

Belarus Holds First Generation Blessing Seminar

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More than 30 people from 11 nations attended a Blessing education seminar for First Generation members, held at the Belarus workshop center at Korolevo.

The three-day seminar began right after the New Year's celebrations, on January 3. It was led by Franz Kerschbaummayr and his wife, Patrizia Olivero, national messiahs to Belarus, who recently were given the responsibility for First Generation matching and Blessing in Europe.

The participants came from Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Lithuania, Georgia, Germany, Moldova, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Poland and Romania.

The seminar explained the meaning and value of the Blessing. Emphasizing the change of blood lineage through True Parents, the presentations showed how God has worked throughout history to purify the seed and the womb.



The lectures were accompanied by a joyful family evening, deep sharing by elder blessed couples, and many deep personal talks including confessions.

Some participants came with their potential match, and during the workshop they became very uplifted and inspired about their match. Some came with their spouse to whom they had witnessed, and we could see that in spite of any differences of personal beliefs, they all felt very inspired about the Blessing from True Parents. We strongly felt that the time has come when True Parents can embrace all their children in the world, and also that the culture they establish is very attractive to the original mind of all people!



On the last day we had a profound presentation from Eastern Europe President Jack Corley on blessed family life. He sincerely testified especially to the brothers how to take care of their wives following True Father's example.

We are deeply grateful to the warmhearted Belarus community of blessed families, who poured their hearts and efforts into hosting the workshop! They were also a source of inspiration for the participants.

We concluded our seminar by joining the Belarus members' project for the local community – a New Year's celebration and performance for local children with their parents. Our participants lifted the spirit really high, embracing those children and playing with them! It felt like they really joined our program and we became one. Belarus families were inspired and asked to have such workshops as often as possible.

We are really grateful to our True Parents for the incredible love we all received and for our big world family they are creating!



Some reflections from participants

From Romania

It was helpful to meet again with brothers and sisters and realize that we are one big family and that no one is alone in following True Parents. I realized that I am responsible for my Blessing. Now I will make things work for the happiness of the family.

I have every reason to trust the matching because God is guiding my elders who are responsible for this mission. I want to be able to love “at least this one person” with True Love.

Right now I believe I am not ready to receive the matching. There are still habits I want to remove, and besides I want to dedicate myself to witnessing activities in Romania in 2019 and then join the matching and Blessing in 2020.

The blessed families I have met here were a great example, so I feel a lot of hope. I know it will be difficult, but it will be possible if I truly want the Blessing. Thank you for all your love and guidance!

From Russia

My deepest realization during the workshop: The Blessing is very deep and wise!

I understood that the Blessing is not only for me but it is a very big responsibility. Blessed families should be an example.

We should create families for higher reasons than just our happiness.

I understand that this is the kind of education the world needs, so I want to share this truth with my relatives and family.

First of all I'll make myself free from the weight of the past (solve my childhood trauma and work on relationships with my parents). Then I want to live a more conscious life. And I will invest more to serve God.

Before I came to the seminar, I was very worried. I did not want to hear anything about the Blessing, but the seminar changed my motivation, so I am thinking less of myself in this respect. I realized that I need to grow and seriously think about the Blessing. The seminar gave us very good education.

From Russia

My deep realization during the workshop was that I need to trust God to change my lineage, because God sees original potential which can be expressed through the families, children. We cannot change ourselves, since we are the fruits of a huge fallen history.

I really liked the testimonies of blessed families about their family course with God—the way they could open their hearts and change their attitude toward each other. What it means to be a God-centered family, what the ideal family is. It was interesting and moving to hear.