4 Day Divine Principle Workshop 03 - 06 September 2014, Tirana, Albania

Dear brothers and sisters,

We'd like to share with you the report on the recent DP workshop. As every year, after the summer mobilization of brothers and sisters in the centers and in fundraising campaigns, from 3rd of September we started the 4 day Divine Principle workshop.



We were happy to be together again as a family, bringing with us the fruits of our investment during this time. There were in total 55 participants with 11 first-time attendants. It was the mobilization participants themselves who took care of their guests.



The workshop was well-organized combining lectures and team games. Although the number of guests was not big the desire to support and show the way to True Parents teachings from us was great. We also took the chance to listen again to Divine Principle lectures.



Often we expect big numbers of participants to determine the success of a workshop but indeed in this case we can use the saying "aim for quality not for quantity".



The workshop was smooth despite most of the staff members having such responsibility for the first time - including the coordinator and the team leaders. What was visible was their sincere heart in fulfilling the entrusted responsibilities.



Below you can read some of the reflections from members and guests of this workshop:

"It's truly amazing giving value to precious things. To learn how to learn, to understand and make the difference between beauty and ugly, right and wrong, courage and fear, laziness and many other things. This helps you make the right choices. What I understand are not just dates and numbers (never remembered those), but the stretching of time, the struggle and the sacrifices needed to achieve clear goals; as well as the power needed to make it till the end..." Alma Durmishaj (Vlora)

"Once I believed God was something great, intangible, unreachable... but now everything changed. In this workshop I learned a great truth that opened my mind and my heart - I learned the fact that God is in our midst. What is needed is our desire to be close to Him and He will be there with a heart opened wide for everyone... In this workshop I found God also at new friends and acquaintances I made and that offered a great support to me. Endless thanks to brothers and sisters with whom I lived for four days to learn the great truth that I was seeking within my deepest heart for a long time... From now on, I will be close to God and True Parents. Emli Hametaj (Tiranë)

"It was a great pleasure for me to participate in this workshop. I found a lot of love and friendship here. I understood that God loves everyone equally and has been working throughout history for us and that it was us that brought all the misfortune and hell on the earth. God always brought the truth to us and we have repeatedly trampled on it. God brigs us the truth and is our responsibility to follow it. Life is more beautiful if we follow His words... **Ermal Zeka (Shkodër)**

At first I came to the workshop because of Lika, my favorite Japanese sister, but latter I realized that it was one of the best decisions I took in my life because in this workshop I could understand more clearly the history of word creation. I learned that God created humans because of love, that love is the highest feeling in the universe. It makes the sun rise and fall. I could understand the reason we breathe. I can't say it wasn't intensive. It is indeed very demanding physically and mentally, but none of these is comparable to the teachings I received. Ingrid Guri (Tiranë)

"For me it was the first time I am coming to such a workshop. The feeling I'm experiencing is indescribable. This never happened to me before. I cannot say with certainty if this was a coincidence or it was predestined. The first moment was filling up the questionnaire offered to me by Greta and Hanae on the main street. At some point I was receiving lectures in the center regularly. And the final one was my trip to Mullet Training Center. The end was amazing - receiving the news I was eagerly waiting for; the Second Coming of the Messiah, His life and his achievements. A man sent by God to open our eyes even more and to become as He wished from the beginning of times. I want to thank very much all the staff for their love and hospitality. **Bajame Xhaja (Elbasan)**

At the beginning I was uninterested since I received the first lectures in the center and this was a repetition. I never believed in God and I had no information on this issue. Everything changed from the last lecture, with the others influencing bit by bit. True Father's life was very moving for me, especially for the fact that he suffered many injustices. I'm really sorry I could not meet him while he was on earth. But it doesn't end here. I am pushed by curiosity to know him better through you and internet..." Dritan Hoxha (Fier)

"It was the first time for me to come to such a workshop. When receiving the first lectures I felt better since I learned more than I had read from the Bible. But I never expected, simply was not expecting to hear what I heard. To be honest I still cannot believe that Him, the anointed by God, was amongst us. It was "him" who made the great steps to make this world even more peaceful, in harmony and filled with love. The love that God instilled in each of us but not all know how to use it as intended due to Satan's influence on us. Z. Mr. Moon left this world fulfilling everything that was requested by God. He passed away consuming every cell of his body for the sake of others. It was him who made many people and nations to change and think about love. I want to undermine Mrs. Moon that was his greatest supporter after God. "Serena Gjika (Fier)

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