

3 Day Workshop on Strengthening Life of Faith

20-22 June 2014 Reç, Shkodra, Albania

Dear brothers and sisters !

We would like to share with you the workshop organized basically for members of Shkodra and Durres centres from 20-22 June 2014 in Shkodra, Rec area. This workshop was different starting from the location. It was located in high mountains of Shkodra. Different from other times, where we usually gathered in our Training Center, this time we moved in North Albania, where one of our members owned a house in a touristic mountain area and he offered to us to spend these days there. The house was partially under construction, but we didn't focus so much on external limitations, but rather in the content of lectures.



Often we had the feeling of pioneer centres. Also, reading True Father's speeches in nature was more deep and substantial. The program was very intensive and diverse, combining the lectures, responsibilities, challenges, games, meditations and reflections in nature. The workshop was combined by Gentian Qarri (Shkodra Community Leader) and Arjan Haziraj (Durres Community Leader). The purpose was to regenerate our relationship with God, bringing it to a higher level.



The participants were from Shkodra and Durres Centers and in total, including few members from HQ and Tirana we were 37. The lectures were given by rev. Shin, Mr. Gani Rroshi, and Mr. Gentian Qarri as well as

two short congratulatory messages by AfP mr. Ali Lacej and Mr. Ahmet Osja on the great internal and external potential that Albania has, inspired that by the wonderful nature on that area.



Being grateful to participate in this workshop is the first word which comes in my mind, beautiful nature, peaceful atmosphere, deep lecture content, far from the city, far from noise, telephones and internet; 3 days focused only in the personal vertical relationship with Heavenly Parents and True Parents and then horizontal relationships with others. Maybe looks like publicity, but were very beautiful and special days for each participant. We wish that this workshop was just the beginning of these kind of workshops.



Here there are some reflections:

Regarding the workshops, usually we remember the first workshop. But for me this was as it was my first one regarding the way the truth was given to us one more time. The mountain area made me reflect deeply and to get inspired different from other times. I focused a lot in the purpose of the workshop: regenerating our spiritual self. I really hope that for each one of us this workshop can serve as generator for our spiritual self.

Resmi Xholi, Durrës

I felt really grateful that our leaders thought to have such a workshop for members, a different kind of organizing. I was feeling good coming here. The nature is the place where is incarnated the best love and care or greatness of God. It is really true that nature connects you more with God and the lectures awakened part of my spirit and inspiration of my beginnings, my deepest feelings and emotions in relation with God and True Parents. I felt very good from the actions of brothers and sisters and the atmosphere created. I think that we have to organize again such workshops also for other brothers and sisters. Also I want to come again. Thank you for your heart, especially to Genti and Arjan.

Ermela Stena, Treasure team

Thank you for making possible such special workshop. I really liked it and I was all the time peaceful. When we arrived I thought that it will be difficult to live in such a humble place. But after the few hours, I started to feel gratitude for such beautiful, peaceful, simple place, because when you have many things around, it is difficult to focus. The lectures were really spiritual food for me, it looked like the continuation of the ODP workshop, and this helped me to understand more in connection to Heavenly Parents and True Parents. Sport time was also beautiful, because beside mind also the body was active during the exercises and physical challenges. I feel grateful to all staff and participants, but more over to Heavenly Parents and True Parents who are always taking care of us in different ways.

Elisjana Mustafaj, Durrës

In this workshop I felt very good, maybe because it was the first of this kind. I felt good because I had a lot of time to spend with myself, meditating, but also praying. The relation with God, but also to me was much easier in nature, such as sometimes I had the feeling of being in Buddhist temple. This workshop really brought positive energy to me because the communication with God has been stronger and my prayers were more sincere. To me, most of information was known, but the environment where you get lectures and the spiritual atmosphere that creates such atmosphere made me feel more deeply than just understand them. I would like to have such atmosphere that can create that spiritual peace. Externally I liked the organizing and the diversity of the workshop even though was very intensive, the diversity helped not to be monotonous. I think that such kind of workshops would bring more unity between members and would create them deeper feeling about Divine Principle.

Besnik Xhumari, Treasure Team

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