

# **Eastern Europe Monthly Report**

**September 2021**

# Latvian Families Commemorate True Father's Seonghwa Anniversary



Latvian blessed families gathered in the Riga Peace Embassy on 5 September for a Sunday service commemorating the ninth anniversary of True Father's Holy Ascension. National leaders Janis and Kermena Vjaters also congratulated the children on the beginning of the new school year.

# CheonBo Event in Latvia



**Thirty members, including Second Generation, took part in the second CheonBo Event at the Peace Embassy in Riga on 26 September.**

# Bulgarian Workshop Discusses True Patriotism



**An end-of-summer workshop was held in the Bulgarian province of Stara Zagora from 4 to 6 September. Six families from the cities of Sofia, Burgas and Varna participated. The main topic was patriotism as seen from the point of view of the Divine Principle, and it was connected to the example of Bulgarian national heroes, more precisely to the national holiday on 6 September which celebrates an important moment of the Bulgarian independence movement.**

# First HJ Leadership Training Program Ends, Second One Begins



**Four young Russian members graduated from the first three-month HJ Leadership Training Program on 23 September after completing one month of fundraising on Sakhalin Island, one month of an ecological service project at Lake Baikal, and one month of witnessing in Moscow. They had many deep experiences with Heavenly Parent and True Parents, growing in their heart and faith. On the same day, the second three-month program started with a new group of six young members.**

# International Association of Arts and Culture for Peace Launched in Russia



**UPF-Russia celebrated the International Day of Peace 2021 with the inauguration of the International Association of Arts and Culture for Peace (IAACP), which included an art exhibition. The event took place on 24 September in the Moscow Peace Embassy. Artworks created by our members were displayed along with those of other artists. UPF-Russia President Maria Nazarova explained True Mother's vision for the IAACP, and UPF Eastern Europe Secretary General Konstantin Krylov presented Ambassador for Peace certificates to three dignitaries.**

# Blessing Outreach in Russia – Tula City



**Marina and Vascan Radu, a blessed couple living in the city of Tula, led a small Blessing team on 11 September to bless 68 couples. The participating couples and their families responded to the positive pro-family message and joyfully participated in the various elements of the Blessing.**



# Blessing Outreach in Russia – Ramenskoye City



A Moscow Blessing team visited the Moscow Region town of Ramenskoye on 11 September and gave the Blessing to 36 couples.

# Blessing Outreach in Russia - Vlasikha City



Ivan Chelovekov, a research scientist, and his wife, Svetlana, who reside in the closed Moscow Region city of Vlasikha with their five children, have long conducted Family Festivals with the support of the city administration. Recently the administration requested that they use the annual City Day festivities as an opportunity to expand their activities. Five blessed families, including Second Generation, came to Vlasikha to help. In addition to the usual Blessing ceremony, the team held master classes for families and children. A long-held dream came true when two local families (non-members) from the Family Club led by Ivan and Svetlana helped to organise the event! By the end of the day, 22 local couples had completed the renewal of marriage vows.

# Blessing Outreach in Russia - Moscow's Maryno District



During Moscow City Day festivities on 11 September, a Blessing team held a Family Festival in the Maryno District of Moscow, not far from the Eastern Europe Sub-Regional Headquarters. A total of 37 couples received the Blessing.



# 12 Cities in 12 Days – Albanian Centenary Exhibition



Bilisht

1. Bilisht – 19 September
2. Pogradec – 20 September
3. Elbasan – 21 September
4. Belsh – 22 September
5. Tirana – 23 September
6. Kamez – 24 September
7. Kukez – 25 September
8. Shkoder – 26 September
9. Durres – 27 September
10. Berat – 28 September
11. Fier – 29 September
12. Vlore – 30 September



Elbasan



Pogradec



Belsh



Tirana



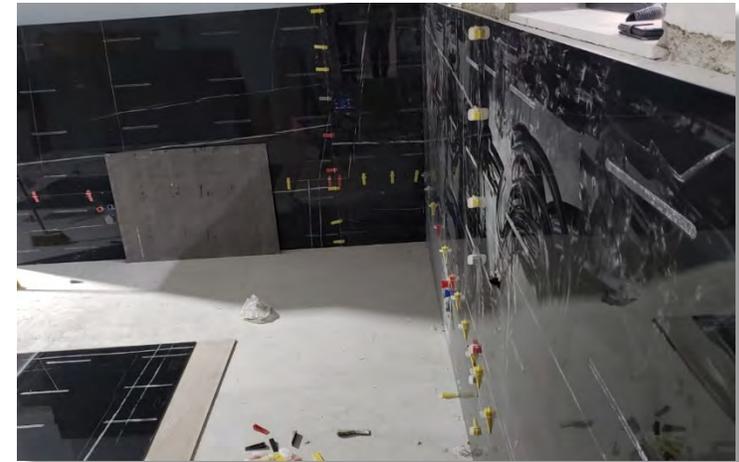
Kamez

# 12 Cities in 12 Days – Albanian Centenary Exhibition



From 19 to 30 September, members in Shin Albania, under the leadership of national leader Manjola Vasmatics, conducted a centenary exhibition tour of 12 cities in 12 days, with the approval and support of local authorities. Through the outreach, thousands of citizens were informed about the life and activities of True Parents and 444 copies of True Parents' autobiographies were sold and 3,000 leaflets given to those wishing to know more. A travelling group of over 20 members worked hard and had profound experiences.

# CIG Peace Embassy, Shin Albania



**Work on the construction of the CIG Peace Embassy in Tirana continues. Although the initial date for the inauguration was the end of October, coinciding with the second anniversary of True Mother's visit, a final decision will be made after Dr. Balcomb returns to Tirana on 3 October to meet with the construction company and Shin Albania leaders.**

# St. Petersburg WFWP Brings Food to the Homeless



WFWP of St. Petersburg brought 50 bags of food to a shelter for homeless people on 10 September. Our sisters had prepared bags with non-perishable food items. They had organized a charity program to raise money, and some elder Second Generation children helped to collect food.

# Russian Blessed Family Department Holds Summit



**Blessed Family Department directors from all over Russia gathered in St. Petersburg from 24 to 26 September for a national summit. They discussed the situation of blessed families and made plans to establish a support system. The summit included a pilgrimage to sites that True Mother visited during her visit in 2000. In addition, on 25 September, a sub-regional workshop on counseling blessed families was held, with speakers Heidi Mayr from Austria and Bayarma Efremova from Russia.**



# Russia's Interfax News Agency Reports on Think Tank 2022

Russia's Interfax news agency published, without editing, a report about Think Tank 2022 written by Peter Zoehrer, the EUME leader of the International Media Association for Peace. Interfax is the largest government news agency in Russia, and therefore this was a very significant decision.

The screenshot shows the Interfax website interface. At the top, the logo "интерфакс" is visible, along with a login link "вход для подписчиков". The navigation menu includes "Главное", "В России", "В мире", "Экономика", "Спорт", "Культура", "Москва", "Интервью", "Новости", "Сюжеты", and "Фото". A search icon is also present.

A prominent banner at the top left reads "В ЭТОТ ДЕНЬ 30 ЛЕТ НАЗАД Хроника последних дней СССР". Below this, the main article is titled "ФЕДЕРАЦИЯ ЗА ВСЕОБЩИЙ МИР: Мировые лидеры вновь призвали к миру на Корейском полуострове в ходе 'Ралли надежды', на котором была представлена инициатива Think Tank 2022". The article is categorized as "ПРЕСС-РЕЛИЗЫ" and "BUSINESS WIRE" from 09:58, 16 сентября 2021.

Below the title, there is a note: "Данное информационное сообщение сопровождается мультимедийными материалами. Полностью пресс-релиз см. здесь: <https://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20210914005985/en/>".

The main image shows a woman, identified as Dr. Hak Ja Han, speaking at a podium. The podium features the text "신통일한국을 위한 THINK TANK 2022 희망전진대회" and "THINK TANK 2022 MEETING OF HEAVEN FOR THE REUNIFICATION OF A DIVIDED KOREAN PENINSULA".

On the right side of the page, there is a "Самое читаемое" (Most Read) section with several items, each starting with "в РОССИИ". The items include: "Минздрав уточнил, что 6 человек погибли и 24 пострадали из-за стрельбы в вузе Перми", "Общественный штаб предложил...", "Минздрав уточнил, что 6 человек погибли и 24 пострадали из-за стрельбы в вузе Перми", "Общественный штаб предложил сомневающимся убедиться в корректности подсчета онлайн-голосов", and "Устроивший стрельбу в Пермском госуниверситете задержан".

Д-р Хак Джа Хан Мун обращается к онлайн-участникам со всего мира в ходе "Ралли надежды"



*Thank You!*