WestRock Family News

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Motto of the year:

Era of the Victory, Liberation, and Completion of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind

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Weekly Greeting

Dear Brothers and Sisters

Greetings! Happy August!

July 31 was the final day of the 40-Day Share the Blessing. Our results were not the greatest, but I am happy that we made some progress. Every Monday night we are conducting a DP/Bible Study small group – which is focused on educating new guests, and although we did not have a lot of guests, just about every Monday we had at least one guest (sometimes 2 or 3). And, by the way, we are expanding this to Friday evenings at 7:30 pm.

I want to encourage you to join us, either Monday or Friday. Studying the DP with others is a great way to lift up our spirits – which can lead to lots of other good things.

Our goal for this 40-Days was to have 120 people hear the DP Introduction. We were at 79 on the evening of July 31 – when I got an email from one of our young adults who had taught the introduction to her friend – and that took us to 80. As we all know – that signifies a new beginning (and now we have a list of contacts we can invite for further study and other events).

And let's not stop here! As we approach the anniversary of True Father's Seong Hwa, let's keep making effort to share God's blessing with others. One way you can help is to invite someone for our next Bookmarks for Peace event at the White House on Saturday Aug 24. It's starts at 10 am and will be followed by a BBQ and some activities. If you can't make it, encourage your middle and high school kids to come (younger kids can come but need a parent to be with them).

Finally I am looking forward to celebrating True Father's Seong Hwa Anniverary with you. We are blessed to be able to hold it at East Garden. We are planning great music, a slide show, testimonies, a photo contest (the theme is "Joy"), lots of prizes and lots of food. Please watch for announcements.

Let's make this a great week and a great month! God Bless You Andrew Compton

Sermon

You can listen to the sermon given by Andrew Compton ("Becoming Attractive to Others") at Belvedere, July 28 by going to: soundcloud.com/pastor-andrew/130804-sermon-becoming

Light Thought for the Day:

New Boyfriend

The teenage girl brings her friend home to meet her parents. He has a baseball cap on backwards, torn low-rider jeans and numerous tattoos and body piercings.

The mother pulls her daughter aside. "Dear, you know your father and I love you and we only want the best for you. This boy, he just doesn't seem very ... nice."

"Oh please, Mom! If he wasn't nice, why would he be doing five hundred hours of community service?"

Testimonies/reports

If you have a testimony or report to share please send it to me.

Providential News

True Mother is in Korea.

This Wednesday, Aug 7, at 7:00 am at Belvedere, we will have a celebration of 7.1 Jeol (23 Declaration Day of God's Eternal Blessing – Aug. 7) and 7.8 Jeol, (17th Declaration of the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for the Parents of Heaven and Earth – Aug 13).

The 20-20 Providence has begun! We are now in a 100 day period of devotion leading up the anniversary of True Father's ascension, to share the DP with others – and to inspire them to work with us to build God's Kingdom!

Quote for the Week

What is God's wish for us? It is to have us save the world. The purpose of the providence of God is to have all humankind back into His bosom. *Sun Myung Moon*

Announcements

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Outreach

DP/Bible Study/Discussion Small Group: Every Monday & (we are now going to add) Fridays, 7:30PM at the White House.

National HQ has put together a new website just for guests. The site is: www.dplife.info Please check it out.

Bookmarks for Peace: Bookmark making with BBQ, Saturday, Aug 24 at the White House. Everyone is welcome! Starts at 10 am, BBQ at 12 noon – followed by volley ball and other activities.

Community

Children's DP Vacation School: Cynthia Shibuya is organizing for young children. Aug 12 - 16. If you are interested please contact Cynthia.

Study Korean in Korea – Scholarships are available: (for more details contact Rev. Compton) **Holy Days this Month:** the Day of God's Eternal Blessing and the Cosmic Sabbath for the Parents of Heaven and Earth will be celebrated together on Wed Aug. 7th at Belvedere at 7:00 am. All are welcome!

This year is the 40^{th} year since the first group of Japanese & European missionaries came to America: THANK YOU!

Rev. Ken Sudo, vice president of the Japanese church, will give a lecture on Aug. 17 (Sat.) at 10 am – 1 pm at the Belvedere Training Center. Title: "The way we should go beyond the Foundation Day" Fee: \$10 Bring your own lunch (some lunch available for sale) BRING an FM radio

Aug 23 is the 1 year anniversary of True Father's Ascension. There will be a special celebration in Korea on that day. In our community, to honor our True Father, we will be holding a Sunday Service at East Garden on Aug. 25.

Other

The Veiths (in Westchester) are having a moving sale! Visit or call Gary or Gail anytime.. Items include:-

1 sofa \$200

2 upholstered chairs (light blue) \$50 ea

Hyo Jin Nim's recliner chair \$40

2 queen size bed frames - (one wood / one metal) \$150 ea.

2 computor desks \$100 & \$30

2 computor chairs \$30 ea

1 IKEA chest of drawers (blond wood) \$75

Teeter Hang Up (hangs you upside down for back restoration) \$300

3 shelves \$20 ea

1 guitar

1 coffee table \$50

4 side tables \$50 ea

hand held tape recorder \$10

scale (for measuring food and postage) \$10

picture frames \$5 ea

1 large picture frame including glass and hanger \$40

lamps \$7 ea.

pots & pans

cutlery

books (including church books)

other miscellaneous things

<u>Prayer</u>

Conference Call Prayer for Outreach: All are welcome, Sunday 7:45 to 8:10 am

Conference Call to pray for the Sick: Please join us in prayer at 9:45pm on Wednesdays

Next Ahn Shi II: Saturday August 10, 2013

MAKE IT A GREAT WEEK!