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In December 2015 Dr. Katsumi Ohtsuka visited Moscow, Russia. In the past he was a president of the Northeast Region. During those years he gained respect of many brothers and sisters in the Northeast Region. Recently he was appointed by True Parents as a Special Emissary to the Northeast Region. On December 6th inauguration ceremony for him was held in Moscow. Dr. Ohtsuka gave a sermon where he shared his experiences in latter years. He told about his experiences in Africa and in preparation to Foundation Day.



His son Hirotaka Ohtsuka married to True Parents' granddaughter. Before Foundation Day he had an accident. His heart suddenly stopped and he almost passed away. It was a big challenge for Dr. Ohtsuka. He prayed to God earnestly while his son was in critical state.

After the inauguration ceremony, Dr. Ohtsuka met leaders of Russia. He shared with them directions from True Mother. True Mother recently asked to summon a leaders' meeting in China where all participants honestly and openly expressed their viewpoint concerning weak points of our Movement and which direction to go in. Meeting was a great success. Dr. Ohtsuka proposed that same style meetings should be held in all countries.

He emphasized that we need to make Peace Ambassadors more active all around the world. We need to raise conviction in brothers and sisters that mission they have is God's Will and desire. Dr. Ohtsuka said that we always should turn difficult situation in good condition and victory for God's providence.



On December 12 Dr. Ohtsuka gave lecture to members about raising 2nd generation children. On December 13 he gave sermon on the Sunday Service in Malakhovka church, Moscow region.

Volga region, Ulyanovsk

On December, 2015 Ulyanovsk city was blessed in a special way by the visit of the Special Emissary, Dr. Ohtsuka. He delivered a special message and encouraged members to study the Russian history and focus on witnessing to young people.

Our introductory lectures were attended altogether by 30 guests. Each Saturday we hold 1-day seminars. Total 5 people participated in workshops. In December, we were mainly focused on outings with guests, meetings at a cafe, or skating. Starting from the next month, we are planning regular sports activity, considering that the majority of guests are very young, 17-18 years old. We give them not only Principle but also character education. This month was



very unusual in the way that the guests invited their brothers, sisters and friends to the lectures. Right now we are inspiring our guests to attend the 7-day and 16-day seminars. Last week we were preparing the Christmas and New Year celebrations together with guests and our members.



WFWP Activity

The big Intercultural Festival “Children are Angels of Peace” related to Mother’s Day was held in the Peace Embassy of Moscow, on November 28, 2015; it was the joint event of WFWP of Russia and Universal Peace Federation. Around 200 people participated. Among the Festival guests were Ambassadors for Peace, representatives of different NGO’s, and national children’s ensembles. We could enjoy beautiful dances and songs performed by Russian, Georgian, Ukrainian, Armenian and Azerbaijan children. The audience was moved to tears by the performance of disabled children.

Those special children and children’s ensembles who have been participating in peacemaking and charity projects for many years received the Youth Peace Awards.

On the same day we celebrated the 7th anniversary of the Russian second generation ensemble “Angels of Peace”.



This event united the hearts of three family generations and even three generations of Ambassadors for Peace (adults, students and children).

One of the purposes of this event was promoting family values, so we were very happy to meet the winners of the Intercultural Family Contest “Family World” the annual project of the Women’s Federation for World Peace.

We are planning to make this Festival an annual event because it offers a very good chance to bring people of good will together and promote a real culture of heart and peace.



Mongolia

Visit of the Special Emissary Dr. Ohtsuka

On December 24 — 27, 2015, the recently appointed Dr. Katsumi Ohtsuka, the Special Emissary to the Northeast Region, visited Mongolia. The Mongolian witnessing system of “Multi-Media-DP education at the Hoon Dok Home Church” impressed him and its success may be revolutionary in conveying the Divine Principle



to people in the world by our witnessing efforts. Dr. Ohtsuka has been leading his life of faith for 44 years, he has great experience in witnessing. He advised us on how we can do witnessing more effectively, and expressed his approval of our new method of conducting the Divine Principle workshops according to the new system. Usually, the number and qualities of the Divine Principle lecturers have decided the performance of witnessing. The new system does not have such limitation. Dr. Ohtsuka asked leaders to draw a diagram of how the new system works for the Tribal Messiahship as well as in witnessing. It helps the leaders to visualize the system and make it more clear.

During Dr. Ohtsuka's visit to Mongolia, some Ambassadors for Peace shared luncheon with him. They discussed the Ambassadors' activities in 2015, and freely discussed on how to develop their activities in 2016. Dr. Ohtsuka shared about the Peace Road 2015 project in Japan, and emphasized the True Parents' role in the sphere of education. Acknowledging the far reaching activity of Ambassadors for Peace and the significance of their contribution to the providence in Mongolia, Dr. Ohtsuka proposed to create a new NGO to organize the work of Peace Ambassadors for the providence in Mongolia.

At the Sunday Service, on December 27, 2015, Dr. Ohtsuka in his sermon conveyed the important idea of True Love to the members. Ms. Sujung Lee, the Cheon Il Guk Youth Special Envoy to Mongolia, explained the elements of True Love in 5 points:

1) Unconditional, 2) Once-gave-then-do-not-remember, 3) with desire for the object partner to be better, 4) beyond time, and 5) beyond space. Dr. Ohtsuka also visited Gachuurt Workshop place and experienced a full-moon night under minus 30 degrees, where the environment was, however, absolutely pure and beautiful with the clear blue sky and white snow.



DP Workshop by Hood Dok Home Churches

The main membership structures of Mongolia, the Hoon Dok Home Churches, has reached the number of 53. The system of Mongolia is seeking for accomplishment of True Parents' desire - the Heavenly Tribal Messiahship. 1-day or 2-day Divine Principle workshops are now hosted by each Hoon Dok Home church.

In this line, 9 Hoon Dok Home Churches organized a 2-day workshop on December 2-3, 2015, at Gachuurt workshop center. Another Hoon Dok Home Church hosted a small 2-day workshop on December 5-6, 2015. Unlike the past practice of workshop with some experienced Divine Principle lecturer, the new system does not require such a lecturer. It became possible thanks to the multimedia Divine Principle video materials. Also among the participants were mainly our members' connections and their relatives.

For the lectures on the second part of the Divine Principle we use movies about the central figures in the providential history of restoration: Adam, Noah, Abraham, Jacob, Moses, kings Saul, David, Solomon, and Jesus. A set of movies about True Father's course in 4 volumes is also available.

At the workshop, the first part of the Divine Principle is taught through reading and participants' comments, followed by group discussions. Reading and comments before all participants are done by the participants in turn, one by one. At the group discussions, each participant speaks out his or her own ideas; so all the participants are being active.

One participant said, "As long as I repeatedly read the Divine Principle and try to formulate my comments, the level of my understanding is constantly growing." Another said, "Now as a participant of such workshops, I prefer to be more of a reader than a listener." The Hoon Dok Home Church leader, the one who organized the short workshop, commented,

"The workshop was organized for the limited circle of participants, with particular needs; and the staff showed their deep commitment, and the result was obviously positive. The material on True Father's course was given on 4 videos, and it impressed the participants very much."



Latvia

Witnessing

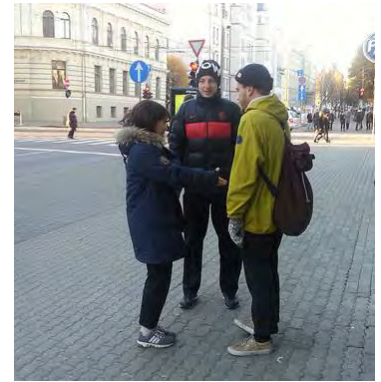
Here in Latvia, we focus on witnessing to students. Now a number of good university students and high school students start coming to our center. They study the Divine Principle once or twice a week, and we always read Divine Principle chapters together. Sometimes we give a lecture one to one and use a small group method.

In the high school group, one of the students usually gives the Divine Principle lectures to her friends. She has studied the Divine Principle



about one year and then joined Sunday services.

Also she asked the National Leader's permission to give Principle lectures by herself. By giving lectures, she felt her belief in the Divine Principle theory growing, and as well as her desire to learn more and more. Such activity inspires both members and guests giving them big hope. Now some new members in Latvia are growing through the Divine Principle.



Witnessing and re-modeling of the Merkela Witnessing center and the CARP center

From October to November we have been focused on witnessing to youth and students, together with young Korean missionaries. A lot of guests come to the Merkela center every day. In December we continued taking care of our guests and educating them at our Peace Embassy. The Merkela center has a very good location because it is close to the center of Riga and the Latvian University. But this center was opened about 20 years ago, and now we need to repair the rooms and prepare witnessing space for the new guests. The rooms are used not only for lecturing to guests but also for meetings of the CARP members.

We started repairing one room with the help of all members, at the end of October. It's not easy to raise money and repair room by our own efforts. Before witnessing we need new environment. Also some new students started coming to us. We feel big hope. We will finish remodeling as soon as possible to advance the providence in Latvia.



Shimjeong Culture at the Sunday Service

On December 27 we held the Shimjeong culture Sunday Service for our members, new guests, and Ambassadors for Peace; it was attended by 40 participants. Many members helped to prepare for this ceremony with sincere devotion and a lot of investment.

Dr. Ando, National Leader of Latvia, gave a sermon on: "Giving love brings more joy than receiving love". He cited True Parents' words. After that the audience enjoyed a short musical concert that included songs and dances performed by the 2nd generation and new guests. A Korean Second generation Yujeong played a Korean musical



instrument. The choir of sisters sang a popular Latvian Christmas carol. Finally, we handed gifts to the Second generation children and each Blessed family. The new guest Amanda got inspired, and she said she'd like to come to our Sunday service and continue studying the Divine Principle.

One of the Ambassadors for Peace, a well-known photographer and president of the Large Families' Association, Margers Martinson, highly appreciated the event and the UPF peacemaking activity. He expressed his desire to support UPF next year. We had a good joyful time together in a family atmosphere.

Latvia does not have a big foundation, but we feel our providence is developing step by step.

Kazakhstan

Sunday Service

At the regular Sunday services we offer prayers, give donations and purify our life of faith by listening to the God's Word and sharing experience.

Our sister Laura has completed the 2-day workshop. She is a very talented singer. Soon, she will join us in the actionizing program.

Now we are focused on witnessing. Every day the members go to the frontline and we are trying to achieve our goals. Now some home members have joined us in the witnessing activity. Also we continue the lecture practice. Every day, one by one, the whole day, members practice in giving lectures. Now we are trying to improve our Divine Principle workshops.

Every week we hold evening programs for actionizers. We are getting together every An Shi Il, as unification family, to advance relationships with each other.

Educational clubs

We continue our activity in the Educational club; we meet on Thursdays and Sundays. Our goal is to convey Divine Principle through public language. In November and December we studied life courses of famous people. For youth these clubs are interesting. They like the atmosphere of our meetings. We make efforts to improve the quality of our programs. At the club sessions we speak the Kazakh language. Last time, among the newcomers there were many young people. We think it is because of our sincere efforts.

We have English club programs. Our Ambassador for Peace, Lamin Bangura, conducts free English class. His lessons are very creative and interesting.

Holy Day

We celebrated the 56th True Children's Day and the 28th Foundation Day for the Unified Nation of Heaven and Earth. After the main event we enjoyed the musical concert program.



Actionizing activity

Our goal is to raise pioneers, because our country is only in the beginning of the way. Of course, we understand that the standard of our full time members should be high.

This time we focused especially on our actionizers. Three times a week they went out to do frontline activities. Together with them, we are witnessing and fundraising. They could meet God on the frontline.

Some of them participated in training courses on the base of the students' centers. They got rid of bad habits. They are growing spiritually. We hope they can become true champions of God and True Parents in the near future.



Lecture training

We continue with lecture practicing. Daily, each member in turn gives Divine Principle lectures during the whole day as training course in order to know God's Word better, purify the spiritual world, improve his/her lecturing skills. We try to follow the example of Yu Hyo Won when he was guided by True Father in the early years of the Church. Through this activity our members gain experience.

The project in the nursing house

Together with a volunteer organization, we carried out a project in a nursing house near Almaty. We brought to the inhabitants some foodstuffs and organized a musical performance. We tried to bring them joy by singing songs together with them and dancing. We found new good friends among the students and invited them to attend our club meetings.

We hope, during the next year we will be more determined and united to realize God's will in Kazakhstan.



Lithuania

Weekly Blessed Wife's meeting and HoonDokHwe

In Lithuania our unification family is actively practicing home group style activity. We are creating unity among Blessed Families and with our church leader.

We are reading the book "A natural church development" by Christian Schwarz, and are practicing the 10 key recommendations out of it. This month we practiced the Gift-Oriented Ministry. The essence of it is that the role of church leaders is to help the members in revealing their talents and help to apply them in public services and ministering.



Every morning we make condition of jeongseong and HoonDokHae. Weekly, we hold Sisters' meetings. They share and discuss different issues, study True Parents' words, consider methods to apply them in our daily life, and set up goals for the coming week.

We use the Blessed wives' meetings as a means to attend and receive guidance of our Heavenly Parent and True Parents. Participants can improve their motivation and learn how to accomplish the tribal messiahship mission.

On December 19, we held a home group workshop and a meeting of Blessed families; the guidance was given by our national leader, Akira Nakamura. We discussed the way to organize and identify ourselves, create a culture of true love through our group activity, and fulfill the Vision 2020 in Lithuania.

Blessed Children's Christmas celebration in Lithuania



On December 20, in Lithuania all the second generation children gathered together at the event "Let's meet Merry Christmas with the Second Generation!" A 16-years old Second Generation child was the MC at the event. One new member joined the program. Altogether 20 parents and children attended the event. Excitingly, the elder children were taking care of the kids. The program included games, skits, and dancing. Finally, the elder Second generation children gave Christmas gifts to the small children. The kids were happy and moved by the general attitude of service and the manifestation of True Parents' heart.