Our Family in Finland Now Has Four Centers to spread the Divine Principle

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Morning study and discussion in the Helsinki center

Little by little, the message of the Divine Principle is spreading over the whole of Finland. Since October there are teaching centers in four cities, located in very practical areas in the middle of the city.

Because of announcements in universities and high schools inviting people to evening discussions, they are becoming more well known. One newspaper has written an article about the movement.

Virpi Uuskoski described the activities of a typical day. They go to work before sunrise, when the frosty streets are empty and silent. "After walking in cold weather, the work goes quickly and warms up the body," she wrote. When they return home, there is shower, prayer, and breakfast, followed by Principle and Bible study.

In addition to talking to people on the streets, they have been going to student dormitories. "It has been a new experience for many of us to go knocking at strange doors, but nevertheless we have been still ableafter the first stiff words-to give all our love to these young people," Virpi continued.

"During the evening meal we discuss the day's events and share in a family life. Unity within the family setting gives new power and hope for the next day. Visitors come and are inspired to join in our activities, some coming regularly to study the Principle with deeper and deeper understanding."

They keep close ties with their parents, who give encouragement and support, sending food, clothes, and sometimes money.