

FFWPU Int'l: A Community Where a Culture of Practical Ministry Takes Root

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Beloved and respected blessed families and members of the Unification community around the world:

I sincerely pray that throughout this coming week, the abundant love and blessings of our Heavenly Parent and True Parents may be with your families and your mission areas. This week, I am sending you my greetings from Argentina.

1. Summary of Last Week's Message

Last week, I shared with you about the scenes of hope that I witnessed during my tour of Heavenly Africa. Seeing young members of our second generation newly appointed as leaders, and witnessing young people growing responsibly at the center of their faith communities, I could clearly see the bright future of the African continent.



Most especially I emphasized that blessed families and young people who possess pure faith and passionate hearts are the genuine "heavenly diamonds" of that land. My message reaffirmed that when we view one another as treasures of heaven, encourage each other, and grow together, our families and communities will naturally transform into mission areas filled with hope.

2. Direction and Strategy of the Mission Nations

At this time, it is crucial that we do not allow this vision of hope to remain merely a declaration or resolution. A new pastoral culture must take root within the church so that it can be realized in our lives and communities.



This week, in line with the World Mission Headquarters' strategy to realize this vision, I would like to share with you the purpose and grace of the "Practical Ministry Education" program that is currently underway.

Up until the time of the firm settlement of the Cheon Il Guk era, our mission work focused on proclaiming the advent of the Returning Messiah and conveying True Parents' teachings. However, now that we have entered the era of the substantial Cheon Il Guk, we have gone beyond the stage of simply conveying those teachings - we must embody them, bearing witness to the world through our exemplary lives as blessed families.

The way to respond to these demands of this era is precisely "hyojeong ministry." When we cultivate a heart of filial devotion (hyojeong) toward True Parents together within our communities, and establish a culture of living for the sake of others in our daily lives, the light of Heavenly Parent's salvation will naturally spread throughout the world. This can be considered the core direction of our mission in this era.



To realize this vision, young leaders who will guide the younger generation are emerging around the world, and the World Mission Headquarters is providing a "Practical Ministry Education" program to support them in developing professional pastoral abilities. Through this, they will grow into true leaders

who serve their mission areas and lead the revival of their communities.

3. Purpose and Content of the Practical Ministry Education Program

Last year, we began the pastoral education program with four main themes. This year, we have expanded the program's participants and scope to develop it into an in-depth training program designed to cultivate a wider range of practical pastoral competency.

For this program, we have selected eight core areas most urgently needed in pastoral ministry, including financial education, worship, counseling, witnessing, spiritual training, youth education, and the Blessing. Two focused lectures will be given on each topic.

In preparing instructors for this program, we have invited leaders whose meaningful results in the field have been rigorously verified by their continental headquarters, along with professors with extensive educational experience and experts from providential organizations. This is not merely theoretical education, but an opportunity to share living pastoral skills that can be immediately applied in the field.



4. The Results and Outlook So Far

In March, the first sessions were conducted on the theme of "Tithing and Financial Education." District Pastor Kwon Soon-gu of the Hyojeong Special District in Korea, and Pastor Hebangja Kisile of the Chicago Family Church in the United States, delivered valuable lectures.

District Pastor Kwon emphasized that offering a full tithe is not simply a financial act, but the surest channel of faith through which we can experience Heavenly protection and miracles. Through an example, he shared how a community that practiced sincere tithing for about seven months was transformed.

Pastor Hebangja Kisile also presented a perspective that church finances should not be seen merely as "resources to manage," but as "tools to realize a vision." Based on real-life accounts, he demonstrated how transparently sharing financial operations with the community and allowing all members to become partners in fulfilling the vision dynamically transforms a church.

In line with these changes in the field, the World Mission Headquarters is also placing a top operational priority on the transparent management of our members' precious offerings, so that not even a shred of suspicion remains. Beyond simple management, we promise to strictly supervise mission policies across the Mission Headquarters, continental headquarters and national headquarters, establishing a firm public order so that devotional offerings are used solely for public purposes.

Reflecting this commitment to responsible and effective ministry, more than 300 public leaders from around the world are participating in this training program each week, giving very positive responses. The World Mission Headquarters hopes that through this education, a healthy pastoral culture will take root within global communities, and that our family members will be able to enjoy life in the kingdom of heaven on earth even more abundantly.

5. This Week's Practice: Communicate with Your Pastor

Beloved brothers and sisters,

Through this week's message, we shared with you the direction and significance of the Practical Ministry Education recently launched by the World Mission Headquarters. This is also a small beginning in realizing, in actual ministry settings, the direction for the providence True Mother has presented us.

Following the Cheon Won Gung Cheon Il Sanctum Entrance Ceremony, we proclaimed the opening of the "era in which we attend Heavenly Parent substantially." Now is the time for the content of that proclamation to be manifested in our lives and in our communities.



Therefore, I would like to suggest one small practice for this week. How about inviting your local pastor to your home, or to a comfortable place where you can have a heartfelt conversation? If meeting in person is difficult, I want to encourage you to at least have a warm conversation over the phone. I hope this might be a precious time to share your hearts with each other. You could discuss what kind of pastoral culture we can build together in our community, and what small actions we, as members, could do for the sake of our church.

As these small acts of sharing and reflection accumulate, our faith will no longer remain only in the Word, but will become a faith evidenced by our lives. And I believe that our lives will come together one by one to brightly open the era of Cheon Il Guk in which we attend Heavenly Parent in substantial ways.

I pray that the grace and peace of Heavenly Parent will be with you all throughout this coming week.

Thank you.

