

Heavenly Tribal Messiah (HTM) Academy - WS in Cheong Pyeong

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When we arrived at the Cheong Pyeong resort on Saturday night it was very quiet, as it was the start of the New Year in Korea, according to the lunar calendar. So we had some time to walk around and take photos of the impressive new buildings and the wintry mountain landscape. In the evening, Alois Seidl invited me for a coffee in Heavenly G Burger, where we found Dr. Michael Balcomb and his wife sitting comfortably chatting with another leader.



Sleeping was a bit difficult because of jet-lag, but on Sunday morning we had the opportunity to walk to the Tree of Life and enjoy the beautiful views of the lake and the mountains. On the way back, we had a stop at the new Kona Café.



In the afternoon our workshop with about 500 international participants in attendance, was opened with awards for the HTMs who already blessed 430 families. That evening there was a banquet and musical contributions from the band "Apple Heaven" and other performers. The next day we listened to several lectures on HTM activities based on 5 new books that will soon be available in English.

The evening contained something for the heart because we saw deeply moving excerpts from the life of True Parents, reminding us of how much they have always invested in and accompanied us. There was not a dry eye during the candlelight prayer meeting at the end of the day.



On the following day, there was a talk which stressed the importance of cooperating with other blessed families as a key to achieving our goals. In the afternoon we were driven by bus on a 'pilgrimage' to the Heavenly Palace where we wrote down our determinations in the prayer room. Then each one was given an envelope containing in a sentence some words of guidance for the heart.

The external purpose of this workshop was to inform us about the HTM mission, but internally it was a wonderful opportunity to experience the presence of our Heavenly Parents who emanate in one person both paternal and maternal love.



The following day the birthday celebration for True Parents, attended by over 20,000 participants from all over the world, was held in the World Peace Center. This special event was honored by the presence of True Mother in person. An impressive musical and countless high-quality performances of rock music, K Pop, ballet and a contribution by the legendary Paul Potts (British tenor, winner of 'Britain's Got Talent'), made this an unforgettable event.



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