



# Northeast Region Newsletter

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## Northeast Regional Leaders' Meeting



**R**ight after Vision 2020 Strategic Conference, leaders of the Northeast Region nations gathered for one and half day meeting in Silver Town, Cheong Pyeong from August 17 to 18. The meeting was opened by the address of the Northeast Regional President Rev. Chung Jin Hwa. He emphasized the importance of True Mother's words at the 2nd anniversary of True Father's Seong Hwa, that we need to "Love, Forgive and Unite" to advance forward. One more time he spoke about importance of *Jeong Seong* and teamwork. He also gave direction for future development that we need to invest into education of young talented students and take care of Blessed families. To achieve these goals NER has conducted students' seminar at Yong Pyong Resort, and will invite Prof. Oh to give guidance on family counseling.

Two special guests came to NER Leaders Meeting: Rev. Oyamada Hideo and Mrs. Kang Dok Rae. Rev. Oyamada, Special Emissary for the Northeast and Great China Regions, addressed to NER leaders. He spoke about three great headaches of God: division of religions, secular humanism and homosexuality. Also he spoke about three great achievements of True Mother:

1. Compilation of *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, *Pyeong Hwa Gyeong* ("Peace Scripture") and *Champumo Gyeong* ("True Parents Scripture")
2. Establishment of Heavenly Constitution

3. Establishing Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation to support first and second generation students' scholarship

4. Establishing Sunhak Peace Prize

Mrs. Kang Dok Rae was specially invited to the meeting by NER Regional President. She already accomplished her mission of Tribal Messiahship by having witnessed 120 single spiritual children and 100 families. She shared her life story how she witnessed these people and how she is taking care of them now. She emphasized that we have to be absolute. Like no virus can survive in boiling water the same way no sin and Satan cannot survive if your heart is burning. She said that she always have fulfilled what she promised to God. And in times of difficulties she always reads True Father's words, this is like recharging battery of cell phone. Her testimony was so incredible and real.

After these two great presenters. Leaders of Strategic and Providential Nations in NER: Moldova, Mongolia, Ukraine and Russia gave reports about their activities, then we had questions and answers time. In the evening leaders discussed how they could inherit the spirit of Mrs. Kang Dok Rae and implement it in their mission nations.

On the second day after sports event there was KPI award ceremony. Three nations and three leaders received prizes for church developments during last six months.

## International Students Seminar on Unification Principle



Following the inspiration and direction of True Mother, Regional President of NER Rev. Chung Jin Hwa organized Divine Principle workshop for students of former Soviet Union nations and Mongolia in Yong Pyong Resort, Korea from August 20 till 27.

Rev. Yu, President of FFWPU Korea, on the second day visited the workshop and gave a speech about vision of one peaceful world without borders and activities of True Parents to achieve this vision. He expressed love by presenting nice pens and pizza to each participants.

That was truly international workshop. Students from Russia, Lithuania, Belarus, Moldova, Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Mongolia, total 23 people came to Yong Pyong Resort. Main lecturer of the workshop was a second generation member, Matthew Huish, from United Kingdom.

The program was very intense and diverse. During five days students not only listened to Divine Principle lectures but had discussions, role play exercises, debates, mountain hiking, brother-sisterhood ceremony with Sunmoon University CARP students.

On the sixth day everybody enjoyed sightseeing in Seoul. Since participants came from former Soviet Union

nations where religious foundation was significantly damaged, lectures did not have many quotes from Bible or other scriptures, rather many examples from science and psychology were given. Students liked such approach.

For majority of participants the most important experience was making relationships with people of different nationalities, cultures, who speak different languages. In the beginning they thought it would be difficult but through experience they realized that it is actually not so difficult and this is really possible. Many students broadened their minds to global level. Some participants mentioned that at the seminar they found their new family.

One sister had really deep internal experience: "... on the third day I had an explosion inside of myself. I could not keep all knowledge I received and emotions inside of my mind and body. ... I cried, this is how lectures influenced me. ... After last day of presentations I feel how much my mind has changed, turned upside down, completely and irreversibly."

Students will continue Divine Principle education in their nations. We hope to hold next seminar already next winter vacations for bigger number of people. ♦



## Russia Project on Baikal Lake



**B**aikal project has been started in 2002 as part of two months Summer Educational Program. The program has two weeks of fundraising, two weeks of Baikal project and two weeks of witnessing. The project includes two parts – service project and mountain adventure. Main idea of this project is to find God in serving to others and in Nature.

For 12 years we have been doing various service projects near Baikal Lake – constructing bridges, paving trails, cleaning and so on. Since 2008 we started project on very popular trip road. Mountain river trail goes to Chersky Peak (2090 meters above sea level). Over 5000 tourists walk this way every year. At this moment 13 bridges has been built. Project participants build bridges not only for the sake of people, but also for God. As Noah had built the Arc to offer it to God, bridge is an offering to God. That is why all bridges are unique and filled with love.

This year we built last big bridge on the trail. Hard work, rain, extremely cold water, heavy stones, 10m pines challenged brothers and sisters, but we overcame it. It became the longest bridge ever made by this project. Local government, rescue center and tourists thank as a lot for safety trip. Since 2008 no one died here anymore. After the service project, our team climbed up to the mountain.

All day long we walked carrying heavy rucksack.

Second part of the project is for prayer and meditation. Beautiful lakes, streams, waterfalls, hills and peak help us to feel God's love and power. At the last day we climbed to the highest place – Chersky peak – to meet sunrise.

This time clouds surrounded the peak. As Moses on Sinai Mountain we offered prayer to Heavenly Parent and committed to offer our lives for the sake of God's Providence.

Project ended on waterside of Baikal Lake. God gave as beautiful sunrise. Participants hold in hearts deep insight from this project and strive to fulfill their promises to God through witnessing. ♦





Ukraine

**Divine Principle Workshop for Second Generation Children**



**F**rom August 24 we held 6-day DP workshop for our second generation. 21 children from 7 to 12 years old were on the workshop. The educational program includes DP lectures, games, contests and sports competitions. Participants studied DP contents and communicated with each other. They were happy and inspired.

**Art Contest for Kyiv Families in Connection with the Independence Day of Ukraine**



**A**lready for 4th year WFWP became a partner of the art contest “Ukraine is my country” for Kyiv families. The project was in connection with the Day of Independence in Ukraine, and was organized by Kyiv City Family Center “Rodynni Dim” with the support of the

Kyiv City administration.

On August 22 the final stage of the art contest was held. Over 150 people took part in the event. The program included awarding the winner families, master classes and concert program. ♦



## Moldova

### Church Activities Overview



**W**e continued daily witnessing and lecturing activities by joint efforts of local full-time and home members and Japanese missionaries. Besides, Monday Prayer Meetings continued conducting with 21 minutes strong unison prayer, sharing and holy songs. Both full-time members and home members are gathering and praying for uniting in minds and hearts with the national providence. As result, 52 young people received Introduction lecture, 12 listened the introductory 3-hours workshop, five people attended the 2-day workshop, two young people went through the actionizing activities in this month.



### Religious Youth Service Project "Cooperate and Trust for Peace and Development"



**T**he RYS Project was organized by International Association for Education in Republic of Moldova in partnerships with Sun Culture Center from Japan and co-sponsored by the Universal Peace Federation from August 3-6 in Vadul lui Voda, eastern suburb of Chisinau.

A selective group of 20 youth from Belarus, Russia, Japan, Korea, Burkina-Faso and Republic of Moldova representing Orthodox-Christianity, Muslim, Hinduism, Mormon Church and Unification Church faith groups gathered together, communicated, worked and shared about their perspective for better interfaith cooperation and building lasting peace and development at multiple levels. Program was conducted in English and each member of the team could make his input into the whole picture of four days display of genuine communication and heartfelt service.

Project program was very participatory with topics and activities such as: Understanding the Interfaith Dialogue, Share of best practices, Visiting holy places of different faiths (Jewish, Muslim, Orthodox Christianity and Unification tradition to understanding their values and views). Service project of building Therapy Foot Massage walk path in Vasieni Geriatric Center in Ialoveni region, teambuilding exercises on the ropes, new friends, genuine experiences and visiting picturesque places of Moldova.

There is a growing awareness among people throughout the world of the urgent need for spiritual insight and joint efforts of people of faith in dealing with local and global Challenges. With this in mind, the RYS project brought together young leaders whose individual and collective experience, wisdom and insight is needed if we are to build a better world for future generations. ♦



## Latvia Korean Language Lesson

Centered on Mrs. Lee, national leader's wife, we started to have Korean language lesson after every Sunday Service. Members and new guests attend this class. Of course it is not easy for us to master Korean language for instant. But all of the participants have a passion to master it so much and enjoy studying it. They make progress to learn Korean step by step. Some members try to use Korean in greeting and praying gradually.

As we know True Parents always emphasize how much important we study Korean language that helps feel core essence of Divine Principle. We try to inherit heart of culture by learning Korean language. ♦



## Kazakhstan Church Activities Overview



In August, we continued to provide the educational clubs. We had movie clubs and clubs of learning biographies of famous people. During this period some new people started to come. Now, we prepare to read DP lectures for them. We also sent a group of six people to 7-day DP seminar in Korea. Everybody was inspired to hear DP and visit God's original homeland.

Here Holly ground in Almaty we visited several times to support Heavenly Parents providence. It is located on the

top of the mountain. We always feel God's love and refresh our spirits. It is really blessing for us to have the Holly ground here.

We keep conducting Sunday family meetings. It gives us a great joy to study God's words together and share love from the Heaven and True Parents with each other. Now we are preparing to have a lot of works, because the study year started and a lot of students expects to come to Almaty city. ♦

