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Improvement of Family Relations Seminar by Professor Oh

Blessed families – healthy in spirit, full of love, capable of solving conflicts, fulfilling their tribal messiah’s role, serving Heavenly Parent and humanity - this is our most hope and our goal to become. With that vision Northeast region of Unification movement has launched the new year.

In the beginning of new year of 2015 Northeast Region held special seminars for members and blessed families to make a new start in their life and missions. For that program Northeast Regional HQ has invited professor of psychology Oh Gyu Yong from Sun-Moon University. The program named “Improvement of Family Relations” was held in Khabarovsk (Far East), Moscow (Central Russia) and St. Petersburg (North-West Russia) from December 29, 2014 to January 9, 2015. About 150 participants – blessed couples and single members had attended this program. One of the seminars in Moscow - the longest one - was designed to train church leaders and family counsellors to help blessed families and church community solve more effectively difficulties and challenges they meet. Counsellors and leaders received new tools to make lives more harmonious and full of love.



From reflections

. I prayed – “Heavenly Parents, help me – how I should do – what I should understand with my son, my granddaughter, with my daughter-in-law!” And He answered to me through Mrs. Oh and the son, who helped me so much. I feel as if large burden is off my heart

- Absolutely can be used and should be used all practices of solving conflicts.
- We received many new instruments to solve our family problems



We all hope to continue our cooperation with our elder brothers and sisters like Prof. Oh and Mrs. Oh to learn from their professionalism, to inherit their victories and to bring our own victories to our Heavenly Parent and True Parents.

Mongolia

UPA students' Field Education

Three first-year course students of Universal Peace Academy (UPA) came to Mongolia and participated in the front line education program from January 4 till February 15.

One student is originally from Mongolia. He participated in the program at her homeland, and two Filipinos from the everlasting summer country faced great challenge to live in the coldest capital in the world.

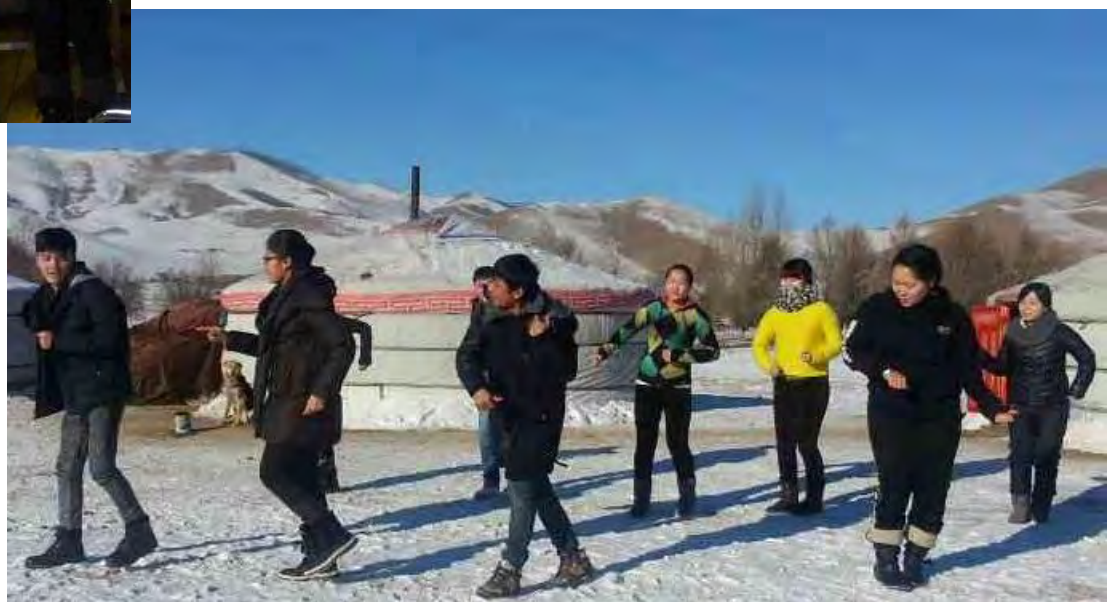
Their main training is witnessing activity. Following a Mongolian method of using multi-media, they show university students an introduction video to the Divine Principle on the street.

UPA students also have had cultural experiences. Riding horse is a major taste of traditional Mongolian nomadic life style.



Mongolia Church organized two 7-day workshops for CARP core members: during December 24-30 there were 5 participants, and the workshop on January 06-12 was attended by 9. Participants reviewed Divine Principle and True Parent's course. They also learned about individual formula course in life of faith, in order to be ready to join 21-days fundraising activity.

UPA students also introduced their dance culture to the Mongolian participants, and they showed a dance which they enjoyed together in attendance to True Mother.



Ukraine

On January 1, 2015 blessed families from Kyiv gathered together in the workshop center near Kyiv to celebrate the New Year. There were altogether more than 80 people. We spend a good time together. Children enjoyed all kind of games together with their parents. It was a great opportunity to establish close relations between our blessed families and all the members who truly enjoyed this time.

Workshop for the 2nd and 3rd generation

On January 9-11, we held a special educational workshop for older children of the 2nd and 3rd generation. 10 children participated in the event. We discussed many important issues, such as: life of faith, our attitude to the Movement, our goals and vision for the future.



On January 12-14, we held a 3-day DP workshop for our 2nd generation. Nineteen children aged 7 - 12 attended the workshop. Our educational program included DP lectures, games, contests, and sports competitions. Our older 2nd generation children gave some lectures. It was a good experience for them.

On January 15-21, 2015, we held a 7-day Divine Principle workshop in Kyiv. Five new guests attended the workshop. All participants were inspired by studying the Divine Principle. They expressed their desire to continue their education in our Movement.

Blessing workshop and Matching



On January 23-25 we held a Blessing workshop. Among the participants were all Ukrainian members; we also had a few guests from Russia and one from Albania. All together there were over 100 participants. Our elder members gave testimonies about their Blessing and family life. Young members listened very attentively and asked many questions. After that, our national messiah together with elder members conducted the Matching ceremony. Five new couples were matched. All members shared that it was a great experience for them to participate in this workshop. We all got a strong feeling of being one big family.

Leaders' meeting

On January 26, we held a meeting for the witnessing center leaders in Kyiv. There were 18 participants. Leaders shared about the problems in their centers; during the discussion that followed we tried to find the best solutions. After that, we had sports competition for the center leaders. Winners received some financial award for their center. Leaders went back to their mission cities with a new determination to invest in God's Will.

Unity Festival

On January 22, 2015 WFWP-Ukraine took part in the All-Ukrainian international Unity Festival "Embrace, Ukraine!" The event was related to the Ukraine Unity Day. Over 2000 people attended the festive performance of artists and musicians from different parts of Ukraine.

Lithuania



New Year Kick Off Seminar with "Jeongsong"

In Lithuania we are trying to create spirit of unity among all families of our nation. On January 10-11, we held the 2-days "New Year Kick Off Seminar 2015" in Vilnius for all Blessed Families in Lithuania. Jurate and Vladimir who came back from "Improvement of Family Relations Workshop" in Moscow shared their experience and the content of the first workshop session by Professor O for leaders in Moscow. During our Kick Off seminar we practiced the ability to improve relationship in Blessed couples. The 2nd part of the seminar was given by our national leader, Akira Nakamura; he talked about spiritual healing and reconciliation through Jeongsong practice in our daily life. We as Lithuanian church members must improve our daily Jeongsong attitude through devotion, purifying our past negative experience and negative memories. We must reject our negative past and try to resemble our True Parents. After our seminar, we have determined to expand our knowledge we acquired in our home group activity, successfully practice the One-to-One witnessing, and continue with educational programs promoting Vision 2020 in Lithuania.



After the Kick-Off Workshop 2015, our Regional President, Rev. Jin Hwa Chung, came to Lithuania. He said, he was inspired by God to come this time to Lithuania. Rev. Chung talked with all key members and gave them practical guidance. He has also appointed three new leaders in Lithuania. He has also set up a new goal for witnessing, and proposed purchasing premises for a new witnessing center, and a church center, during the current year.

Regional President met our new guests and witnessing team members

Rev. Chung met our new witnessing contacts. He talked to Yulia who joined quite recently. She is going to Turkey as a participant of the 7day workshop that will take place in February. Her spiritual leader is our CARP leader, Geidre.

Rev. Chung gave us guidance how to manage the Home Group activity and create internal harmony; this will help us to invite new guests and educate them through 2-days seminars.



Kazakhstan

Thursdays and Sundays, we organize educational clubs. We are trying to convey Divine Principle to the public in a short but understandable way. For young people our ideas seem very revolutionary and interesting.

Even in snowy and frosty days, 20 degrees below zero, we continue with our running project. We are promoting a healthy life style by demonstrating that we are healthy.



On Sunday Services this month, we tried to exchange and practice victorious experience of each other. Our elder members give Sunday services one by one. We organized a Sunday Service for the 2nd generation. This was a good experience for us, because we could listen to personal testimonies of our brothers and sisters. We see how God is working in our lives, with love and care, and feel grateful.

This month, we have carried out 1- and 2-day DP seminars. Five people have completed the 2-day seminar course this month; now two of them are attending Sunday Services and participate in actionizing activities. We hope to improve our *chondo* (witnessing) activity and make a foundation for many more people to join.



Latvia

Three-day and two-day workshops on witnessing were carried out in Latvia on January 9 - 11. Also at the Peace Embassy, we held a 3-day Devine Principle Workshop in Estonia. It was attended by 25 members, guests and staff.

Mr. Togo, Rev Yu, national leader of Estonia, and Dr. Ando gave DP lectures to the guests. Some participants have decided to go to the 7-day workshop in Turkey.

One week later, in Riga, we held another 2-day workshop for new guests and our members. There were altogether 10 participants. Now we are determined to witness to young people and students in Riga.

