WestRock Family News

Andrew Compton October 5, 2014

Motto of the year:

Let us become true owners of Cheon il Guk who practice true love in resemblance to our Creator, the Heavenly Parent!

Important Happenings Around the World

• TRUE MOTHER: is in Korea (as far as I know)

SPECIAL DAYS FOR THE FAMILY FEDERATION WORLDWIDE:

Next Ahn Shi II is on Wednesday, October 8

HERE IN AMERICA:

Help with the offering of signatures from America, in repentance for True Father's prosecution and imprisonment. Go to

http://familyfed.org/danburyapology

IN NY District:

AND IN WESTROCK:

Divine Principle 1-Day workshop: Saturday, November 15, at the White House, 9:30 am – 4:30 nm

<u>Divine Principle Study & Discussion</u>: Mondays, 7:30 - 8:30pm at the White House.

The Sermon this Week

This week, at Belvedere, Justin Okamoto gave the sermon. The Title: "Being Absolutely Unstoppable". If you missed it, you can view it on Vimeo. Here is the link: http://vimeo.com/108136714

Pastor's Weekly Greeting

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings!

This Sunday I was able to visit our Bronx Family where they held their monthly Family Fiesta. I was most impressed by the warmth and spirit of the members. After Rev Galvan's sermon (which he keeps very short and to the point – this Sunday he spoke about how our home will be a happy home if True Parents are there) they held a DP study. This time – one of the children, just 11 years old, who, after reading True Father's autobiography twice, gave an incredible power point presentation which he created himself.

We may be small in numbers, but as long as our hearts are true and connected to our True Parents, that is okay. The biggest tree must begin from a small seed. So, let's make sure we are each a true seed – inheriting the heart, the will, and the directions of our True Parents.

Good news! On Sept 30, Larry & Valentina (formerly Iparraguirre) Beneloga gave birth to a healthy boy, Ivan Frances Beneloga, (7 lbs, 6 oz.) Mother, father & baby

Finally, if you want to get the new book set of True Father's words that True Mother has overseen, make sure you let me know (send an email) today

God Bless You and your Family! Let's make it a great week! Andrew Compton

Blessing & Family Ministry

Reminder: The Japanese version of the Family Matching Handbook is now available.

Parents Matching Convocation • Oct. 24~26 • UTS

- There will be a National Parents Matching Convocation (PMC) at UTS, New York on October 24~26. The PMC is a great opportunity for parents to understand the Matching Process, learn from those who have matched their children successfully, network with other parents, and consider possible matching candidates. **All parents of teenagers 17 and older should try to attend** to familiarize and educate themselves about the process and their role and begin developing a family plan for matching their children.
- Registration Save Money by Registering Early!

 To encourage prompt registration and facilitate planning and organization, participants can save money by registering early. You can pay directly online by credit card:
- EARLY BIRD Pay by October 10th: \$120/individual; \$200/couple; \$80 for each additional family member
- Pay after October 10th: \$150/individual; \$240/couple; \$90 for each additional family member

Four Part Parenting Series:

• Parenting Your Young Adult Child / October 27, 7-9 pm

The next two programs in the series will be held in November for members only and will focus on preparing for and navigating through, the matching process.

For more information, to register for a national program, to access archived marriage enrichment webinars, and just to see what else is offered, check out the national Blessed Family Ministry website at bfm.familyfed.org. It is full of helpful information!

REMEMBER TO INVEST IN YOUR MARRIAGES AND FAMILIES!

Prayer Requests

Laura Nabetani is home! Thank you for your prayers.

Jiau-Lan Weinstein (she is in Taiwan – and her situation has grown worse)

Moses Kiely - 3 years old, grandson of Michael and Maria Kiely, diagnosed with leukemia AND now his daughter Inmay is dealing with a serious heart condition. She was just released from a hospital in Boston and is doing better. Thank you for your prayers..

Shokichi Tamura is still in Phelps Hospital. He continues to fight a serious bacterial infection.

Testimonies/Reports

If you have a testimony or report to share please send it to me.

Light Thought for the Day:

Conversation with a Teenager

My 15-year-old son asked me to drive him to his friend's house. Once we were in the car and several minutes had passed in silence, I attempted to open the lines of communication.

"Did you have a nice day at school?"

"Yep."

"Any homework to do?"

"Nope."

"You got your hair cut"

"Yep."

"This is a monosyllabic conversation isn't it?"

"Yep."

"You do know what monosyllabic means?"

"Yep."

"Well, tell me." Aha, I thought, now he has to give me a dictionary explanation.

With a mischievous grin and a sly look at me, he replied, "One."

Announcements:

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Outreach

DP 1-Day Seminar at the White House: Sat. November 15, 9:30 am to 4:30 pm, \$20 **DP Monday night study at the White House**: 7:30 pm

Community

Financial Guidance by Tony and Ria La Hogue: After church service on Oct 12. Invest 20 minutes to learn 21st century concepts about how we can save, protect and grow our money and prepare for retirement, long term care and passing on a legacy to our children. Uncle Sam will not be much help, so let's make our own family plans.

New Baby! Congratulations to Larry & Valentina (formerly Iparraguirre) Beneloga on the birth of their son, (born Sept 30 at 10:23 AM). His name is Ivan Frances Beneloga, and he is 7 lbs, 6 oz. Mother, father & baby are all fine and happy.

<u>Prayer</u>

Members are invited to come for prayer – On **Tuesdays**, 7 am, at the Central Park Holy Ground (call Rev Compton if you want a ride)

Other

Make it a Great Week!