

# Report on 3-day workshop for core members

*Training Center – Tirana, 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> of December 2013*

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Beloved brothers and sisters,

We would like to report you all that from 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> of December 2013 we held a three day workshop for members in our Training Center in Mullet – Tirana.

This kind of workshop is organized once a year with the purpose to educate our core members with advanced lectures on Life of Faith, Witnessing, True Parents Tradition and understanding Vision 2020 based on True Mother' Course. Also, in two sessions of the WS, 6 brothers and sisters gave testimonies on their experience during establishment of Holy Grounds in 7 cities and 2 elder members gave testimony on their life of faith.



There were around 70 members who participate at the WS. For 3 days they received special lecture presentations through which they could reflect more in understanding the very key points of the current providence led by Heavenly Parent and the difficult reality we have to overcome.

It is a great joy to see so many brothers and sisters from different cities coming together who earnestly want to learn more about life of faith and share together Heavenly Parent's heart and love. And this is testified clearly the seriousness and attention in each session. But what we can emphasise most is the family atmosphere that was created during these days.



There was a good cooperation between staff members and participants, which made possible the success of the workshop. Also during the workshop we felt a very strong the presence of True Parents through different videos and pictures from their life.



It is important to emphasize the positive spiritual atmosphere that characterized the whole WS and the desire of each member to understand more deeply their responsibility at this time and each person's role in fulfilling HP's Will. This kind of attitude surely gives great hope to our Heavenly Parent and True Parents.



### **Reflections of participants**

*This workshop has been special to me because it was only for members and the lectures were a deep reflection for me because it was told clearly how members should behave. As much as I follow True Parents, the more I understand their tradition and the difficult course they went through, because before I didn't think True Parents suffered so much..... There were moments which I didn't feel that good during workshop, but when I was looking all members' faces giving love, I said to myself: You've always smiled to those who disappointed you. So now I really have the smile in my heart. Thank you!*

*... It is now time to move and change every minute to make God alive deep within us. It is not necessary to show off how capable you are, because at the end your heart tells your reality. If God is there, your face will shine forever. This workshop helped me to re-evaluate myself, to find God there and to stay always there, near the fire He lit waiting for us. It is time to wake up....*

*My family has been my biggest challenge whenever I needed to come to workshops. But this time it was totally different. My sister, who was opposing before, without understanding why, was crying for me to find the money for workshop, and my mother also... On the way to the center, I was reflecting on that and thought that this workshop is very important for me and God, True Parents and my ancestors are expecting a lot from me after this workshop.....*

*In this workshop I experienced deep and strong emotions. It helped find the way that I will follow and decision I have to make. Few days before I was praying a lot to God to help me for the decisions I had to take, to know better True Parents' heart and what kind of investment I need to do to make God happy, to gain His trust in me and my abilities.....*

*Generally, everything was good, but what impressed me most were the internal peace this workshop offered and the smile and happiness of every member here. But also I would like to mention that, even though I heard before True Mother's course, today it seemed like I really was touched deeply and understood them clearly and after that I felt internally really a strong power, much different than before....*

*During this workshop I felt the responsibility that we have as people who know God's truth at this age. I feel happy that we have that truth, but at the same time I feel that God is not at all proud of me! Lectures helped me to understand the level of my heart. This workshop has been very important to understand things right and to be closer to God more than ever.... A moment that I felt God closer was the prayer night. It was wonderful to listen to the words of True Father: The spiritual world can be mobilized only through our prayers and actions of true love.....*

*Recently, every lecture I hear makes me think and reflect a lot. I always think that now, for us living at this time, everything is so clear.... This makes me reflect: "how is possible that we still keep our fallen natures?" I hope that we remember these teachings and change ourselves!!!*

*... During this workshop I can say that I received a lot of spiritual food and even though I never met True Father, I felt his presence through the words of each lecturer.....*

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