and the future of our nation, as we now have a place to operate. And after forty years, if we do not build a school now, when will we do it? If there is any opportunity to do so, let us go for it as we are already late. We should have already got a school long time ago!"



At the beginning of the ceremony, the members sang the national anthem of Cote d'Ivoire to hoist the flag of the nation, and the Cheon Il Guk anthem to hoist the flag of FFWPU and the one of Family School. Then, Regional President Rev. Dr. Dong Ho Cho along with his Assistant Mrs Catarine Brou and National Leader Rev. Philbert Seka cut the ribbon. Regional President sanctified the entire building the school and offered a benediction. Rev. Dr. Cho and all the members gathered that day were very happy for the victory of Family School inauguration. The President of the UPF Peace Council of Sud-Comoé district Mrs Dago and the Vice-president of the Parliament of Children were the special guests.

During the national Sunday service on September 27, 2015, the members were mobilized and donated 3,313,500 XOF (around 6,000 USD). This donation helped finishing the construction of the school for the

D-day. Since Monday, November 9, 2015, the classes started at Family School. For this first academic year, Family School has started with four different grades: grade 1 and 2 in kindergarten and grade 1 and 2 in primary school.



On the inaugural day, Rev. Seka officially appointed Mr. Kouablan Kouakou as the School Principal of Family School. Mr. Kouablan Kouakou is a blessed central family and has been teaching in public primary schools for decades. He is now working in the computer science department in public schools administration. He also explained what Family School will be teaching: “Family School comes from Unification Church. And Unification Church has got the Divine Principle. We need to find various ways and means to teach it. Besides the young people and adults that we are already witnessing to, we now have a place to teach the Divine Principle to the young children. Beginning from kindergarten, we will have Hoon Dok Hae and Family Pledge every morning for each child to start living by. We also have the Character Education curriculum that will be included in the school program.”

The slogan of Family School is “We raise global leaders”. Therefore, Family School is a great witnessing tool. Some external families living around Family School chose to enroll their children there because they think Family Federation for World Peace and Unification can provide good education to them. Family School in Abidjan is the first school of a series of school projects that will be constructed to accompany the Tribal Messiahship and Vision 2020 throughout the nation.

