

Revelation Church of God prepares for South Africa's continental blessing

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A hundred commanders and pastors of the Revelation Church of God (RCG) attended training to become mobilizers and fast track the pre-blessing activities in preparation for the December 7, 2019 continental blessing at the First National Bank (FNB) Stadium in Soweto.

FFWPU organized this one-day workshop, which took place at the African Center for Excellence (ACE), so as to have more mobilizers who are ready to take up the challenge of pre-blessing at least 430 couples each as part of the greater strategy to prepare as many couples as possible from within South Africa for True Mother.

The decision was made on Monday, October 7 after a meeting between Rev. Bakary Camara, regional group chairman of Heavenly Africa, and Prophet Samuel Radebe, founder of the RCG as well as the foundation that runs ACE. Prophet Radebe wants to ensure a bigger and better welcome to True Mother in December.

The program started with a prayer from Rev. Jean Augustin Ghomsi, director of the Heavenly Africa Witnessing and Education Department and another from a pastor of the RCG. They both prayed for a successful welcome for True Mother. President Derrick Sibisi, president of RCG, welcomed everyone and stressed the great partnership existing between FFWPU/UPF and the RCG as well as special bond between Prophet Radebe and Mother Moon. He then invited Rev. Robert Williamson, the special envoy for South Africa, to speak. Rev. Williamson greeted everyone and expressed how pleased he was to be at the gathering.

Rev. Bakary Camara expressed his heart of gratitude to Prophet Radebe for allowing this workshop and conveyed the greetings of Mother Moon to all, greetings that they received with great applause. He shared how last Tuesday Rev. Ghomsi and he were invited to visit the "Temple," the holy ground of the RCG. It was a great experience, especially to be there with Prophet Radebe praying for the success of the December event. The trip started from here at 2:00 am and at 6:00 am we went to pray. "You have a great leader with special spiritual roots, and you should be proud of yourselves," Rev. Camara said. He told everyone how he is eagerly looking forward to working with them.

Lessons on blessings

Rev. Ghomsi, as a lecturer, introduced the program of the day that had basically three parts: 1) the value and meaning of the blessing, 2) the process of the blessing and 3) how to conduct the blessing. In the first part, he stressed the fact that True Parents have succeeded in establishing a true family and are sharing their victory with all humankind. "All the problems faced by human beings today are family related; thus, only by strengthening marriage and family can we eradicate these problems and establish a peaceful nation. True Mother is offering the blessing as the solution to our problems, the problems of South Africa and the world," he said. He exhorted all the amasoshas (soldiers, members of RCG) to support the movement to heal South Africa, Africa and the world.

He then explained the history and process of the blessing with a special emphasis on how the blessing has become a global movement for peace. After lunch, Rev. Ghomsi showed some videos on the blessing before spending time on how to conduct the blessing using slides. He invited up a representative couple and went through the process of the blessing from the holy juice ceremony to the indemnity stick ceremony. This was followed by questions and answers. One could see that they had learned a lot and were ready to implement and mobilize many couples not just from RCG but also from their communities.

Sad facts of life

They all enjoyed the program and thanked FFWPU/UPF for organizing the training. They are more hopeful than ever to tackle the problems of rape, gender-based violence and femicide in South Africa. This workshop came at the right time, when many women and girls, few weeks ago, were on the streets marching against these problems and calling on the government to declare a state of emergency to seriously deal with the above-mentioned crimes and social ills. True Mother, yes, a new batch of heavenly "soldiers" has just been trained to help you in bringing back Heavenly Father's and True Parents' children home. Each has a target of pre-blessing 430 couples. Thank you for your grace and love. May you leave long and see the fruits of all these efforts!