

## Youth Workshops in Brazil

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The holiday workshops in Brazil are done in January and July each year, matching the schools' vacations so our children, teenagers and younger people from all over Brazil, can have the opportunity to participate. During the vacation period, youthful joy and energy fill up the workshop center in Sao Bernardo do Campo, about forty kilometers from Sao Paulo, a very beautiful place surrounded by lush natural vegetation. Not only are the workshops a great chance to meet our brothers and sisters, but they bring a very important providential meaning, which provokes transformations and spiritual rebirth. They are opportunities given to

our young people by God to reflect on the path that these young from our church must follow in order to bring joy to our Heavenly Parent and True Parents.

We have divided the workshops into three categories: A CARP Workshop, for education, which all our fully devoted "internal" members also take part in. A workshop for Unificationist teenagers, between the ages of eleven and fourteen, and the children's workshop, for those aged between seven and ten years old. In January, which is the summer vacations period, there is massive participation by young ones.

Under the weighty main theme, "To establish the tradition of absolutely serving the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, Let us study the Divine Principle, line by line, word by word," experienced leaders give the lectures.

In support of the lecturers, special envoys from Universal Peace Academy participate, giving testimonies and encouraging the young people to become future leaders that serve our Heavenly Parents and perhaps become Pure Love missionaries who emphasize sexual purity. These workshops are a source of hope and a means of increasing commitment for the Unificationist families.

They prepare themselves in advance to send their children. All the Divine Principle lectures are given in detail, including a lot of enhancement through internal lectures about the True Parents' life courses, our traditions and attitude. By playing games, doing sports and challenges, our young participants engrave into their hearts a deep experience with the heart of God and a strong connection with their brothers and sisters.

### **Young people's workshop**

Regardless of the workshop's category, that the prayers are filled with tears and emotion is not rare. This is because everyone starts to miss the moments full of God's love, even before going back home. A very nice spiritual atmosphere is formed, a time when many young people decide to become internal members and dedicate their hearts to a providential life.

In many other parts of Brazil, members are realizing great activities; for example, the workshop done on the New Hope Farm, in Jardim, between July 11 and 15. The main theme was "The Harmonious Union between brothers and sisters from Mato Grosso do Sul". In the schedule were Divine Principle lectures, Pure Love lectures, presentations on True Parents' Life courses and a lecture competition for the missionaries and CARP students. It was truly a very special workshop, where each participant received abundant lot of spiritual benefits and hope, to seek real results.

In a society with values that are inverted, where good and evil seem to mix most of the time, the Divine Principle, coming from our Heavenly Parents and True Parents is the only viable solution for our young generation, which is forming itself right now and must grow and strengthen its faith and the traditions inherited from first generation parents. They learn to take care of their own conviction and commitment to the providence.

These unification young people have responded to this call from True Parents with joy and exhilaration. This is meaningful, because they are the ones who must conduct the movement in the future. Receiving words and love, young people's faith matures and they become leaders of our movement attending True Parents and seeking the fulfillment of the 2020 vision.