

Heavenly Sao Tome e Principe educates the young people in their training center

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"When any new life is created, when a baby is born, it needs a growth period. Likewise, something remains to be done in the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe. The very first and most important sector we must address here and that is sustainable and guarantees an eternal future is: young people." _ True Mother's Message Celebration of the Victory of World Tour and the Chuseok Holiday Sep 13, 2019

Following the directive of our Beloved True Mother after the proclamation of Heavenly Sao Tome e Principe as the first Cheon Il Guk Nation, we have been working hard to achieve the goal. We organized and put in a training center, 25 among the 270 youth who helped during the mobilization period to welcome True Mother.

Ambassador Seka asked the President of IAYSP Heavenly Sao Tome e Principe to take care of them. He did a very great job. Before, the church has no youth and only 7 families and a total of 34 members with children.

After all events, we organized twice 7 Day Divine Principle Workshops respectively 30 participants and 94 participants, with a total number of 124 who joined the church as new members. in the month of December 2019. The goal is to increase the membership.

In February, when I met Dr. Yun Young Ho [Young Ho Yoon], at his office, he said that True Mother asked me to go, as soon as possible to Heavenly Sao Tome e Principe and concentrate on the mission over there. On March 10, I arrived in Sao Tome e Principe after visiting shortly my family in Cote d'Ivoire for 5 days.

While in Heavenly Sao Tome e Principe, we continue, the education of the young people in their training center. On June 1, 2020, in mid of Covid 19, during lock down we have decided to hold a 21 Day Divine Principle Workshop at the IAYSP Center with 40 participants. The 21 Day Divine Principle workshop is the first one ever organized with such a big number since the Providence started in Sao Tome e Principe.

For us, the workshop has to achieve 3 objectives:

1. Make a spiritual devotion to support Our Beloved True Mother as first Cheon Il Guk Nation,
2. Make a condition to bring life into normal state without barriers so that we can move forward the second 7 year course 20/27,
3. Make a new membership foundation for the Providence in Heavenly Sao Tome e Principe.

The Workshop was decided on May 31, 2020 during the HDH session Ambassador Seka held with the youth at their training center. That day was Sunday and celebration of the Pentecost. The opening ceremony was held on the 1st of June 2020 at the Church Center. After that, all courses took place at the Youth Training Center.

The lectures were given by Ambassador Seka, the National Leader, Rev. Taty Ntoko, the President of IAYSP, Justino Alamo and the HTM Director Ramiro Mateus. Pangil Diarra, a second Generation from

Burkina Faso was the Coordinator and the sisters, Mrs. Carmen Patou, Mrs. Gika and Mrs. Evelyne Alamo cooked for the participants. Patou Liyeli served as general affairs.



The young people throughout this seminar have received teachings on the Divine Principle and have organized various activities in order to learn more about the Heavenly Tradition and the Course of our Beloved True Parents. This seminar was also a training program for future leaders and lecturers of Divine Principle and Character Education. After evaluating the practice of teaching, several talents are revealed among these young people who reflect the hope of a new generation devoted to comforting the heart of the Heavenly Parent.

The daily schedule starts by 5 AM to 10 PM. It was composed of HDH in the morning (5 – 5:30 AM), Sport (5:30 – 6:30 AM), followed by Cleaning, Breakfast. Lectures are from (9 AM – 1 PM) then lunch and resume from 2:00 to 4:30 PM. After the lectures, they have team gathering to study what they have learnt during the day. After the dinner, they have reflection before going to bed.

The 1 day fundraising activity was centered on selling protective face masks made by Women Federation. It was the first time for them do fundraising and they had wonderful experiences. They got good results and all groups sold their products.

We also organized a 1 day fishing in the Ocean to inherit the heart of True Parents going fishing.

The youth, voluntary did some devotions to support the workshop. Some did 3 days fasting, 40 kyeongbae everyday, Divine Principle reading.... We could feel a great sense of responsibility in them. The atmosphere was pure and good ambiance.

On Sunday 21st of June we held the closing ceremony full of emotions, talents, responsibility and hope for True Parents Providence in Heavenly Sao Tome e Principe.

As we conclude the seminar, we can say that the objectives were achieved.

The seminarian did intense constant devotions for True Mother during 21 days.

The life came back to normal state with no more lockdown but protective precautions to be observed.

And new members were raised to take responsibility for the firm establishment of Cheon Il Guk in Heavenly Sao Tome e Principe.

From July 1 to August 9, 2020 this new generation of members full of energy will go for pioneering mission for 40 days in 5 Districts among the 7 that compose the Island, to expand the Vision of True Parents and establish True Families values centers. They will do witnessing (2 days/week) Public relations (1 day/week), Fundraising (2 days/week), Divine Principle workshop (1 day/week) and service on Sunday. At the end of the mission, each group must get 40 new members with a 7 Day Divine Principle level.

As recommended by True Mother, please join us to make Heavenly Sao Tome e Principe a model that all nations will follow.