

**Report from Heavenly Africa for February 2023**

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**Vigil For Victory In Côte D'ivoire, IAYSP and Youth Ministry 2023**



The Youth and Students for Peace (YSP) in Côte d'Ivoire hosted its first vigil of the year on Friday, January 27th and Saturday, January 28th at the Cocody headquarters in Abidjan. With a new concept in mind, the "Adoration Moment," the event aimed to reignite faith in young brothers and sisters. A total of 49 participants were in attendance.

The event began with a review of the previous year's activities of sister associations, YSD and IAYSP. The attendees were then treated to a Hoon Dok Hae session with words from the CSG that were chosen meticulously to fit the context. The Adoration Moment followed, with attendees participating in songs of adoration and prayer. Attendees were moved to tears, and it was evident that the good spiritual world was present. The experience was very positive, and the testimonies were uplifting. With strengthened faith and dedication, YSP started the new year with good energy.

**UPF Côte D'ivoire: Reconciliation Between The Populations Of Two Neighboring Villages**



UPF-Côte d'Ivoire held a meeting on February 4, 2023, at the Public Primary School of Koukroutiè-Zagbla, with the aim of reconciling the populations of the neighboring villages of Koukroutiè and Zagbla, who had been in a land dispute for over 22 years. Although several attempts had been made to resolve the issue since the dispute began in 2001, no success had been achieved.

The ceremony began with a prayer by religious leaders of both villages and a talk by the two village chiefs. The Mayor of Botro then called for peace between the two villages, and the organizing committee, a special delegation, and the Vice-President of the Bouake peace council reminded the youth of the values and attitudes needed to maintain a peaceful and friendly environment. The Chairman of UPF, represented by the General Secretary, Mrs. Lorette ELIAS, gave a speech on conflict resolution, living together, universal principles of peace, and the culture of true and lasting peace in society. The villagers received these messages positively.

After the speeches, solutions were proposed for both villages, and with the input of UPF and the authorities present, an agreement was reached to settle the land dispute.

**Benin: Hyo Jeong CheonBo Great Works**



In the Togbi Tribe in Benin, the CheonBo Great Works were held with 79 participants. These included blessed families of the tribe, new members who had completed a 21-day seminar, and second-generation children of the tribe. With absolute faith, they sang and prayed fervently for their ancestors, creating an uplifting atmosphere. We thank True Parents for this grace.

After the Chanyang session, the participants testified to feeling a newfound sense of spiritual freedom. The seminar concluded with words of encouragement and motivation from CheonBo Couple Togbi Jude and his wife.



**WFWP Ghana Marks International Day Of Zero Tolerance For Female Genital Mutilation**



In 2003, the United Nations declared February 6th as the INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ZERO TOLERANCE FOR FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION. This year, the Women's Federation Ghana commemorated the day by conducting an outreach program on character education, which was targeted towards both male and female students. The primary objective was to educate the students on the dangers of female genital mutilation, as well as the risks of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections.

The talk was accompanied by visual aids, such as flip charts, to cater to the visual learners. The WF-Ghana team, led by Mrs. Whyte (National President), visited the GOLDEN CHILD school and TEACHERS' EXPERIMENTAL school, both located in the Greater Accra Region. A total of 60 teenage students from these schools were addressed during the program. The Women's Federation team also advised the students on the importance of abstinence before marriage. At the end of the program, the students were encouraged to take a pledge to remain chaste and focus on their education until they are married.