

# Eastern Europe Report July 2021

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# “Day of Family, Love and Loyalty” in Yekaterinburg, Russia



On 1 July the holiday "Day of Family, Love and Loyalty" was held in Yekaterinburg. The first two steps of the Blessing were completed by 13 couples. A deputy of the Yekaterinburg Legislative Assembly and an assistant to the deputy of the State Duma, as well as the head of the Department of Social Policy of the Yekaterinburg Administration, offered congratulations to the couples.





# Summer Programme in St. Petersburg and Kola Peninsula, Russia



Twenty young people (16-17 years), mostly Second Generation, participated in a 21-day programme in Northwest Russia from 5 to 25 July. There was one week of Divine Principle education in our St. Petersburg centre, followed by one week of fundraising, and finishing with an ecological service project on the Kola Peninsula north of the Arctic Circle in Russian Lapland.



Programme participants in the St. Petersburg centre with pastor and lecturer Oleg Kuzmin and programme coordinator Evgeny Mirzyanov



# Summer Programme in St. Petersburg and Kola Peninsula, Russia



On the 20-hour train journey to Lapland



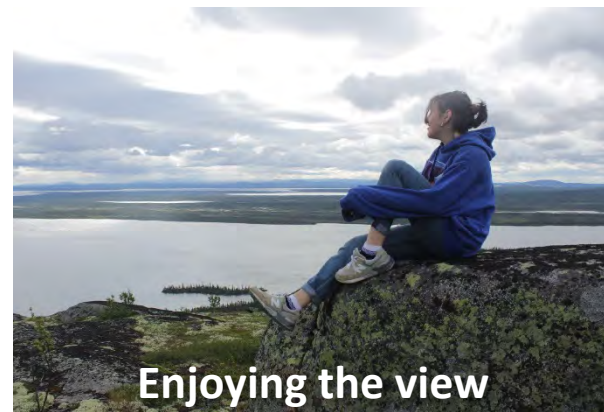
Participants of Kola Peninsula ecological project



Sampling nature



Praying



Enjoying the view



Main staff

The final week of the programme began with a 20-hour train journey from St. Petersburg to the Kola Peninsula in Russia's Lapland region, above the Arctic Circle.



# YSP Forum in Lapland Region, Northwest Russia



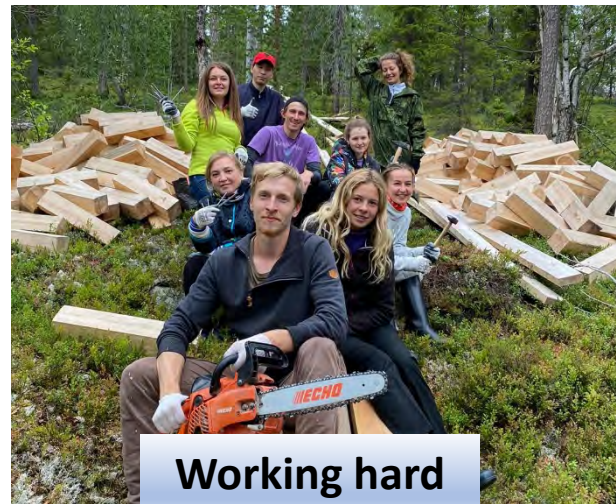
Elena Kalmatskaya introducing YSP



Discussion groups



Building bridges



Working hard

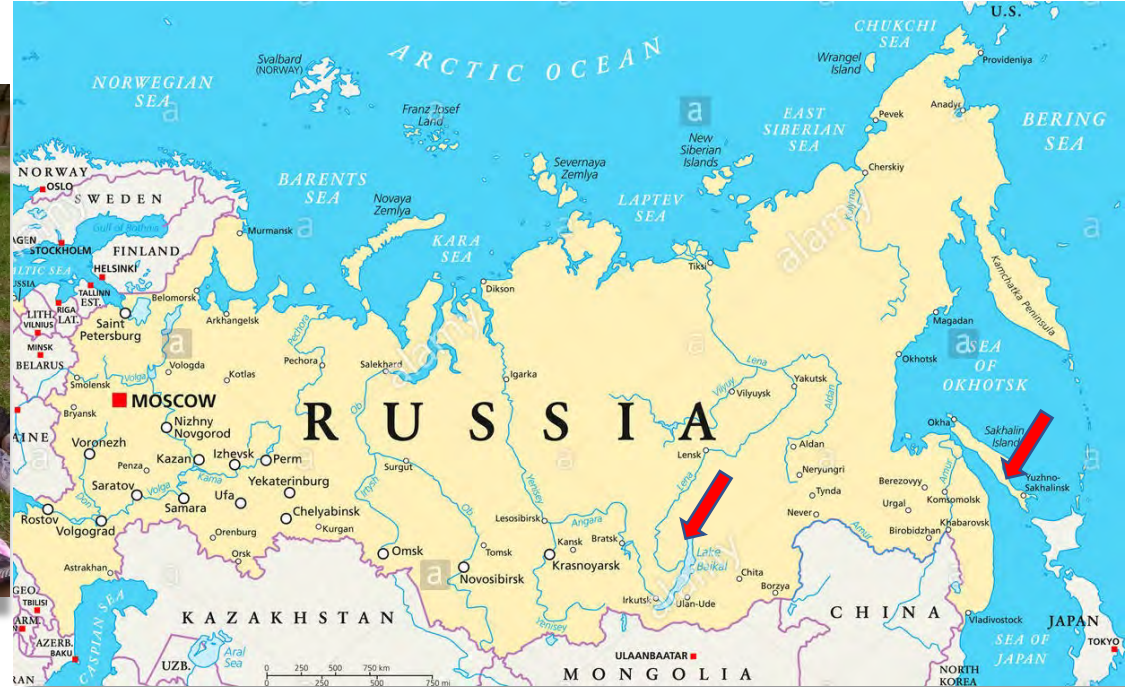


Teamwork

Student representatives from Moscow State University, Moscow University of International Relations, and Moscow Higher School of Economics travelled to the Kola Peninsula, north of the Arctic Circle, to take part in a forum organised by YSP Russia titled “Lapland – the Point of Growth.” The forum, which was held from 22-31 July, began with a Peace Designer programme, followed by an ecological service project and presentations from NGO leaders. These students from the elite institutes of higher learning were chosen based on personal interviews.



# Three-Month Leadership Training Programme in Russia



**Five young members, both First and Second Generation, started a three-month leadership training course with one month of fundraising on Sakhalin Island off the Pacific coast of Russia. In the second month of training they will travel to Lake Baikal in Siberia for an ecological service project. Their training will conclude in September with one month of witnessing in Moscow.**



# FFWPU Establishes a Formal Agreement with the Town of Chalna, Russia



**Russian national leader Alexei Saveliev visited the city of Petrozavodsk, the capital of Karelia region in northwest Russia, to meet the three blessed families (above) who live there. He also travelled to the nearby town of Chalna (left) to sign an agreement between FFWPU Russia and the district on developing plans to promote family values. The district representative, Oksana Mikhailovna Erushkina, attended a workshop at our Moscow headquarters in 2018. While there, Alexei also blessed one couple who were celebrating 50 years of marriage (right).**



# Family Seminar in Russia's St. Petersburg Region



Vitaly Vakulinsky, representing FFWPU, and his wife, Olga, representing WFWP, travelled to the St. Petersburg region to lead a one-day family seminar on 10 July in the town of Tikhvin. The local Protestant pastor organised the conference, titled “Healthy Families Are the Foundation for a Prosperous Society,” and he invited Vitaly and Olga to be the main speakers.

Participants included members of the church congregation as well as administrators from local educational institutes.

The conference consisted of five presentations:

1. Christian Principles of a Healthy Family (by Pastor Viktor)
2. Building a Stable Home (by Vitaly and Olga)
3. A Close, Trusting Relationship Is the Way to Guide Teenagers (Olga)
4. Dealing with the Problem of Gadget Addiction (Vitaly)
5. How to Solve Conflicts (Vitaly and Olga)



# Positive Newspaper Article in Russia



An article published in a newspaper in the Russian city of Zelenograd titles, Pledge of Love and Loyalty, based on an interview with the blessed family of Grigori and Olga Shilov, wrote very positively about the importance of loving families as the basis for peace and harmony in society. Zelenograd, located in Moscow Region, is considered the “Silicon Valley” of Russia.

**ОБЕТ ЛЮБВИ И ВЕРНОСТИ...**

■ ...дали друг другу Ольга и Григорий Шилковы много лет назад, когда решили обречься.

Пара уверена, что их встреча не случайна. На то была воля Бога, – утверждает Ольга. – Когда и впервые увидела Григория, у меня возникло чувство, будто я знаю его всю жизнь, что это – мой родной человек.

– А я сразу разгадала, какие у Ольги красивые душа и сердце, – вспоминает Григорий. – Никогда не верил в любовь с первого взгляда. Но это была именно она!

**Мал мала меньше**

Пятидесятый лет супруги живут в счастливом браке. Воспитывают четырех замечательных детей: Любовь (14 лет), Милу (11), Семена (9) и Валентину (6).

Создание большой семьи для Шиловых стало вполне закономерным решением.

Не можем сказать, что мы к этому стремились. Дом, полный детей, – для нас это что-то обыкновенное и само собой разумеющееся, – поделились супруги. – А еще это большое счастье!

В большой семье Шиловых растут уникальные, очень чуткие и талантливые дети. Вместе с участниками проекта «Ангелы мира» они выступают в пансионатах для ветеранов труда. Старшая Любовь увлекается рисованием аниме (даже пытается на этом что-то зарабатывать), красиво поет и танцует. Средняя дочка Милана занимается вокалом и рисованием. А еще она хочет выучить китайский язык и поступить на бюджет в педагогический вуз. Семен увлекается картистом и квиллингом. В 9 лет он самостоятельно проводит мастер-классы по оригами.

А младшенькая Валентина тоже личность разносторонняя – пишет, танцует и рисует. Боясь, что ребята будут учиться помогать, делиться и поддерживать друг друга. Конечно, и конфликтные ситуации порой случаются...

Хотелось, чтобы их споры заключались в следующем: «Я сегодня буду мыть посуду» – сказал бы один. «Нет, я хочу помыть посуду» – ответил бы ему другой. – смеется Ольга. – Увы, бывает всякое. Очень важно грамотно подходить к решению любых конфликтов. Чаще всего этим занимается супруг. Он у меня самый настоящий педагог! Всегда всех успокоит, раскладывает по местам, может даже какой-нибудь психологический тренинг им устроить.

**Работа и саморазвитие**

Вполне реальны, даже если у вас на попечении четверо маленьких детей. Григорий занимается переводами, а Ольга воспитывает малышей (не только своих) в семейном детском саду, который она открыла по программе поддержки многодетных семей.

Семья Шиловых активно участвует в семейных конкурсах и состязаниях. Накануне дня семьи, любви и верности они побывали на фестивале, где посадили памятное дерево. А еще они успели победить в оборонном этапе «Тайного общества путешественников» и выиграть поездку в Калининград.

**Город помогает многодетным**

Шиловы входят в объединение многодетных семей Москвы. Столичные власти предоставляют им следующие льготы: бесплатную парковку, освобождает их от транспортного налога, дают скидку 30% на оплату ЖКУ, 50% – на оплату напроката, компенсации на оплату городского телефона.

– Еще наши дети бесплатно питаются в школе и имеют право на бесплатное посещение детских садов, – добавила Ольга Шилова.

Также они могут бесплатно получать определенные лекарства, посещать зоопарк, и на столичные мероприятия у них есть скидки.

**Мир и согласие...**

...а семье возможны только в результате постоянной работы над собой.

– Хотя мы и считаем, что наш брак заключен на небесах, ни на минуту не пускаем наши отношения на самотек. Мы много трудимся, чтобы сохранить любовь, тепло и взаимопонимание.

Ольга и Григорий Шиловы прославились множеством семинаров и тренингов по супружеским отношениям. Пара понимает: любовь – это не внезапно возникшее чувство, которое будет с ними всю оставшуюся жизнь. Любовь – это осознанность и труд.

Чем больше для человека делаешь, тем сильнее его любить, – добавили они.

**Дарья ГРИШИНА, фото Дмитрия ЕРОХИНА**

**ИСТОРИИ ПЕРНАТЫХ ДЕТЕНЫШЕЙ**

– Их и «поймала» на Большом городском пруду. – Могут предположить, что это – мадагаскарский леопард. Он по-детски «На конкурс». В подписи к фото укажите, какая птица



# Simultaneous 15-Day Divine Principle Workshops in Shin Albania



Two 15-day Divine Principle workshops were held concurrently, starting on 15 July. The first was held in the Mullet Training Centre outside the capital, Tirana, for 40 participants, mostly new guests. The second, more advanced workshop, titled “Giving Creates Prosperity,” was held in the city of Korçë with eleven participants. The two workshops held their closing ceremony together on 30 July at the Mullet centre.



# Centenary Poster Display in Korçë City, Shin Albania



Participants in the 15-day advanced Divine Principle workshop organised a major centenary poster display, featuring True Parents' life and work, in front of the Korçë City Hall. There were 11 participants in the workshop, which was held from 15 to 30 July.





# UPF Programmes in Shin Albania



**Meeting with new contacts and appointing Ambassadors for Peace in Gramish City (top row) on 1 July.  
A football coach in the city of Shkodra is appointed as an Ambassador for Peace on 30 June.**



# Ukraine's One-Year Youth Training Programme



**Members of the New World Educational Team, a one-year youth training programme, attended a seven-day workshop on 5-11 July in Kyiv. The programme had been suspended because of the pandemic, but plans are under way to resume it. Nine of the 11 workshop participants had started the training programme before the pandemic, and the two others are elder Second Generation who just graduated from school.**





# Ukraine YSP Meeting



**From 17 to 19 July, YSP organized a meeting in Kyiv for 14 youth leaders who have different responsibilities in witnessing, taking care of public youth activities and programs for elder Second Generation. They analysed youth activities for the first half of the year, reported about each direction and defined a plan for the second half of the year. The three-day meeting also included an outdoor programme.**



# Special Outing in Belarus



In Belarus, children from 7 to 12 years went on a two-day hiking trip with their fathers. It was very enjoyable for the fathers and children to spend time together while enjoying the beauty of nature. The 23 participants were not only hiking, camping and enjoying outdoor cooking, but also cleaning the areas in which they were walking. The children also offered special prayers for True Mother and for their own mothers.



# Seven-Day Divine Principle Workshop in Romania



From 17 to 23 July, a seven-day Divine Principle workshop was held in Moeciu de Sus in Romania's Transylvania region. This was the first workshop programme since the COVID pandemic began, and three new guests graduated.



# Children's Camp in Riga, Latvia



**From 8 to 11 July, a special children's camp was held in the Peace Embassy in Riga for younger Second Generation. The title of the programme was "Purity of Heart and Body Is God's Gift." The programme included Divine Principle lessons for children, games, and sightseeing, as well as an Il Shim Ceremony for two slightly elder children.**



# Latvia – Annual River Cleaning



**Vadims and Katia Bolshakovs**



**Latvia NL Janis Vjaters**



**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Gauja River cleaning project led by our Latvian brother Vadims Bolshakovs with 52 participants on 3 July**





# Agreement Between Moldova FFWPU and the Chisinau Municipality



**The director of the Department of Children's Rights at the Chisinau Municipality signed a collaboration agreement between his department and FFWPU Moldova, represented by Andrei Esanu, related to child protection and education.**



# CheonBo Events



**On 10 July, CheonBo Events were held in Estonia (L) and Moldova.**



# Two-Day Workshop in Sofia Peace Embassy, Bulgaria



**Michaela Sergeeva**

**On 3 and 4 July, a two-day Divine Principle workshop was held in Sofia. Several guests attended the lectures at the Peace Embassy, where the lectures were presented by Michaela Sergeeva and Rumiana Russeva. Others joined online, with a total of ten guests completing the programme.**



**Rumiana Russeva**



# Eastern Europe Participation in July ILCs



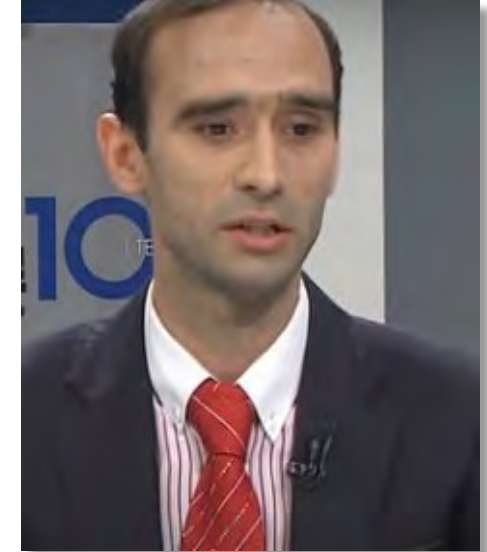
**Archpriest Vladimir Fedorov, Russian Orthodox Church**



**Natalya Karpova, Khasan Municipal District, East Russia**



**Ali Lacej, President, Albanians Peace Council**



**Andrei Litvinov, teacher in Seoul, native of Ukraine**



**Dmitry Samko, President, UPF Moscow**



**Konstantin Krylov, Sec. Gen. UPF E-Europe**



**Maria Nazarova, Director, UPF Russia**



*Thank You!*