## **Social Project**

### Growing our Parental Heart to resemble God

Bucharest, Romania, 3. March 2017



e are very happy to share about our recent experience. On the 3rd of March 2017, after some beautiful sunny days that marked the beginning of a new month and more importantly of a new season, we visited D.(a 25 year old teacher that attended a program for fresh professionals in the education domain – Teach for Romania) at her school in Galbinasi, Calarasi county. The country-side was a good reminder that life isn't always easy or fair, but that it's a real battle for survival.

We had planned for the event for about 2 weeks and prior to visiting the village

we also donated some children's clothes for the ones that have a lower economic situation at home. We were happy to be able to work with some of the teachers and the principle of the school and hopefully D. can later on become Peace Ambassador, as she already attended several CARP activities.

On the decided day – Friday – we gathered early in the morning, at 7:30 AM in the train station. We were all very nervous and excited and it felt as if we are going to enter in another world and so it was. The hills that we could see from the train window were



very modest in what they have to offer. Despite the beauty of the morning sky, the sight of poor houses and old fences made us think about the contrast between the capital and an usual Romanian village.

The internal goal that we had was: Grow our parental heart and have initiative in practicing true love. And our external goal was to visit 7 classes (1 class of kinder garden, 2 classes of fifth graders, 2 classes of seventh graders and 2 classes of eight graders) with the purpose of motivating the children's curiosity and openness towards different cultures, religions and backgrounds and to encourage them to learn and speak the English language.

When we arrived, and heading towards the school, we met the teacher and some of the students that were coming to pick us up with a WELCOME banner made from different papers on which each student wrote a different big letter W-E-L-C-O-M-E. We were so touched by this initiative and later on we could discover how talented these children are and how much potential resides in each and every one of them. They prepared a big map of Galbinasi, including the most important places, each drawn on a small piece of paper: the City hall, the school, the pizza place, the Police station and many others. They also prepared songs and Martisoare (traditional symbolical gift that girls receive at the beginning of

spring), one boy played the clarinet and some of them presented dances.

Each STF member presented themselves as well as some small things that they like, hobbies, family, about food and the English teacher was the best mediator for the two sides. We played games together and sang songs from the Holy Songs Book. We then took pictures together and promised to keep in touch. The children were very enthusiastic and some of them even promised to start studying better in order to be prepared for the next time they meet a foreigner. We tried to engage in the games and be creative and affectionate towards all the children as they are in a great need to be noticed and praised for their efforts and initiative.

The first class of students and the youngest ones acted very well and some were quite shy but there were also

other 2 classes where we could see a lot of misbehavior. There is a great gap sometimes between the treatment that these children receive at home and what society wants from them and even a bigger gap between all this and the ideal self that God has envisioned for human beings. Childhood is a time for learning, discovery and also receiving a lot of love from parents and elders but we could see in some of the children the tensioned atmosphere that they are probably experiencing at home and in the village.

This experience is very good to realize that we can all contribute to ensuring a high-quality education for every child in Romania!

After the activity was over we returned to the CARP Peace Center - downtown Bucharest to share about our experience. We were all quite shocked in the best way by the children's effort

to prepare for our arrival, by the teacher's parental heart and great attitude in even the most chaotic moments in the class and I believe that all of us could appreciate that being a true teacher, then a true owner but most importantly a True Parent is not an easy task. Educating, caring and guiding somebody is an extraordinary effort that involves every part of a human being: intellect, emotion and will. But as much as we can practice and offer our help, we can learn to take care of our society and establish a new culture of heart that can bring God closer to the people.

Thank you so much for your prayers, love and support. We hope that we could have brought some hope to Galbinasi and some comfort for Heavenly Parent's heart.!





mania CARP organized in Peace Center – Bucharest, the weekly HoonDokHae meeting. This week we watched the movie "Have a little faith" which is realized based on the book with the same name written by Mitch Albom. The movie and the book presents how the author got back in touch with his faith. On this journey, he is helped by his Rabi form childhood and a former drugs dealer that found God and became a Christian pastor.

"This is a story about believing in something and the two very different men who taught me how. It took a long time to write. It took me to churches and synagogues, to the suburbs and the city, to the "us" versus "them" that divides faith around the world. And finally, it took me home, to a sanctuary filled with people, to a casket made of pine, to a pulpit that was empty." – Mitch Albom

After the movie, we sit together and everybody said what was his favorite part of the movie or answered to the

## Movie Evening

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question "what is your glory?", a question that appeared in movie and refers to what is valuable in your life. Many people liked from the movie that people from different faiths (Jewish and Christian, in this case) could work together. Also, many of our gest said for them is important to try to do their best and family is an important aspect of their life.

We hope that our guest got inspired from this movie and they will search more and will be more open to the relationship with Heavenly Parent.

Thank you so much Heavenly Parent and True Parents!



reetings from Romania! I would like to start this report by offering our gratitude for Heavenly Parent and True Parents!

We concluded this week with 1Day Divine Principle Workshop with joyful spirit. We were so happy that we can share the message of Divine Principle for the new young people.

We organized lectures with 'Principle of Creation', 'Human Fall' and 'Principle of Restoration'. Each lecturer was given by different lecturer who are in the SES (ShimJung Education System) program. All the lecturer gave clear messages in each lecture. Participants were very focused for all the lectures and asking questions. After each lecture, we organized discussion time in pair centered on questions. Our members and new guests became pair and we could discuss more details of Divine Principle lectures. Through this discussion time new guests could ask some questions and get answers. So it was meaningful time for them to get inspiration from Divine Principle in their heart. We could see how Divine Principle open people's heart and give such a blessing and grace.

# 1 Day Divine Principle Seminar

#### Bucharest, Romania 18. February 2017

After the workshop, we organized one project name of 'True Love is Action'. STF brothers and sisters organized very interesting team work activities and games for new participants. Through enjoying time together, we became brothers and sisters centered on Heavenly Parent and True Parents!

We believe that we could do our best to bring the right message and the love of Heavenly Parent and True Parents. The guests received inspiration for their life and they expressed the desire to continue studying Divine Principle. We feel great blessing to work together centered on Heavenly Parents and True Parents.

We are sure that this workshop was new life experience for all of us with new vision and hope. We will continue to support our new brothers and sisters to discover Heavenly Parent's heart through Divine Principle study and activities.

Thank you so much Heavenly Parents and True Parents.

## **Purity Education Program**

Bucharest, Romania, 12. February 2017



reetings from Romania!

We are so happy to offer this report in front of Heavenly Parents and True Parents!

We organized Purity Education Event. The purpose of this event is to give a chance for young people to think about future family and give education 'how to prepare for it'. This time the subject was 'Family Q and A – time to put all the curiosity' So many young people are confused about the value of sexuality. They don't have someone to answer their questions. They receive confused information from mass media. In this program, we wanted to give them a chance to ask questions and try to find the answers. It was for the first time to organize in this way. We were worried until we saw the participants enjoyed it.

This program started with introducing each other. We

separated boys and girls in order to be free and comfortable to ask questions. We organized one board game and each time when they stop there were some questions or information about sexuality. We showed some movies about relationship between husband and wife or about pregnancy. All the participants were very curious about these issues and they were asking many questions during the program. It was a meaningful time for all the participants to put all the curiosity in here and get right answers!

We wish this program can bring a new wave of True Love for Romanian young people and help them to create ideal families in the future. Thank you so much Heavenly Parent and True Parents!