

# HARP Austria Summer Workshop

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Seebenstein, Austria, 25. – 31. August 2013



This workshop was very special for the participants as well as for the STAFF. From the beginning there was a very harmonious atmosphere. Out of the 39 participants, 10 children participated on a HARP workshop for the first time.



Lectures about the Principles of Creation were given by Zita Kiedler. Afterwards the teams each had to present a section of the chapter themselves. The lecture practice was really successful and the HARPies invested a lot.



This time we invited a guest speaker. His name is Stefan Horvath and he belongs to the Roma people. His parents survived imprisonment in several of the concentration camps under the Nazi regime. Also his son was killed during a bomb attack in 1995 by a racist. His testimony was one of the highlights of the workshop. He spoke about his life and gave his remarkable message of peace and reconciliation. The HARPies were deeply moved.



Gabriele Zoehrer gave lectures about purity at the end of the workshop, preparing the HARPies for the Il Shim ceremony. It was a very special and touching ceremony. When the four participants gave their pledge of purity and to keep a heart of filial piety to Heavenly Parents a very high atmosphere was created. The workshop participants accompanied the candle ceremony and prayer with a new, beautiful song “Blessed be Your name” which they learned during the week. All the parents were there to give the ring to their children. There was a prayer evening as well. After some guidance and testimonies about experiencing God in prayer the HARPies went to the Holy Ground and prayed for 21 minutes. Many shared that they could really feel our Heavenly Parents caring about them, warming them in the cold night and talking to them.

During the workshop an emergency in the church occurred: Christina Seidl, who was pregnant was diagnosed with brain cancer. The STAFF told the children about it and together they prayed for her wellbeing.

Challenge Day and sports were a good opportunity for the children to practically work together as a team, to get to know each other and have fun together. There were many tasks that they solved with a lot of spirit and commitment.

On the last morning suddenly all the shoes were missing. When we met on the sports field the HARPies found them. Somebody made a huge Unification Church sign with them.

