

FFWPU Mozambique: 7-Day Divine Principle Workshop for Youth at Headquarters

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As True Mother is asking us to raise future leaders by educating our youth, we held a 7-day Divine Principle Workshop for youths, from August 13 to 19, 2023, at FFWPU Headquarters. We had 34 participants from 12 to 18 years old. Our aim was to help the participants understand True Parents' vision, have a clear understanding of purity, and keep it seriously, and all the aspects of family values, and other aspects of Divine Principle.

We could see they were inspired so much that they were even crying during lectures. Their parents, who are not members of the FFWPU, participated in the closing ceremony and they were very happy to see their children shining after the 7-day workshop. All of them expressed their gratitude to FFWPU for creating such a warm and heavenly education and atmosphere for their children. Even some of them stayed beside True Parents' picture to take a photo. It was so amazing for us to see this.



All the parents promised to send their children any time they are needed. Some parents expressed their will to become our church members; others asked to stay with their children more until the end of vacations. Parents contributed by bringing food such as cake, juice, etc. during the closing ceremony. The closing ceremony became a big celebration for everybody. Parents enjoyed the performances of their children during the event.

Parents were saying that in the beginning children didn't want to come to this workshop and now they are surprised to see their children do not want to go back home. Children enjoyed this workshop, and they want to come back for the 21-day workshop in December.

In Mozambique, we are facing a real immorality crisis in youth especially aged 12 to 18. Many youths are involved in alcohol, drugs, free sex, crime, etc. at such a young age. Parents are crying in pain looking for real solutions to save their children. Our society does not have solutions. Only True Parents' vision can solve this.

The Parents who came to the closing ceremony were deeply grateful and are committed to sending their children to our next education programs. They said they would share about this workshop and its impact on their children, with other parents in their community.

For this reason, we are quite sure that on our next holy days, we will have many youths who wish to be educated here at the HJ Peace Center in Mozambique. We feel so deeply that truly the time has come. Substantial Holy Spirit has been working in Mozambique. Thank You our beloved True Mother.

Another wonderful moment was when the children did a full bow to their parents. It was a very touching and emotional moment, especially for their Parents, and they expressed their gratitude.

Reflection

Patricia Hino - From Japan Who Attended the Closing Ceremony Via Zoom

Congratulations Mozambique. I had tears as I watched this ceremony. The officiator, program director, and soon-to-be-awarded graduates wore the shawls of those receiving blessings.

Before receiving their awards the parents were lined up and offered full bows then a word was given by representative parents. I can only imagine their pride and gratitude as I myself who was raised so carefully by True Parents felt too.

Then the graduates were awarded their certificates by a loving and proud Rev. Paluku Mulekya. I was honored to offer words of congratulations together with dear loving Portuguese speakers. I lamented having ignored learning the language of the neighboring country of my birth.

Then the celebrations began with dances well-choreographed that would make any African so proud. It was harmonious. young men and young women danced in their respective teams. We were treated to individual bodies in harmony no fallen self-centered gyrations just harmony.

Although it was after midnight I couldn't sleep feeling the light of filial heart in our African youth. True Mother found it the needle in the desert storm.

Grateful to all those who are supporting our True Mother's hope.

