



Eastern Europe Monthly Highlights

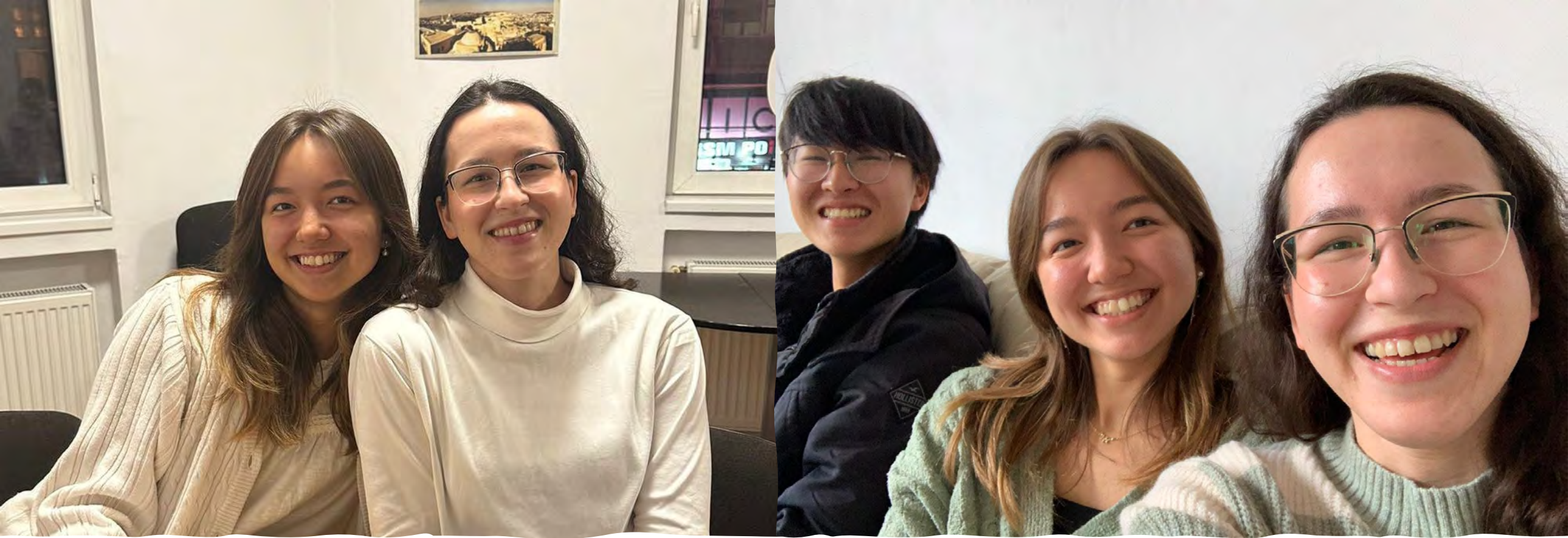
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CARP Creates 'Special Place' in Romanians' Hearts



Romanian CARP, together with Generation Peace Academy missionaries from the United States, organized their second Divine Principle weekend workshop, which was attended by four guests. The lectures were given by the GPA team members. The atmosphere of love inspired the witnessing team to want to bring more people and gave the guests hope and inspiration. – *Joshua Sohn, GPA team leader*

A guest's reflection: *The whole workshop gave me a different perspective on CARP and its members. The main focus was on learning to overcome ourselves in order to discover our potential. I am sincerely grateful for all these unique experiences, because they really helped me improve myself a lot. The members had wonderful hospitality and energy that came from their love. Thank you, guys, for being such wonderful people and for this amazing experience. CARP will forever have a special place in my heart.*



Missionaries in Romania Report on Witnessing Victories

In the three years since youth witnessing activities resumed after the Covid pandemic, Romania has welcomed three Generation Peace Academy teams from the United States and two Universal Peace Academy teams from Korea. Because of the missionaries' pure and sincere investment, seven young Romanians have become active CARP members, including the current CARP leader and the current YSP leader. In the first three months of 2024, the current GPA team has brought more than 60 guests. Three of these guests are preparing for a four-day Divine Principle workshop, seven are preparing for a two-day DP workshop, and 16 more are studying Divine Principle in the CARP center.

After True Mother started to emphasize about Christianity, I have had a strong desire to witness to Christian youth. One by one, very prepared Christian young people have been coming to the CARP center to study Divine Principle, and they are very inspired by the contents. To me, this was the evidence that once we unite with True Mother's direction, we will be guided by heavenly fortune.

Among the active CARP members there is one Muslim brother and one Orthodox Christian brother who have become good friends. Through this I have hope that Divine Principle and True Parents can unite people beyond faith and nationality. – *Miki Predescu*



Excerpts from GPA missionaries' testimonies

A third-year: *Through my time here, witnessing and facing challenges, I have come to understand how close Heavenly Parent and True Parents are, that they are walking this course with me and guiding, supporting, and loving with me. I've learned to see myself from Heavenly Parent's and True Parents' perspective as Their son. And through witnessing I am learning to find joy in giving, loving, and sacrificing for others.*

A second-year: *Throughout my mission time in Romania, I have come to believe that our Heavenly Parent and spirit world are working more than ever. In February I met a guest and felt a connection to her. As she started to come to the events, she loved the environment and brought her friend. We recently had a two-day workshop, and due to other commitments, my guest was not going to come. However, I prayed desperately in the Cheonshim Won and called out to her mother in the spirit world to guide her daughter to the workshop. Shortly after that, my guest responded, saying she could attend. Overall, the more I am here, and the more I call out to spirit world, the more I can see that Heavenly Parent is bringing his sons and daughters to us.*

A first-year: *I met an amazing girl, and hearing about her life forced me to truly dig deeper into why I need to witness to her. She already has a strong and beautiful family, she already has faith and a relationship with God, she has dreams for the future, so what exactly can I offer her? The only conclusion I could come to was True Parents. I prayed and reflected a lot on how True Parents have directly impacted my life and why I want to bring this relationship to her. She, who has a deep love and longing for Jesus and has suffered so many hardships, deserves to know that the Only Begotten Daughter is here right now.*

Young Romanians Enjoy Japanese Culture



Forty-two people attended a Japanese culture night organized in the Romanian CARP Center in Bucharest. The six Generation Peace Academy missionaries organized the event, hoping to give guests an experience of love, culture, and joy. After an introduction to CARP and its founders, there was a presentation of interesting facts about Japan and a performance of traditional Japanese dance. Then the guests tried different activities: learning Japanese calligraphy, making *origami* folded paper sculptures, eating *onigiri* rice balls, and trying on kimonos. Twice as many people came as had been expected, because many returning guests brought their friends with them. – Miki Predescu

CheonBo Events Inspire Russian Communities



Novosibirsk



Moscow



Saratov



Ryazan



Ulyanovsk



Ufa



Nizhni Novgorod

Croatians Get Creative in Witnessing to Youth



Top Gun missionary couple Rim Hye Kim and Lim Eu Zoo, with Anto Tomas



A newly blessed couple who graduated from the Heavenly Top Gun program in Korea have arrived in Croatia to spend the next two years as missionaries. Joining other missionaries and Second Generation Croatians in a campaign called “Do Good for the City,” they invite young people to join them in picking up trash at a city park every Saturday. Through this campaign, they are meeting public-minded “Abel-type” people. ... A second program, “Presentation of International Friendship and Marriage,” is proving to be very popular with teenagers. It promotes marriage and introduces our tradition of Matching and Blessing – *Ji Suk Baek*

Armenia Welcomes International Visitor and Holds International Sunday Service

Christoph Kral, the national leader for Poland, spent a week in Armenia, where he has done missionary work in the past. He was the main lecturer at two one-day workshops. The first was mostly for Heavenly Tribal Messiah couples and focused on why God's ideal of creation was not realized and why God wants to work with families. The next day, a second workshop, held for members, explained the new understanding of True Mother's role. In both of these workshops, former members were among the participants.

Before he left Armenia, Mr. Kral accompanied national leaders Hovhannes and Nora Barseghyan on a visit to an HTM family in another city. After coming to Armenia as refugees from Karabakh, this couple received the Blessing and now have a young Second Generation son.

Members from Armenia and Latvia took part in a joint Sunday service, held at the suggestion of Latvian national leader Janis Vjaters. During the online service, the Armenian national leader explained how members in Armenia are achieving good results in HTM activities. – *Hovhannes Barseghyan*





Belarus Members Join in Korean Vigil No. 1,000

Our Belarusian community actively joined the 1,000th Night Vigil that was broadcast from Korea. Beautiful invitations and personal letters were sent to each blessed family. Despite the fact that the vigil was held during working hours in Belarus, 18 people gathered in the *Cheongshim Won* and 30 more joined online. In order to take part in the vigil in person in the *Cheongshim Won*, one brother came by bus from his city, which is located 90 kilometers away. – *Olga Plotnikova*



Pre-Lenten Pancakes Bring Joy to Belarus Homeless

To celebrate the traditional holiday *Maslenitsa*, which precedes Lent in Orthodox Christianity, it is customary to prepare pancakes and give them to friends and family. For several years, young people from our Belarus community have brought pancakes to a shelter for homeless people. This year, our youth team prepared 200 pancakes and the next day brought the treats and organized a concert for these lonely people. – *Olga Plotnikova*



Moldovans, Ukrainian Refugees Talk and Understand Each Other

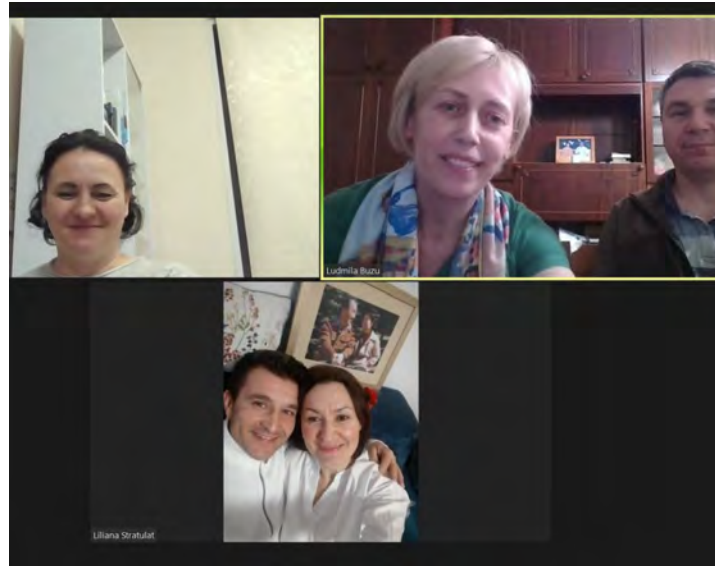
FFWPU Moldova has brought together more than 70 Ukrainian refugees and 30 Moldovans in a series of meetings to foster mutual understanding. The meetings, held under the title "Building Peace Together: A Heartfelt Encounter Between Moldovans and Ukrainian Refugees," were held in the Chişinău Peace Embassy and other locations. The meetings were characterized by moments of deep listening in which participants revealed their hopes and dreams. The initiative is supported by the United Nations Peacebuilding Fund, United Nations Development Programme Moldova, UN Women Moldova, and UN Human Rights Moldova, under the project Building Sustainable and Inclusive Peace, Enhancing Trust and Social Cohesion on both banks of the River Dniester. – *Andrei Eşanu*





EU Ambassador Visits FFWPU-Moldova Children's Center

The Fairy Tale children's development center in the Moldovan city of Anenii Noi received a visit from European Union Ambassador Janis Mazeiks and his team. The Fairy Tale center which was developed by FFWPU-Moldova and managed by local FFWPU director, Natalya Roscot, provides educational and supportive programs for children. The visitors were introduced to activities and programs designed to equip children with essential skills. A special focus was placed on the center's innovative approach to integrating technology in education, such as robotics and digital literacy. The support from the EU and Sweden has been instrumental in the center's ability to offer these specialized programs. This visit reaffirms the EU's dedication to supporting child development initiatives in Moldova. – *Andrei Esanu*



Activities in Moldova - HPHC

At a Unification Youth Planning Meeting, upcoming activities were announced, including: a visit to Moldova of CARP Romania and a joint study visit to the Eco Village with YSP Moldova; an online meeting with a Second Gen from Liechtenstein in which he will recall his experiences in the matching and Blessing; and an online meeting with the EMPOWER team captain. ... A Moldovan previously married couple living in Italy received the Holy Wine in an online prayer meeting led by Yurii and Mila Solomakha. At that time the couple in Italy also did the forgiveness ceremony and received the prayer starting their 40-day separation period. ... A YSP volunteer who is a medical student from India has begun attending DP lectures twice a week. ... Yurii Solomakha, a Ukrainian brother blessed with a Moldovan sister, gave his testimony at the most recent Sunday service. He and his wife, Mila, moved with their four children to Moldova after the beginning of the war. ... Serghei and Natalya Roskot held an online small group meeting with their guest from Sri Lanka with the support of David Rennie from the UK. ... Diana Eșanu, who is almost eight months pregnant with her third child, received a serious injury to her foot as a result of a fall. After surgery that lasted 3.5 hours, Diana is recovering. Fortunately the baby was not hurt. We pray for her quick and full recovery.

International Women's Day Observed in Shin Albania



WFWP-Albania held an International Women's Day celebration in the old Tirana headquarters, which was completely packed with about 60 guests and friends. After a video summarizing last year's activities, WFWP President Kasia Minollari explained the WFWP vision and women's role in building a peaceful society. FFWPU-EUME Vice President In-soung Kwon spoke about the need to reverse the declining birth rate in South Korea. He then distributed gifts to the youngest and oldest participants, and those who recently had birthdays. Ambassador for Peace Sulejman Abazi, a retired general who could not come personally because of his health, sent a message which was read aloud. Following the UPA team's performance of the Korean song *Komapsu*, Albanian national leader Manjola Vasmatics gave a presentation on the five Principles of Peace. Eight new Ambassadors for Peace were appointed, including Migena Kokeri, director of Tirana's Social Services Department, who conveyed greetings from Tirana Mayor Erjon Veliaj. Among the other new Ambassadors for Peace were accomplished teachers and activists, and a married couple involved in business and charity work. The husband, Rako Paja, introduced a folk group who performed traditional polyphonic songs from South Albania. – *Kasia Minollari*



Albanian Peace Council Elects New Leaders

At an assembly of Ambassadors for Peace in the Saranda Regional Peace Council, elections for new leadership for the next four years took place. This council has representatives from four Albanian towns: Saranda, Konispol, Finiq and Delvina.

This is part of a nationwide programme to elect new leadership among the Peace Councils in 61 municipalities throughout Albania by the end of 2024.

– Gani Rroshi



Youthful Spirit Fills Shin Albania's 'RinOn' Workshop - Education



About 110 young people, aged 13 to 28 years, attended this year's RinOn ("the youth is on") workshop, which CARP and YSP of Shin Albania hold at the Mullet workshop center each spring for three days. The participants included 38 missionaries from three groups – Heavenly Top Gun from Korea, Generation Peace Academy from the United States, and EMPOWER from Europe. There were 22 new guests, of whom seven were invited by the missionaries. The others were returning guests and members, including seven blessed children.



The theme was unity with Heavenly Parent's dream. Character education was emphasized: moral principles, living a purposeful life, and the importance of teamwork. Sports festivals were a major part of the workshop, with games and physical challenges as teams. An incredible energy and spirit made it easier to overcome language barriers, to jump into games, and to cheer for each other.

Sub-Regional President Jack Corley visited the workshop to give wise guidance with a parental heart. Many staff members invested sincere dedication in every detail of the workshop. – *Manjola and Gabor Vasmatics*



Youthful Spirit Fills Shin Albania's 'RinOn' Workshop - Challenge



Latvian Second Gens Train in Tong-Il Moo-Do

Eight Second Generation children attended a five-day Tong-Il Moo-Do workshop in the Latvian seaside city of Jūrmala. The workshop was held in the “Ippon” karate club owned by champion Marija-Luize Muizniece. The participants, aged 7 to 17 years, were trained by master Junelle Tumanda (5th dan) with assistance from the Latvian FFWPU national leader, a brown belt. – *Janis Vjaters*



Thank You!

