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Visit of the President of the Northeast region Rev. Chung to Russian cities.

Ulyanovsk

For us, Rev. Chung's visit to Ulyanovsk was a very important and emotional event. We could deepen our faith and connect to True Parents' visit to Russia back in 1990. We could feel True Parents' love and faith, and their longing heart and expectations for Russia.

November was a month of many blessings for Ulyanovsk. At the beginning of the month, we welcomed the Cheon Il Guk missionaries. We have been preparing for this internally and externally. We invited three people from Kazan, Ulan-Ude, and

Nizhniy Novgorod to join us. Together with the missionaries we made a plan and immediately started witnessing to young people. Altogether, we have invited 21 guests to the introductory lectures. On Saturdays we are holding 1-day seminars. Each time the schedule of the seminar is different. After the lectures we may play games, or learn together with guests the skill to cook sushi, or sing songs. Each time we are trying to improve the program of our seminars. Altogether 5 new people attended the workshops. Especially productive are seminars on Saturdays, because it is a time when guests meet our members, and missionaries. Some families offer their help to take care of the children; others are helping in preparing snacks.

The Cheon Il Guk missionaries also prepare programs about the Japanese culture. Together with our guests we select True Parents' words and write them down in the Japanese language.

Ryazan

Regional President came to Ryazan on November 15. Together with him, we celebrated the two Holy days: the True Children's Day, and the Foundation Day for the Unified Nation of Heaven and Earth.



Rev. Chung spoke at the Sunday Service about the reality of our society striving towards economic enrichment. We talked about which things are the most important in our life; about the spiritual world, about what will happen after death. We should reflect on how many people we were able to save from the satanic world. That is our global goal. We need money to survive, but money is not everything in our lives. Hoarding and selfishness lead to disintegration of families, increase of the number of single people and as a consequence - the fall in the birth rate. The role of the family is very important in our lives. We cannot survive on our own, it is important for us to communicate, live in society, establish settlements, and take care of children together. After the service, there was a musical performance with Russian, Ukrainian, and Korean songs. After the concert, there was a wonderful Ukrainian dinner and informal communication. Then Rev. Chung visited the heart of the Ryazan land – the Kremlin (where in the summer there was a meeting of participants of the "Peace Road"), and the recently established new Holy Ground. On that day, finally, thick snow covered the ground. Rev. Chung said that this is a good sign.

Church activity

North-West region of Russia

A 3-day seminar on the Divine Principle was held near St. Petersburg on 6 - 8 of November. Its main purpose was to study the history of the providence of restoration (lecture "The parallels in history", "Last 400 years of preparations for the Second Advent of the Messiah"). The seminar ended with lectures on "The purpose of coming of the Messiah" and "The Second Advent". The seminar participants were invited to further study the Divine Principle and the True Parents' Course. The seminar was attended by 12 people. Among



them were two new guests. The main lecturer was Marianna Sokurova. All participants have left good reviews. They expressed their wish to continue their education.

The seminar for schoolchildren on "Living for others" was held on 1 - 3 of November. On the first day, there were 29 children. Among them, 16 children attended a 3-day seminar. At this workshop the children participated in Hoon Dok Hae.

The first day was a family event. The participants visited the Sunday Service and the Sunday School classes. Then, there was a family dinner followed by the evening communication and birthday celebrations. On the second day, there were three educational lectures on creation and life for others.

On the last day, there was a trip to the suburbs. The participants visited a shelter for homeless animals, where they cleaned the territory as a part of the service project. At the close of the seminar, they altogether prepared dinner.

On November 28, two people from the North-west region participated in the seminar for the candidates for Marriage Blessing, in Moscow. They also participated in matching. One of the matched couples was international.

Small groups meetings are held in the region on a weekly basis. Two meetings of blessed wives and four meetings of blessed husbands per week are held.

UPF activity in Russia

Day of Tolerance in Ryazan

On the eve of the International Day of Tolerance, a wonderful festival - dance and film evening - was held on November 14, 2015, in Ryazan.

The meeting was organized in "Antikafe". Representative of Universal Peace Federation addressed the audience. The guests enjoyed the dance presentations, were served different national dishes, and watched a movie. 50 guests were expected, but in reality about 80 people came to the event. The event was a success. We read Father's words, and as a result a good atmosphere was created. Almost all families helped in organizing of event and preparing meals.



In the early evening, the guests enjoyed dances of different nations performed by the dancers of the studio "Russian Party" and attended the dancing master-class of the head of the studio, Valentina Silvestrova.

On the part of the Universal Peace Federation, Olga Nezdoyminova, explained that the notion of "tolerance" in our time is understood ambiguously. Primarily, we understand this concept as respect for people and nations diversity, languages and religions... We read the words of Dr. Moon, founder of UPF, that mankind must become one family under God.

One of the projects that contribute to the unity of the world is the project "Peace Road". Many of the guests attended the welcoming event for participants of the auto-race "Peace Road" in Ryazan, on July 25, 2015. The guests of the meeting were shown video clips about the "Peace Road" project in Ryazan.

After the dancing performance, for participants of the meeting, tables with dishes of Korean, Tajik, Uzbek, Ukrainian, Indian and, of course, Russian cuisine were set. Everyone could enjoy the taste of any meal, talk to the cook, make comments, and take the recipes. Refreshments were served to the sounds of the Ukrainian and Russian songs.

Finally, the guests watched the movie "Water. A new dimension", then the guests shared their impressions.

All the participants parted in a good mood.



Latvia

Rev. Chung visited Latvia

In Latvia, continental President Rev. Chung lectured to Latvian leaders and Cheon Il Guk Korean Missionaries on October 13 - 15. The Korean missionaries used the last opportunity to witness before completing their mission. This was one of the reasons why Rev. Chung shared with them a long time in desire to celebrate success of their missionary life.

He emphasized that now is very important time when you should do your best for Heavenly Parent and True Parents. After his message they determined to go out witnessing and started bringing new guests to the center every day. The Rev. Chung's speeches inspired the Korean young missionaries with spiritual power.



Also in the evening time, Rev. Chung taught the Latvian leaders about great importance of a leader. They seriously promised to be responsible in carrying out their missions. Latvia has inherited great Heavenly Fortune from Rev. Chung.

10th anniversary of The Glory Day of Latvia

We celebrated "The 10th Glory Day of Latvia" at the Peace Embassy in Riga, on October 11. This was the special Day commemorating the time when True Parents first visited Latvia in 2005. For this special occasion related to the 10th Anniversary, we invited Dr. Oyamada who that time was a special Cheon Il Guk Emissary to the Northeast Region, as the guest of honor. He was with True Parents about 50 years and had a lot of personal experience with True Mother. She trusts him so much that sent him to Latvia.



About 50 Latvian Blessed families and guests gathered together. At the opening of the program, Korean missionaries sang a celebration song. After the greeting words of Dr. Ando, the Latvia national leader, we met Dr. Oyamada with big applause. He emphasized that we have to inherit the Heavenly



Tradition from our True Parents and gave his heartfelt testimony about True Parents. Many members were moved by his speech.

After lunch Dr. Oyamada visited the Merkela witnessing center and prayed seriously for the start of the center's work. We received a big spiritual benefit and felt True Parents very close. That special day we spent with Heavenly Parents and True Parents.

Witnessing activity

On October 7, 2015, the Korean CIG Missionary team came to Latvia and stayed for one month. Together, we were focused on witnessing to young people and students. We went to the front line with good determination and as the result many new guests came to our center every day.

15th Global Culture Festival in Latvia



Since the time the Cheon Il Guk Missionary team came to Latvia for witnessing, we started holding Global Culture festivals for guests. Through such events we can create a good atmosphere and connect new guests to our culture. The 15th Global Culture Festival was held at the Peace Embassy in Riga on October 24. About 30 persons attended the event including 13 new guests.

That time, we focused on introducing Korean culture to participants centering on young Korean missionaries. They sang a Korean song and gave a short Korean lesson to new guests.

Later on, Dr. Ando gave a lecture on the Principle of Creation and give-and-take action. They listened with sincere

attitude. Finally we played “Yute” - the Korean traditional game.

Also, the parents of some guests participated in that seminar. They enjoyed it together with us and learned more about our movement. Also we felt the spiritual world working strongly.

1-day Happy Day seminar in Latvia

Especially, we were inviting guests to our “Happy Day” seminar on November 7, at the Peace Embassy. For this event, the Korean Missionary Team and Latvia core members prepared with sincere commitment.

The goal of the seminar was to inspire new guests to join our Movement, though the missionary team soon after that left Latvia.





Dr. Ando, the National Leader in Latvia, gave the Divine Principle lectures to the new guests, starting from the Principle of Creation. They listened seriously and gradually got really interested in the Divine Principle. After the lectures we had discussion and shared our reflections with them. The seminar was attended by 10 new guests and we had precious time together. The atmosphere of the seminar was good and friendly.

After the seminar they have recently come to the center to study the Divine Principle. New guests gave us new inspiration. It is not easy for us to witness, but we keep going on with true love.

Ukraine

9-day Divine Principle workshop

The 9-day Divine Principle workshop started in our workshop center near Kyiv on November 23. It was attended by 7 new guests.

Leaders' meeting

A meeting for the witnessing center leaders was held in Kyiv on November 8-9. It was attended by 14 people. We made plans and set up goals. The leaders went back to their mission cities with new determination to invest for God's will.

Blessed Families' meeting

The all-Ukrainian meeting for blessed families was held on November 1. Over 30 families participated. We talked about the true care and developing our relations with each other.

All-Ukrainian members' meeting

The all-Ukrainian members' meeting was held in Kyiv on November 6-8. Over 70 people attended the meeting; among them were full-time members,



home members and some young members that joined recently. The elder members gave lectures on witnessing, fundraising, and the life of faith. Also, there were sport games and competitions. All members were happy to meet each other and they enjoyed the meeting.

Holy Days` celebration

The Kyiv blessed families came to our workshop center to celebrate Holy Days on November 12. There were 45 participants. After HDH we had a nice festive breakfast.

Mongolia

Pioneer Missionary's Reunion

The pioneer missionary to Mongolia, Mrs. Noriko Kobayashi, attended the Sunday Service on November 1, 2015, with her daughter Sunmi. Her reunion with members attending the True Parents' authorized church has come true for the first time since the Kwak group independency, declared on December 18, 2010, around 5 years ago. The family unfortunately could not choose the right way in their life of faith in December 2010, so they were officially dismissed in January 2011 from their missionary status given by the Northeast HQ in May 1994. After the long course of being away from the official church after their dismissal, they were recently encouraged by members to come back, especially to the Sunday Service. Based on the spiritual foundation related to the celebration of 10th anniversary of True Parents' visit to Mongolia in October 2005, and members' heart and devotion wanting to invite her, she and her daughter could come to our Church on November 1.



“I did not have any chance to look at True Mother's picture for a couple of years,” Mrs. Noriko Kobayashi shared her recent past situations with some leaders. Then watching videos during the service showing True Mother's appearances in many ways, Mrs. Kobayashi could see how hard True Mother has been working as the single leader on earth, on behalf of True Parents, under the pressing goal of vision 2020 since summer 2012. Mrs. Kobayashi, as a mother of

life of faith, immediately came to repent before the Heavenly Parent; with tears, she honestly opened her heart before the members. Her sincere tears were the result of her warm heart and the attitude of the members who unanimously welcomed the return of the pioneering mother. That is why the moment she began her sharing in front of the members, she immediately burst into tears. She said that because of being away from the Church so long, she feared the members' criticism, and she was even ready to be beaten by some member.” But when she appeared before the members, she immediately felt that her worries were groundless. Their attitude was just open and pure. After the service, she visited the holy ground and deeply prayed there.

Next week, the Kobayashi couple attended the Sunday Service. Now the members desired from the bottom of their heart for the family to finally come back and continue their life of faith; some even volunteered to offer their personal condition of redemption for their complete return. This pioneering family's complete return will symbolize a new stage of restoration after the Kwak group problems happened.

Married Couples Blessing

On November 14, 2015, at the celebration of the 56th True Children's Day, and the 28th Foundation Day of the Unified Nation of Heaven and Earth, Mongolia hosted the married couples Blessing event with participation of 9 couples. The participants were mainly candidates of the blessed central families' Heavenly Tribal Messiahship and Hood Dok Home Church activities. They were relatives and friends of members of our Movement. Seeing the results of their work for the providence, the members could understand the current heavenly fortune for the Heavenly Tribal Messiahship. They increased their resolve to pass the blessing they received from God and True Parents to many other people.



Mongolia, from now on, will continue with these Blessings for married couples annually dating them to celebrations of Holy Days: Foundation Day, True Parents' Day, True Day of All Things, and True Children's Day.

CARP 3-day workshop

The Mongolia CARP organized 3-day weekend workshops for high school students (11th or 12th grade), juniors and sophomores of a college on November 20 - 22 (25 participants) and November 27 - 29 (15 participants). The new traditional method of studying the Divine Principle through reading the "Multi Media DP" and sharing readers' comments, was applied. The guests are mostly delegates of Heavenly Tribal Messiahship and Hoon Dok Home Church contacts. The workshop place is the Gachuurt Seminar Center, which is now under minus 30 degrees cold circumstances. However, the clear blue sky and snow white coating are sufficient to let students feel the beauty of the Heavenly Parent's creation. Reflecting upon the workshop, the participants commented, "I felt the Heavenly Parent in my prayer," "I understand now the reality of the Heavenly Parent's existence," "I came to be aware of my responsibility," "Through my Principle life, I would like to make better my family, tribe, nation, and the whole world."



Lithuania

Japanese Culture Night with Cheon Il Guk missionaries

On November 10 we held the Japanese Culture night program at our witnessing center in Vilnius with Japanese sisters as Cheon Il Guk missionaries. Thirteen people gathered together and the Japanese sisters demonstrated the culture and traditional games of Japan to new guests. Also they prepared the tasty Japanese meals and showed the way to eat them; all the guests were happy to continue education. It was also the farewell party, because the Japanese missionaries completed their mission — the 30-day witnessing campaign in Lithuania.



Home group activity (Tribal Messiah Mission)

Lithuania has chosen a unique way to do our tribal messiahship activity by a home group style. Sisters group are doing together the Skype Hoon Dok Hae each morning and the jeonseong condition for reaching out

relative's contact. Recently our blessed family younger brother attended a Divine Principle lecture and then decided to continue his studies; he is coming to lectures every day and attends Hoon Dok Hae. Some blessed members



conduct martial arts training to serve their neighborhood and youth. Students are learning Hwang Wha Do in the master Aistis' home town. They have recently completed a special training course in Vilnius, on November 28. The Tongil Mo Do master-class was given by Andrius Jurkunas to our witnessing guests.

National Church Council meeting

In November, our Lithuanian Church Council had meetings each time after Sunday Service to discuss the ways to improve our church management of the national budget and the assets. Council



includes elected members of the elder Blessed families, the eight families, in support of the National Leader of Lithuania. The idea is to promote the church development considering Mr. Motoyama's suggestion of the International HQ. There were 10 points suggested by Mr. Motoyama. On our Council we discussed how to practice them for development in Lithuania.