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News from Ukraine



Birth of Victor 승진: The first blessed child born in Ukraine after the start of the war arrived on 16 May. He is the third child of Dmytro Stefurak and Olha Antropova. At the request of Dr Balcomb, True Mother gave him the Korean name 승진 which means “Victor.” During her time at the hospital Olha and Victor had to rush to the basement during warning sirens. - *Anna Kalmatskaya*

Ukrainians in Poland Start Actionizing Program



After resettling in Poland, Ukrainian members from both the First and Second Generations continue to witness about the Divine Principle and True Parents through the Internet and direct outreach. They recently had an actionizing program in Warsaw for new contacts. They also have been helping fellow refugees to adjust to their new situation. - Anna Kalmatskaya

Moldova Peace Embassy – Humanitarian Activities



ЦЕНТР ПОДСОЛНЕЧНИК
 ДЛЯ СЕМЕЙ УКРАИНСКИХ БЕЖЕНЦЕВ ВСЕ ЗАНЯТИЯ И УСЛУГИ БЕСПЛАТНЫ

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ВТОРНИК, 24 МАЯ
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 13:00 - 15:00 - РУКОДЕЛИЕ/ МУЗЫКА (4-10 ЛЕТ)
 13:00 - 15:00 - ЗАНЯТИЯ ДЛЯ МАЛЫШЕЙ (1 - 3 ЛЕТ)
 13:00 - 15:00 - КЛУБ МАМ

СРЕДА, 25 МАЯ
 10:30 - 12:30 - РУКОДЕЛИЕ/ МУЗЫКА (4-10 ЛЕТ)
 10:30 - 12:30 - ЗАНЯТИЯ ДЛЯ МАЛЫШЕЙ (1 - 3 ЛЕТ)
 10:30 - 12:30 - КЛУБ МАМ

ЧЕТВЕРГ, 26 МАЯ
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ПЯТНИЦА, 27 МАЯ
 ПОЛЕЗНЫЙ ПЕРЕКУС КАЖДЫЙ ДЕНЬ

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On 20 May about two tonnes of food products collected by IRFF-Italy for refugees arrived in Moldova.

The Sunflower Project continued offering help and support for refugee children and mothers daily. The wife of the US ambassador visited the Sunflower Centre. Andrei Eșanu mentioned to Meredith Wiedemer, director of the Sunflower Project and wife of a US Embassy diplomat, about the Ambassador for Peace Award offered by UPF. CNN International covered the story through one of its broadcasts from Moldova -- *Sabina Nadejdin*

Moldova – YSP Activities



Two Second Generation youths from the United Kingdom, Elliot Yamamoto and Simran Rai of YSP, arrived in Moldova for an exchange of experiences and best practices with Moldova YSP. Every day they came to the Peace Embassy and helped with the Sunflower Project. On 19 May they gave training in peacebuilding to 26 young people, both refugees and Moldovans. They met with a team from the youth NGO Pro Bono and discussed future collaboration. Afterward they attended a networking event organized by the UK Embassy, where they met Radu Marian, a young MP who is a Youth Hero Award winner. They also met the Ukrainian ambassador and his wife and spoke about the Sunflower Centre developed by FFWPU Moldova at the Peace Embassy. – Sabina Nadejdin

Passing of Prominent Ambassadors for Peace



Dr. Stanislav Shushkevich



Signing the Belovezh Accord on 8 December 1991



Pres. Leonid Kravchuk



On May 3, former head of state of Belarus Stanislav Shushkevich passed away at the age of 87. One week later, on May 10, the first president of independent Ukraine, Leonid Kravchuk, passed away at the age of 88. They, together with former Russian President Boris Yeltsin, had signed the Belovezh Accord on December 8, 1991, in Belarus. This document effectively brought an end to the Soviet Union, which officially ended on December 25, 1991, with the resignation of President Mikhail Gorbachev. In the following years Dr. Shushkevich and Mr. Kravchuk became outstanding Ambassadors for Peace, participating in numerous events. Both had a profound respect and admiration for the vision of True Parents and worked in support of UPF activities until the end of their lives. We wish them a smooth transition to the spirit world and pray that they will assist True Parents' providence in the former Soviet region. – *Jack Corley*



CheonBo Event in Bulgaria



“My mother’s face radiated light and nobility. ... My father’s face and hands radiated with a strong orange light like fire. ... They told me not to give up from the Way that I had already paved and they had started walking along.”

“Life is eternal – the evidence is the ceremony of liberation and blessing held today. I embrace the ideal of uniting of Korea and the world and the religions under Heavenly Father!”

“I saw my father in a remote, dark place, as if sitting awkwardly with fear. He didn’t want to be removed from there and at the beginning he was fighting. But gradually he was up and went higher with the light forces. I cried a lot and thought of my mother and brother who had been liberated some time ago.”

Single Blessing: On Sunday, 8 May, three elder sisters received the single Blessing with a spirit person (two of them with their husband in the spirit world).- *Edina Zsolcsak-Dmitrova*

CheonBo Event in Latvia



Twenty-four members, including children, took part in the CheonBo event on 7 May. This was the fifth time that a CheonBo event was held in Riga, and the second time in 2022. Some members experienced purification and spiritual growth and felt their ancestors' help. Twenty-eight Hyojeong Offering Papers were offered in the newly established Cheon Shim Won prayer room. – Jerzy Domaradzki

“After the Chanyang session I felt vibrations in my head and body like an electric current passing, I felt the closeness of the spirit world and their efforts to help us clean ourselves.”

“The morning before the workshop I felt inside the desire to criticise. During the Chanyang session I strongly invested in patting my face. When I did ansu on my eyes, my sight quickly became brighter. I made a conclusion that I separated from a spirit causing criticism and judgment, and it greatly inspired me.”

“My greatest realisation was that our heart and spirit in the preparation helps create a really unique atmosphere. I was touched by the word on purity, to be clearer than crystal. Today’s events motivate me to purify and renew myself.”

UPF Promotes Family Values Book in Kosovo



UPF celebrated International Day of Families with events in two cities of Kosovo promoting the book *The Families of the 21st Century and Universal Values*, which was co-written by UPF-Albania Secretary General Gani Rroshi and Albanian educator Dr. Saemira Pino. On 16 May in Ferizaj, the president of the university, a member of Parliament and other VIPs attended. Several local VIPs were appointed as Ambassadors for Peace. On 17 May in Peja, the prorector of Haxhi Xeka University, the dean of the justice faculty and other professors and Ambassadors for Peace attended.—Gani Rroshi

Media Conference in Tirana Peace Embassy



“The Role of Media and Fake News in Shaping Society” was the title of a conference organized by UPF-Albania on 26 May. Over 100 participants gathered at the Tirana Peace Embassy, including former President Alfred Moisiu, former Deputy Prime Minister Senida Mesi, parliamentarians, and Ambassadors for Peace. Eight VIPs were appointed as Ambassadors for Peace.

--- Gani Rroshi



Yekaterinburg Members Support Pro-Family Cultural Festival



FFWPU in the city of Yekaterinburg was one of the organizers of a festival called "Families of the Peoples of the World," held on 14 May in honor of International Day of Families. The festival promoted traditional strong families and family values. A concert program, an exhibition fair, contests with prizes, a professional photo shoot, and a tea party were organized for couples. Each participant could tell about their family history and the wedding customs of their people and show their talents in creativity and cooking.

The event was attended by married couples representing Russia's many ethnic groups: Russians, Georgians, Dagestanis, Mari, Talysh, Chuvash, Tatars, and Moldovans. Six couples renewed their marriage vows. One couple who have lived together for 40 years and are still active in public activities received a diploma as a "Model Family." – *Andrei Burashnov*

Angels of Peace – Forever Young



The Angels of Peace, a Russian Second Generation cultural group, continue to sing and dance their way into the hearts of all whom they meet. Since the troupe's founding in 2008, they have performed on four occasions in front of True Parents. They often perform in senior citizens' residences and bring a joyful spirit. Under the direction of WFWP Eastern Europe President Olga Vakulinskaya and musical director Lyubov Smirnova, new generations of children ensure that the Angels never grow old.

Romanian CARP, CIG Missionaries Give Cranes for Peace



CIG missionaries, CARP members and guests joined in a special peace project on 21 May. Meeting at the Bucharest CARP Centre, they heard an introductory lecture and then set to work creating *origami* paper cranes, a symbol of peace. Following a motivational internal guidance talk by a CIG missionary, the group went out to the street and gave the paper cranes to passers-by while talking about peace. Afterward, the guests testified to the great experiences they had. Early in June they will return to the US after having worked in Romania for four months. We are very grateful for all their investment.— Miki Predescu

Thank you!