YSP Suriname had their first seminars on Four Family Loves at our FFWPU HQ

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On the 16th of March, 2019, Youth and Students for Peace (YSP) Suriname had their first seminar on Four Family Loves at the our FFWPU headquarters. This education program covered 2 parts of 4 part lectures: "What does it mean to be good?" and "Where do I learn to be good?"

WE had 17 participants (including a teacher, an administrative employee, 1 university student, 4 high school students and 10 secondary modern school students and 1 elementary school student), and Blessed Families, among which 8 young people were guests.

The event started with an opening prayer by Mrs. Claudia Rotgans. It was followed by the first lecture "What does it mean to be good?", given by Mr. O'Niel Kasanoemar. He explained about Children's Love and how children can practice goodness. Different definitions of goodness by different religions and important people were highlighted.

The second lecture with the title "Where do I learn to be good?", given by Silma Rotgans. She explained that children learn to be good from their parents. Furthermore, the importance of putting 'living for the sake of others' before 'living for my own sake' was made clear through some examples, becoming children of filial piety towards their parents.

Furthermore, all participants read out the autobiography of Rev. Sun Myung Moon (As A Peace-Loving Global Citizen) in a Hoon Dok Hae-style. During this reading, we read the first chapter which was about "Find Your Purpose, Change Your Life". After that we had a round of discussions.

At the end a commemorative picture was taken and lastly all attendants joined hands and sang the song "One Family Under God" together.

On the 23rd of March, 2019, we held the second seminar to continue the 3rd and 4th lectures on four family loves: "Sustainable Peace" and "Brother and Sister Love".

This time we had 11 youth participants, including 1 university student, 3 high school students and 10 secondary modern school students and 2 elementary school students), and Blessed Families, among which 3 young people were guests.

The event started with an opening prayer by Mrs. Angela Kasanoemar. It was followed by the first lecture "Sustainable Peace", given by Mr. O'Niel Kasanoemar. He explained why corruption and accidents are taking place in the world today and that's because people make the wrong choice in setting their priorities,

which is to live for the sake of others.



Then we had the second lecture "Brother and Sister Love", given by Silma Rotgans. She explained that children are not necessarily brother and sister just because they share the same DNA, but rather because of the way they are raised by their parents, does not matter what race, religion etc. Which is the same with our relationship with God. We all have a common origin.

Mrs. Claudia Rotgans gave the third lecture on Free Teens. By using recent statistics, she explained why young people especially have to practice abstinence. Different consequences where shown if abstinence is not practiced.

At the end, our National Leader Mr. Roël Rotgans, stated the reason why the Free Teens lecture was included. He said the highest rate of STD, is found in youth, from ages 15 and up. That is why our young people should make the right choice (abstinence), in order to help God. Keep themselves busy with things pertaining to God and the public.