

Opening Ceremony for Cheon Il Guk Young Missionaries 21 Day Mobilization Workshop

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A Cheon Il Guk Youth Missionaries 21 Day Mobilization Workshop for the Victory of Vision 2020 is being held from 8.20 to 9.10 by the Heavenly Calendar (September 24 - October 14) in the 1st year of Cheon Il Guk at the Ilhwa training center in Guri with 44 youth missionaries in attendance. The workshop is being conducted at the direction of True Parents, in order to prepare Cheon Il Guk Korean youth missionaries who are to be assigned to 40 providential and strategic nations. The 44 Youth Missionaries at the workshop have offered their determination to accomplish True Parents' VISION 2020, and to establish the substantial Cheon Il Guk, the world of the culture of heart.



The workshop officially began with the Opening Ceremony of the Cheon Il Guk Youth Missionaries 21 Day Mobilization Workshop held in Building D of the Guri Ilhwa Training Center at 10:00 am on 8.21 by the Heavenly Calendar in the 1st year of Cheon Il Guk (September 25).

The ceremony began with spirited singing led by the eight members of the music team, and continued with a declaration to open the workshop, ceremonial bows to True Parents, the singing of the Cheon Il

Guk national anthem, the Family Pledge, a report prayer, a video message from Dr. Chang-shik Yang, Chairman of the Unification Movement in Korea, the main address and prayer from Director Seok-jin Kim, an inspirational message from Professor Young-hwan Kil, and concluded with the introduction of all the teams and team members participating in the workshop.



Dr. Yang's video message contained guidance from the video message given by True Mother viewed at all the Korean churches on July 14, and described the role that the Cheon Il Guk youth missionaries should play in order to accomplish VISION 2020. True Mother had visited the headquarters of the Mormon Church in the United States, and had heard many things about the Mormon Church. In particular they had described proudly the missionary program they operate for those who have just finished high school. She strongly emphasized that the work of conveying True Parents' heart to the people of the world is work that should begin from Korea, the fatherland of the faith.

Following this, Director Seok-jin Kim began his message with a Hoondok hae selection from a message True Mother had delivered at the Top Gun 21 Day Workshop currently being held at Cheongpyeong. He continued by emphasizing that since True Father's Seonghwa, our responsibility is to witness to True Father, and to personally feel the power of the work that True Parents are doing among us. He also appealed to everybody that since we have received so much grace from True Parents, we must search our hearts for ways to pass on that grace. Finally, he entreated the youth missionaries to embrace all of their mission tasks with an attitude of service, and to work with True Parents' indomitable spirit to bring resurrection in their assigned mission countries.



Professor Young-hwan Kil began his inspirational message by reading passages from True Parents' messages to overseas missionaries. He continued by emphasizing that when the young missionaries

arrived in their mission countries from Korea, they will experience culture shock, and he entreated them to remember that living for the sake of others, as True Parents have taught us, is a culture of heart that is the same anywhere in the world. He explained that the missionary activity from Sun Moon University had started in 1991 at the time of the collapse of the Soviet Union, and the opening of Eastern Europe, and he showed a book of letters of testimony from missionaries from that period. Finally, he instructed the youth missionaries that each time they encountered difficulties, they should write a report on their experience, with the mind that they are writing a letter to True Mother, who mobilized them to the mission field.



Through the Opening Ceremony for the Cheon Il Guk Youth Missionaries 21 Day Mobilization Workshop the 44 youth missionaries promised to offer their utmost to fulfill the direction they had received from True Parents and bring victory in Vision 2020.

Following the opening ceremony, the agenda for day two of the Cheon Il Guk Youth Missionaries 21 Day Mobilization Workshop continued with Witnessing and Education Director Young-bae Park's lecture, containing reflection on Hoondok passages.

The Hoondok reflection lecture contained training on how to engrave the inspiration of True Parent's in your mind through the tradition of Hoondokhae. By teaching the participants how to go beyond simply reading True Parents' words to engraving them deep in their hearts, making them an integral part of their life, the lecture provide basic training on how to carry the power of True Parents' words to guide their lives in the mission field.



Reflection

Youth missionary Gyu-jin Kim

Through today's opening ceremony, as I began this 21 day workshop, I made a resolution to use this time to prepare myself more solidly for my upcoming two year mobilization in the mission field. And during the Hoondokhae, as we were reading the Divine Principle, I gained a deeper understanding of the Principle, that went beyond the abstract and conceptual aspect, and I made a strong determination that I must witness. I hope that during the rest of the workshop I will have the chance to have deep experiences with True Parents.

I am very inspired to be here with the 44 members who have been called for this workshop, and I believe we have made a good beginning for a deep and meaningful experience together.

Youth missionary Yee-seon Seo

I felt like now it is truly the time for Korea to step forward. Even though I may not be good enough in theology or foreign languages, the more important thing is to take True Parents' heart to the mission field. I realized that the most important thing is to pass on True Parents' heart. I think that the only way to accomplish national restoration is for Korea, which is Father's country, to take an active role in moving out to the world. I am not sure how effective I will be able to be when I go to my mission country, but I have made a determination to use this 21 day workshop to strengthen my motivation. Also, I made a pledge to pass on the grace and inspiration that I have received from True Parents while living in Korea, and to share heart to heart with the people of my mission country.