FFWPU UK: Young Missionaries Are Arriving Soon From Korea

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After the celebrations of True Parents' birthdays and the Holy Marriage Blessing, the EUME team met with the young missionaries who will be spending the next 2 years in several European countries, UK included. Read all about from Bogdan P. below!

On Feb 16, the day after the big celebrations, we met the seven brothers and sixteen sisters who will share the good news of True Parents and the Divine Principle in Europe over the next two years. Some of the young missionaries will arrive as early as Feb 24 in their countries: Albania, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Portugal, and the United Kingdom. What does one say to (mainly Korean and Japanese) missionaries preparing to work in our region? From Feb 19 to Feb 22, they kick off their mission period with a workshop. I (Bogdan) will attend this program and keep you posted.

The Stories We Shared

Insoung K. shared some treasures from his life that brought him on missions to Europe (Romania, Belarus), South America (Brazil), and Oceania. To make a long story short, sometimes, a dead chicken is deep love. He was also involved in projects like the <u>Peace Cup</u> in Spain and Korea, meeting along the way a young Son Heung-min and Cristiano Ronaldo, who had just joined his then-new club, Real Madrid. He shared deeply about the attitude of service one adopts when coming to a new country, Romania in his case, not speaking any Romanian or English, to convey True Parents' heart. Insoung's parents received the blessing in 1968 as part of the 430 couples. He will visit several European countries very soon. So, if you are interested in his stories, you will have the chance to start a conversation.



Newspaper snippet of the 2012 Peace Cup. Son Heung-min, True Parents, Heiko Westemann holding the trophy. Insoung looking on (right bottom corner).

Dr Balcomb gave some practical guidance: When in Europe, look into people's eyes when shaking hands or talking to them. He also conveyed what True Father told him and his classmates when the UTS graduates were sent on their new missions in 1994.

I could share with them the story of an early Universal Peace Academy (UPA) graduate, our very own Jeong-hye. She came to Europe in 2015, persevered, invested a lot here, found love, and recently gave birth to their second child. Now, she lives with her husband Antto in Vienna, leading and caring for the local community and organizing exciting youth programs at the United Nations.

Two kinds of UPA

This means 15 young teams will be witnessing in our region. This number includes 2 EMPOWER teams, 5 GPA teams from the US, and two more missionary teams from Sunhak UPA. If you don't know what Sunhak UPA is, don't worry. You can find out right now. There are currently two Universal Peace Academy (UPA) programs. <u>Sunhak UPA</u> is a post-graduate (Master's) course with consecutive long-term mission placement. <u>Sunmoon UPA</u> or Jr. UPA are the theology (Bachelor's) students at Sun Moon University. The missionaries we met belong to the second group.

True Mother often speaks fondly of the then-young members sent to pioneer our movement worldwide. Three missionaries went together: one from the United States (or the United Kingdom), one from Japan, and one from Germany. Also, today (Feb 17), she mentioned them in a morning meeting and asked, "Don't you think I should thank these missionaries?". Then, she instructed her staff team to provide her with a list of those early missionaries. "Please find everyone working in the field. Please stay healthy." You can find the stories of the German missionaries in Dawn of a New Era. An article on the 2017 meeting of those elders by Hilde P. can be found here. Click here for a list of the 1975 missionaries.

Through these programs, Mother wants young adults to experience mission work in a foreign country - the same heart, energy, and adventure as the early missionaries, but with better safety and more support than back then. If you are considering joining a program, keep an open mind to what God wants you to experience and where He wants you to go. Often, it is not what we think of first. It could be Europe. It could be Korea. But it could also be the US or another part of the world. (The Hyojeong Youth Academy recommends <u>EMPOWER</u>.)

The main point is that True Mother encourages us to witness, witness, witness. She believes we can discover our identity and purpose quickly when we experience God working through us - turning the life of our spiritual child around.



The dedicated staff team with the EUME team.



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History and format Prize	The Peace Cup was an invitational pre-season friendly football tournament for club teams which was held every two years by the Sunmoon Peace Football	P	eace Cup
✓ Results	Foundation. ^[1] It was usually contested by eight clubs from several continents,		-1
Finals	though 12 teams participated in 2009. The first three competitions were held in	1	
Titles by club	South Korea, and the 2009 Peace Cup was held in Madrid and Andalusia, Spain. ^{[2][3]} Previous winners are PSV, Tottenham Hotspur, Lyon, Aston Villa, and		
Awards	Hamburger SV, who were the final champions.		
Controversy See also	The tournament was originally organised and held in South Korea and contested in 2003, 2005, and 2007 between eight clubs from various countries, including the		
References	Seongnam Ilhwa Chunma, which is owned by the organizing company.	P	EACE
External links	A corresponding event featuring women's national teams, the Peace Queen Cup, began in 2006. ^[4]		CUP
	History and format [edit]	Organising body	Sunmoon Peace Football Foundation (Unification Church)
	Since 2003, the Peace Cup is being held every two years, the Sunmoon Peace	Founded	2003
	Football Foundation invites football clubs from various nations. South Korea's	Abolished	2012
	Seongnam Ilhwa Chunma participates in every tournament as both the club and	Region	International
	foundation are sponsored by the same organization, the Unification Church.	Most successful	PSV Eindhoven
	From 2003 to 2007, the Peace Cup was played between eight clubs, divided into	club(s)	Tottenham Hotspur
	two groups of four teams. The winner of each group qualified for the final, which		Aston Villa
	was played in a single match. 2009 Peace Cup Andalucia was held in Spain, and		Hamburger SV
	12 teams participated in the competition.	Website	(1 title each) peacecup.com
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The fifth competition took place again in South Korea in July 2012, and four teams which had South Korean players entered.^[5] In October 2012, it was announced that the Peace Cup will no longer be held, following the death of Unification Church founder Sun Myung Moon.^[6]

Prize [edit]

From 2003 to 2007, the prize money of the tournament was approximately €2 million for the winning team, [7][8] and €500,000 for the runners-up.[7]



Results [edit]

Finals [edit]

Year	Host	Champions	Score ^[9]	Runners-up	Teams
2003	South Korea	PSV Eindhoven	1–0	Lyon	8
2005	South Korea	+ Tottenham Hotspur	3–1	Lyon	8
2007	:: South Korea	Lyon	1-0	Head Bolton Wanderers	8
2009	Spain	+ Aston Villa	0–0 (a.e.t.) (4–3 p)	Juventus	12
2012	: South Korea	Hamburger SV	1-0	💓 Seongnam Ilhwa Chunma	4

Titles by club [edit]

Team	Champions	Runners-up	
Lyon	1 (2007)	2 (2003, 2005)	
PSV Eindhoven	1 (2003)	-	
+ Tottenham Hotspur	1 (2005)		
+ Aston Villa	1 (2009)	-	
Hamburger SV	1 (2012)	-	
Head Bolton Wanderers		1 (2007)	
Juventus	-	1 (2009)	
:: Seongnam Ilhwa Chunma	-	1 (2012)	

Awards [edit]

The "Golden Ball" is awarded to the player on the basis of a vote taken among the media accredited to each Peace Cup tournament. There are also "Silver Ball" and "Bronze Ball" for the second and third best players respectively.^{[10][11]}

Year	Golden Ball	Golden Shoe
2003	: Park Ji-sung	Mark van Bommel (2)
2005	Robbie Keane	Robbie Keane (4)
2007	Karim Benzema	Kim Källström (2)
2009	+ Ashley Young	Hulk (3)
2012	Marcus Berg	Mitchell Schet (2)

Controversy [edit]

The original name of the competition was to be **Sunmoon Peace Cup**, named after **Sun Myung Moon**, the founder of the Sunmoon Peace Football Foundation. However, after being criticized that it was too religious, the organization changed its name to **World Peace King Cup** and started preparation for its first tournament. Before the inauguration of the cup, the Asian Football Confederation warned that the term "world" can only be used by competitions organized by FIFA, and "king" can be used by competitions held by a kingdom.^[12]

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