

## Rev. An's Visit to Linz – Upper Austrian Community

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Afterwards, he shared his life testimony, which was really moving and gave a good understanding how God is guiding each one of us. He highlighted that we should never judge if we do not know the reason for something, “when we don’t know, we should not judge”, and we should humble ourselves. There is usually a reason why somebody does something. Therefore, the way of thinking is very important.

The Upper Austrian (Linz) Community had the opportunity to welcome Rev. An on the evening of the 1<sup>st</sup> November, after his visit to Innsbruck. Around 70 members attended this special meeting. More than half of the participants were 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation, as an autumn HARP meeting was taking place, where 2<sup>nd</sup> Gen from all parts of Austria came together.

Rev. An gave guidance for about 2 ½ hours and also shared parts of his life testimony. He highlighted the importance of attendance and HDH. He recommended the last two speeches of True Father, as well as True Mothers speech at True Fathers Seonghwa. He mentioned the importance of Blessing and the Seonghwa ceremony and said that the unity of parents and children centred on God and True Parents is one of the most important things. It is essential to greet and attend God and True Parents every day and read HDH together.

Moreover, it is important that we understand both the Eastern and Western way and that the Eastern way (vertical way) should be the subject.

After his speech we went to have dinner at the new music theatre of Linz, where we had the chance to get to know Rev An more personally. At breakfast at the Haider family the next morning Rev An took time to answer questions and gave internal guidance for another 2 hours. Around lunch time he continued his trip to the Vienna community. It was a very precious time to spend together with him and I believe it was a great gain for the whole community. Especially for the many 2<sup>nd</sup> Gen it was really enriching as many rarely or never experienced True Parents face to face and hence it helped them to get a better understanding of True Parents, as some of them mentioned.

Thank you for the wonderful experience!

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