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4th World Peace Tour Comes to Santiago, Chile

Rev. Andre Jackson and Rev. Carlos Torres, two dynamic pastors and AFPs from California arrived in Santiago on Dec. 8th. We were delighted to receive them, but it was the worst possible time, since it was a national holiday (Day of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary) and the beginning of a long holiday weekend when everyone leaves the city and heads to the beach or the mountains. For this reason, we were very worried whether the events we had planned for the following day would be successful.

The first of two events started at 11:30 am on Saturday, Dec. 9th, at our Family Federation headquarters in downtown Santiago. In attendance were 120 guests, including members of CARP and other young people, together with members of our national WFWP chapter. The second event began at 6:30 pm in a conference hall at the National Teachers' Center, also in downtown Santiago, with 60 people in attendance.

Pastor Sergio Castillo, an elder member in Chile and former church president, did an excellent job at Master of Ceremonies for both events. The programs began with a beautiful Christian song by a young singer named Jemima Chavez. This was followed by an invocation by Wilson Ruiz and words of greeting from Rev. Thomas Field, international director of the UPF in Chile. Then came the main part of the program with the reading of Father Moon's speech, where our expectations were more than surpassed by both pastors.



Master of Ceremonies, Pastor Sergio Castillo

FFWPU President Wilson Ruiz giving the Invocation

Rev. Thomas Field greeting the audience

Of course, the highlight of each event was the reading of the Peace Message.

Rev. Andre Jackson, pastor of Carriage Hills Community Church in Richmond, California, was our speaker at the morning event. As he doesn't speak Spanish, we were worried how the translation would work out. But we gave the job to our youth leader Omar Halasa, who surprised us all. As he stepped onto the stage behind Rev. Jackson, the spirit came down and transformed him into a spirit-filled evangelical preacher in perfect synchronization with Rev. Jackson! The two of them became one. With sweat pouring down his face, Rev. Jackson did not just read the speech, but rather preached it. His moving testimony to God moved everyone and tears flowed in the room. The speech was interrupted at least 30 or 40 times with loud applause.







Rev. Jackson preaching Father Moon's Speech

Rev. Jackson & Omar Halasalead cheers

CARP members with Rev. Jackson and Rev. Torres

We were honored to have Rev. Carlos Torres, assistant pastor with St. John's Lutheran Church in Long Beach, California, as our speaker for the afternoon event. This time there was no need for translation, as Rev. Torres speaks perfect Spanish. As he read the speech, he paused many times to add comments and supporting testimony, which helped the audience to grasp the content in a deeper and more complete way.



Rev. Torres giving Father Moon's Speech

Rev. Carlos Torres

Group Photo with Rev. Torres and Rev. Jackson

In both events, after the final three cheers , no one wanted to leave. Many people stayed behind to talk with Rev. Jackson and Rev. Torres, taking pictures together, getting their autographs, and even asking for and receiving spiritual guidance and counseling. As this was the last city in the 4th World Peace Tour for these two pastors who went on the entire tour we could see they felt a wonderful feeling of gratitude, accomplishment and pride.

We all did our best to embrace and care for Rev. Jackson and Rev. Torres during their time in Chile and to give our community the opportunity to share with our distinguised guests. From touring the city, to eating dinner with different groups

of members, to visiting the beautiful resort city of Vina del Mar with Rev. Jackson who stayed an extra day, we tried to make the most of our time together.

Thank you Rev. Jackson! Thank you Rev. Torres!