

Twenty-One-Day Youth Missionaries Workshop in Lusaka, Zambia

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Forty-six youth missionaries went out to the mission field today, July 12, after a twenty-one-day workshop at the Heavenly Africa Regional Headquarters and the HJ Cheonbo Heaven and Earth Training Center in Lusaka, Zambia that we had organized for fifty-four youths. It started on June 17, after Zambia's HJ Cheonbo Workshop, June 15–16. The participants came from nine countries -- Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Lesotho, Rwanda, South Africa, Swaziland, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

The purpose was to train youth missionaries and send them to six strategic and emerging nations -- Kenya, Lesotho, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, South Africa and Zambia -- to accelerate the providence of national restoration in these countries. To ensure this, we emphasized helping each participant to connect heart-to-heart with True Mother and create in them a *hyo jeong* spirit.

The program started every morning at 5:00 am with "Bounce," True Mother's exercise routine, led by Rev. David Isaac Phiri, the Zambian national leader and general coordinator. From 6:00 am they did Hoon Dok Hae. The first week's Hoon Dok Hae focused on Book Seven of the *Cheong Seong Gyeong*; while the second week was on Book 8 and the third week was on Book 4.

The first week program focused on Divine Principle study with emphasis on how to apply it in one's daily life. The second week focused on Adam and Eve and Cain and Abel problems, True Parents' life courses and the blessing. The third week focused on lecture practice, witnessing, raising funds and heavenly traditions.

During the three weeks some older members gave testimonies and lectures on self-confidence and on making and sticking to a budget. The main lecturers were Rev. Mwalagho Kililo, national leader of Kenya, and I, the Heavenly Africa witnessing and education director.

The foundation of this workshop started in South Africa. Twenty of the youths who attended True Mother were inspired to go on a mission. Most were ready to work for national restoration at least for the next year to ensure the success of Vision 2020.

Rev. Bakary Camara, our regional group chairman, had an opportunity to talk to them through a Zoom meeting on July 7. He shared with them True Mother's heart as she expressed it in Las Vegas when he reported to her about their desire to make True Mother happy by contributing to national restoration. He said, "True Mother clapped when she heard the report."

The workshop went well. On July 8 they spent the day in meditation and Jeong Seong (five sets of twenty- one-minute prayers and twenty- one full bows) while Rev. Kililo and I interviewed them individually.

On July 9, Rev. Camara spent the day listening to their testimonies and in the evening they all took part in a draw to determine their mission country for the next year. The five countries drawn were Kenya, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, South Africa and Zambia.

On Thursday, July 11, Rev. Camara spoke to them about his expectation and wish that each can work to get rid of "false traditions, bad culture and a bad lifestyle" by establishing a proper foundation of faith through following Heavenly Parent's and True Parents' way. "The Principle works very well," he said, "It is even more reliable than your mobile phone. Please don't play around with it. Protect yourselves. Don't eat. Don't touch. Don't look. Don't think and don't dream." He explained the meaning of each of these commandments. He also reminded them of the need to establish the foundation of substance by incarnating the word and learning to serve others by living for the sake of others.

He also shared with them about the emergency time we are in and the need to make some sacrifices of time to invest in the fulfillment of Cheon Il Guk. He said they will be proud and their descendants will be proud that they contributed to the fulfillment of Heaven's will while True Mother at least is still on earth.

Rev. Camara is looking forward to more workshops like this one in West Africa and the Democratic Republic of Congo to get more young people to commit to taking up a public mission. The fact is clear: We need to harness more human resources for all that we must do at this time!

Reflections

I really want to keep helping True Mother. I never want to hear her say that she feels alone because I am here for her and I know that if Mother is happy, God is happy; when she smiles, HP is smiling. I want to be able to give them all of me so that Mother can smile more." -- Jyumi Stephanie Chisha, Zambia

I n this twenty-one-day workshop, I learned a lot. I started to realize the truth and my position in the world. Such as why God created me and what I am supposed to do in my daily life on earth. So I would like to thank Papa Ghomsi. First, he is a true central figure, a True Papa. He stands by his authority. He stood firm, guiding us to a proper position. Again, I learned that to be a good leader, depends on me -- how much I believe in myself and how I behave. My behavior judges me. I want to thank the lecturer, Papa Kililo for the lessons. He motivates, encourages. -- Member Museredza (Zimbabwe)