

## The Dominican Republic's Preparations and Activities to Restore the Nation

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*The new CARP center; Leonidas Belliard, has child on his lap.*

The providence in the Dominican Republic in the last two months has focused on three important areas, opening a new CARP center, establishing a training center and conducting character education in schools. Thanks to the enthusiasm and determination of Rev. Dae Hee, Hong our special envoy, we could open a new CARP center next to Universidad Autonoma de Santo Domingo (UASD), the main university in the Dominican Republic. The center has a living area and space for education.

Japanese Cheon Il Guk missionaries and some second-generation members are living in an apartment and witnessing every day. Mr. Bernardo Cruz, a blessed member and father of three, and Mrs. Tamara Gomez, a second-generation member, are national directors and leaders of CARP. They accepted their appointments to this holy mission recently.

Students come by group, but the main program is one-on-one teaching. Already we have twenty-five students studying the Divine Principle at an advanced level. Our goal is to have fifty new core members by next Foundation Day.

The most important thing is for the students to have a very good impression of the Divine Principle. The members, who did not have a good system for witnessing before, experience reinvigoration every day in the witnessing program.

Right now, we are in a forty-day witnessing program to develop the CARP center. Members formed groups of six families each and are fasting twelve hours a day, offering forty bows, devotedly doing Hoon Dok Hae and praying. Each team goes to the UASD every day from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm to invite students to visit the CARP center. The main goal of this witnessing condition is for each person to commit to and care for one candidate until the person becomes a member. In addition, we are preparing a seven-day Divine Principle workshop in December for forty new students.



*The plan: True Parents is at the top; the cabins will feature locally grown wood*

## **Harmony Farm Training Center**

Headed by our special envoy, Rev. Hong, all the Dominican members are working to establish the Harmony Farm Training Center in Piedra Blanca for international training and education as the Center for Peace and Harmony. True Mother donated money for the purchase of this farm in February 2015.

The vision of this center is to train and educate future leaders. We hope that these leaders will guide this country and that they develop the capability to work on an international level. Therefore, programs held here will contain elements that cover character education based on moral values, Divine Principle lectures and workshops, until we can confirm the virtue of the participants.

Until now we have been longing for a training and education center which could inspire hope not only to educate youth to become future leaders in the nation but also to be a place where we could teach members how to be financially independent. We wish to inculcate skills in how to earn money through fish farming, agriculture, cattle rearing and more. Our member's economic situations are difficult. Thus, we hope to provide them the opportunity to work together and gain prospects of making a better living while working for the restoration of the Dominican nation and accomplishing heavenly tribal messiahship.

### **The project vision**

Our focus is on building additional infrastructure at the education center for Divine Principle and educational workshops, on the same farm, with wood from locally grown trees. This construction will provide spaces for education, administrative offices, a dining room, bathrooms, a storage room, a kitchen and a leisure area on the second level.

At the top of the property, we plan to build a house for True Parents, which will contain special spaces to teach and educate prominent figures, bedrooms, a special prayer room and a place to meditate and reflect. We will use this building for special guests such as ambassadors for peace, dignitaries and international visitors. The main attraction of all these buildings will be the natural wood used, the pure air and the view of the cordillera toward the valley.

We will dedicate a large area to the construction of cabins to accommodate eight to twelve people, for families and groups attending seminars and workshops. We will build five twelve-person cabins and five eight-person cabins to house a hundred people. These cabins will follow the same model of using natural wood, which will provide an unforgettable atmosphere for sleeping and an incomparable overall experience.



*Home group participants*



### **Moral instruction**

On this September 12, UPF Dominican Republic founded the School for Character Education. The board, made up of five prominent teachers, started its first program called the "Diploma of Character Education," after five months of hard work. Twelve participants enrolled in this program, which began September 12 and will end on November 27. We have dedicated this program to cultivating professional teachers, especially in orientation areas. Included in the twelve participants are two school directors. The School for Character Education is an academic institution designed with the purpose of preparing educators to teach moral and ethical values to their students based on universal principles. When applied to human conduct, these principles are capable of producing a gradual change in daily behavior. The graduates of this character education course will be able to embody these values and practice them with their students, resulting in substantial improvement in the quality of life in the educational institutions where the educators work.