## The International One World Crusade (IOWC) in Florence, Italy

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We have been witnessing several days and we understand more and more the responsibility we have. Italy is a prepared nation, prepared by our Heavenly Father throughout history and so the people are essentially heartistic people awaiting the call of love. Many brothers and sisters felt on our second day here a very Korean spirit in the town. We spent one day visiting the hills around the town and in the heart of the city. Even physically the countryside, the houses, etc. sometimes resemble those in Korea.

In Firenze there are many foreign people who come from all over the world to see the works of Michelangelo, Rafael, etc. and the Italian people come from all parts of Italy to work and to study here. This gives a very cosmopolitan spirit to the town and consequent-ly our IOWC team is very popular with the people. Every day we re-ceive many guests who all show an intense desire to know the truth.

The Italian people here are very heartistic and also think seri-ously about the problems of the world today. Also, most people believe in God and are interested to learn about a new understanding of life through the Divine Principle. We feel a great hope for this town as long as we can unite with its spirit. This means we must become very open-hearted people and very sincere with our feelings.

We were very happy to find that the people in this town are very honest. We have had many wonderful experiences of people who promise to come later and who always keep their appointments. One boy came on the first day to hear Principle and after a very inspiring lecture he was deeply interested and promised to return the following day at 9:30. At exactly 9:30 a.m. he arrived and stayed the whole day hearing more and more Principle and that evening he came to Limonta having sacrificed a meeting with friends the following day.

All in all we feel that this town is ready for Principle. There are many, many people "just passing, through" as well as 500,000 local population who are ready to receive the truth. So we will push forward as a happy united team and leave ourselves open to heavenly guidance to find Heavenly Father's future sons and daughters.