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September 26, the 2nd year of Cheon Il guk (October 19, 2014), was one of the most joyful and happy days in the 24-years history of the UC in Russia. For the first time, the church members united as one centering on their leaders, so that through this miraculous providential offering the solemn day of inauguration of the Unification Church building in the Far East region in Khabarovsk, Russia could come. From historical point of view, the Khabarovsk — Vladivostok region was the place of deep tribulations for Korean people.

From 1880 to 1937, the year when there started implementation of Stalin's forced relocation policy and during 50 years that followed, a lot of Korean people came to live in Khabarovsk and Vladivostok. Khabarovsk is sometimes called the city on water, because of its location at the crossing of two rivers, Amur and Ussuri. The water is a symbol of new abilities, so the recent Khabarovsk church inauguration is definitely not an accident.

Although the number of attendees was not so big, altogether about 30 people, at 10.30 a.m. Khabarovsk church inauguration ceremony started. The ceremony was presided by NER President Jin Hwa Chung, and attended by Mrs. Kang Deokrye (the lady who fulfilled her tribal messiah mission and was visiting Khabarovsk at that time), and Russia National Leader, Olga Savelieva.



After cutting the ribbon, Regional President Jin Hwa Chung, sanctified the two floors of the church building with Holy Salt. Then in his speech, he emphasized that Vladivostok played an important role as a starting stage for unification of the South and North Korea; and the nearby Khabarovsk has a mission to ignite a fire of witnessing to many young people.



He mentioned that recently, True Mother emphasized the importance of witnessing (centering on CARP) to many young people who can become future leaders, so that the resurrection process of Russia could start in Khabarovsk.

After the inauguration ceremony, the church members received Certificates of Appreciation and Money Prizes for their impact in constructing the building. Then Khabarovsk members gave a musical performance. Finally, all

participants of the event had dinner together.

We are grateful to all Khabarovsk members who sincerely participated in erecting the temple and made it possible for our Heavenly Father and True Parents to dwell in it. Let us go with new determination towards completing the Mission 2020 proclaimed by True Parents by investing all our efforts in witnessing with desperate heart.

Ukraine

Witnessing workshop

On October 25, 2014 we held a special witnessing workshop for two witnessing centers. All together 11 people participated. Members told about problems they faced on witnessing and together with elder leaders they tried to find the ways to solve these problems and difficulties. After the meeting everybody shared that it was useful both for leaders and members.



Leaders' meeting

On October 27-28, 2014 we held a meeting for the witnessing center leaders in Kyiv. 14 people participated. We discussed the importance of right interconnection between internal and external goals in witnessing. Witnessing center leaders went back to their mission cities with new determination to invest in God's Will.

UPF Activity. Annual International Conference



On October 24, 2014 UPF-Ukraine held the annual international conference entitled "The historical roots of Ukrainian peacemaking".

In the conference hall of the "Kozatskyi" Hotel located in the heart of Kyiv more than 200 participants gathered, including Ambassadors for Peace, representatives of NGOs and public organizations, leaders of education and culture, and international guests.



Eight people committed to the idea of world peace were awarded the title of Ambassador for Peace. In the end of the conference UPF-Ukraine made a suggestion to establish an educational program "Young Ambassador for Peace" and "Youth Ambassador for Peace". Through this program young Ukrainians could be able to participate in the formation of true Ukrainian nation.

Conference participants wished to the organizers much success and expressed their desire to cooperate in promoting the ideas of the Universal Peace Federation in Ukrainian society.

Bridge of Peace “Czech Republic – Russia”

The international event Bridge of Peace “Czech Republic – Russia” scheduled within the general theme "Ways to forgiveness and reconciliation" with a purpose of healing historical wounds and building better relations between our countries, took place at the UPF HQ in Prague on October 24 - 28, 2014. There were altogether 50 participants.



We feel this Bridge of Peace program was only the beginning. Still many things need to be healed and restored. That is why we really want to continue such programs on the way of building One Family under God.

The program was initiated by WFWP chapters of Czech Republic and Russia. Because of the events in 1968 when the states of the Warsaw Pact sent tanks to Prague, a great many representatives of the intellectual elite had to emigrate to other countries. Therefore, many Czech people nursed a deep grudge against Russia. Eleven people came from Moscow and St. Petersburg to take part in the Bridge of Peace with sincere motivation to heal historical wounds. Among them were film directors, honored artists of Russia, writers, honored workers of culture, and University

professors. Guests from Russia were deeply moved by amazingly warm welcome on the side of the Czech WFWP. During the Bridge of Peace program, it became clear that the Russian people felt deep compassion for Czech people who suffered from the Communist regime, because many Russian families also suffered a lot from repressions during the soviet period. Moreover, when Russian participants sincerely and with tears apologized for the pain that the Soviet Union caused the Czech people, the resentment was broken and we could really shed tears of reconciliation together. One woman, member of the Czech WFWP, was born in 1968; she harbored so much pain and resentment in her heart that she even felt reluctant to participate in the Bridge of Peace. But after the event she shared: “Now my Czech heart has really been liberated.”

The Czech and Russian participants laid flowers to the memorial of Russian soldiers who lost their lives while liberating Prague from fascism and to the memorial of the Czech people who lost their lives during the events of 1968. Women of both nations prayed together in tears.

We also held a beautiful family night with accordion. Czech and Russian women were happy to sing and dance together.

Doubtless, this Bridge of Peace program was only the beginning. Many more things need to be healed and restored. That is why we really want to go on with such programs aimed at building the One Family under God.



Moldova

Our work in Moldova, in the month of October, was focused on expanding our core (frontline) activities and educating our core-members.



In the Church area, thanks to the joint constant efforts of home members, full time members, and Japanese Missionaries, we continue our witnessing activities. In the process of persistent spiritual education, the spiritual awareness of our members grows up.

As the result, in October, after the Introduction lecture, 9 people out of 31 (almost 30% compared to the 13% in September), participated in the 2-days DP workshop. Moreover, five people continued education at the 7-day DP Workshop, which is more than 50% of the number. So, we can clearly see that the quality of our guests is growing up parallel to our own personal growth.

The Club for Studying Famous People' Lives and the Movie Club continue their activity successfully as the alternative way for involving new young guests. At the same time, it is an interesting method of teaching the DP to young people. So, the number of people visiting these clubs is growing.

The Monday evening Prayer Meetings are a good spiritual condition for involving individual members in the national providence and for the nation's alignment in the direction of the cosmic providence, with True Father in Heaven and True Mother on the earth. Since every meeting encompasses a range of clear and strong internal guidance, it provides an opportunity to become spiritually disciplined. It seems, this is the reason why the number of people attending the meetings is growing.



Brothers and sisters of Moldova are doing the National Jeong Seong condition of reading the DP, 15 pages per day, for the victory of the Abel side in the Parliament Elections at the end of November.

In October, the WFWP of Moldova organized a number of programs in support of aligning with the central providence. Among them orientation meeting with participation of the former and acting WFWP leaders and planning activities and projects for the next year.



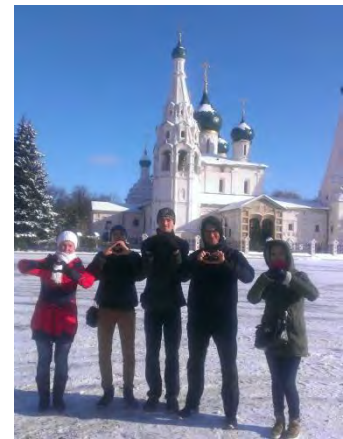
Russia

Activities of the Unification Church youth branch in Moscow

Our goal is carrying out educational two-level programs for young people in Moscow: through hobby clubs and direct Divine Principle lectures and workshops. On the advice of our continental director, we convene on a regular basis meetings of several hobby clubs. Once a week we hold a sporting event: table tennis tournament, and after it - a movie show followed by discussion of the film and the related interactive program.



Every two weeks we are holding debates and creative evenings on «The Stars of the Heavenly Attic». We try to be financially independent; with this purpose, to support of our activities, we did fundraising during one week in Yaroslavl and Cherepovets cities of Russia. Now our team is actively involved in preparations for the international students seminar which will soon start in Turkey.



Saint Petersburg

Nine young CIG missionaries sent by True Mother from Korea and Japan are actively witnessing with CARP members in St. Petersburg. Besides organizing lectures and programs for guests missionaries give Korean language lessons to the second generation in St. Petersburg.



Kazakhstan

In the beginning of October we held a 7-day Divine Principle seminar that took place at the Peace Embassy in Almaty city. Among the participants were young students; they got very much inspired by God's words and acquired a deep determination to practice the DP in their daily lives. Also they had an opportunity to practice fundraising and witnessing, where they could meet God and better understand the importance of the DP. We continue working in educational clubs. There we teach DP through public means. This month, two new people learned about the Messiah. They feel both very happy and sad because True Father is already gone to the spiritual world and they cannot meet Him live on the earth.



Every week we organize Sunday Family Meetings and visit the Holy Ground. This month we sent a fundraising team to Astana city to start the 21-day condition. We see the importance of our mission here in working for our country, and we desire to develop God's Providence here in Kazakhstan by practical work and creating sincerity condition.

Lithuania

The event in commemoration of the True Parents' visit in Lithuania 9 years ago, in 2005, took place on Saturday, October 25, centered on our National Leader, Mr. Akira Nakamura. We want to establish the tradition of celebrating this day for the future. This time, the commemoration event was held with participation of blessed families. During the morning hoondokhae, we watched a video of True Parents' speech of that time. Then the members shared their experiences of meeting with True Parents. Many things that True Parents talked about that time, now have become much more clear to us than when we heard them first. Those who that time were not yet members listened to the testimonies of brothers and sisters with great interest. It was a good opportunity to recollect and share our experiences. Then followed unofficial sharing and families with children got involved in some playful activities.



The Glory Day for Latvia

Commemorative program related to the 9th anniversary of True Parents' visit to Latvia was held on 19-20 October 2005. Annually, ever since True Parents' first visit to our country in 2005, we in Latvia have been holding this special ceremony. The Latvian chapter of the UPF was established in October 19-20, 2005, during the world tour of True Parents who came to Latvia at that time. .

Being grateful for this happy day, we celebrate it thus establishing the new tradition. On October 19, 2014, in Latvia HQ we held a festive program "The Glory Day for Latvia." Some Ambassadors for Peace and 4 University students attended the ceremony. Dr. Ando, National Leader in Latvia, explained how truly precious this day is. Student guests received as a gift the True Father's Biography. They studied the Divine Principle and were greatly impressed by it.

True Mother emphasized the importance of students' witnessing. This Day provides a good opportunity to start students' witnessing in Latvia. The ceremony created a good and very positive atmosphere.

