



# Northeast Region Newsletter

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## Peace Road 2015

### Completion of Peace Road in Russia

From July 23<sup>rd</sup> to August 12<sup>th</sup>, The Peace Road project in Russia was held. It started in St. Petersburg, and was completed in Vladivostok. The entire route of 12000 km and 12 cities was covered by a car with three pilots. On the way through many Russian cities dozens of participants supported the tour by motorcades, bike rides, marathons, festivals, sports and cultural events and gatherings. Numerous local media covered the tour in television and newspaper reportages. Peace Road participants everywhere promoted the idea of True Parents about the International Highway as a practical way of establishing peace in the world and destruction of borders, and of the unification of North and South Korea.

On August 3<sup>rd</sup> Peace Road tour arrived in Novosibirsk. Bike ride, post card presentation, and press conference were conducted.



to team bread and salt and Far East delicacy - caviar. August 12<sup>th</sup>, Vladivostok. It was finish of Russian part of "The Peace Road" project. There was a meeting, city tour, conclusion of "Flowers of Peace" action. Regional president Rev. Chung led a conclusive prayer meeting.

August 5<sup>th</sup>, Baikal. Baikal Summer Program participants greeted Peace Road tour near Slyudyanka.

August 10<sup>th</sup>, Khabarovsk. The capital of Far East welcomed guests with hospitality. NGO activists and Women's Club "Friendship without borders" offered



After completion of the Russian stage of Peace Road in Vladivostok, drivers with a car on August 20<sup>th</sup> travelled in Donghae, South Korea by ferry and then to Pusan. Russian Peace Road participants met with Korean and Japanese Peace Road bike riders in Pusan. On the way to Seoul NER Peace Road participants joined Peace Road bike rides and led them with a car with Russian and Peace Road flags streamed.

On August 27<sup>th</sup> in Seoul, NER Peace Road pilots participated in The International Symposium for Advancing World Peace and Korea's Unification held at the National Assembly of Korea, and dedicated to the completion of World Peace Road.



## Russia

### Baikal Summer Program

Summer Education Program at the Lake Baikal was held from June 2 to August 27. The purpose of the program was spiritual growth of the participants through living communication with God, and preparing participants for future programs and the MFT.



The program started in Irkutsk, with a three-day DP seminar, after which followed two-week fund-raising practices in Irkutsk and Ulan-Ude. Participants learnt to proceed to the end and keep in touch with God. Brothers and sisters making every effort achieved good results.

Participants climbed the Peak Cherskogo in Slyudyanka, where during four days, they repaired the path and built a bower. Then the participants went up to the mountains for a special programs on spiritual guidance, combined with prayer. They made trips to local natural attractions, visited the waterfalls

and the Heart Lake. For five days they were preparing for a hike to the top of the mountain, to make there a covenant with God. At the top of the mountain, brothers and sisters vowed to commit their lives to serving God.

On the third stage of the program, brothers and sisters went to Yekaterinburg, where for three days witnessed about the Principle in the streets. Brothers and sisters got even more united; they have gained experience of witnessing and working with people, so that through this they themselves came closer to God. Finally, there was a 7-day workshop that was attended by two new guests.

### 21-day Divine Principle workshop

From July 27 to August 16, in Moscow, in the seminar center "Malakhovka" there was held a 21-day workshop on fundamentals of the deep teachings of Rev. Sun Myung Moon - the "Divine Principle." The program was attended by 16 participants, 11 of them — for the first time. All were deeply moved by the Word of God. During the workshop, there were no ethnic borders. Among the participants were representatives of four countries - Korea, Russia, Ukraine and Kazakhstan in age from 18 to 45.



Through lectures, sports events and evening programs, brothers and sisters were able to open their hearts and better understand our Heavenly Parent. Some of them, for the first time, tried to pray and realize the depth of His heart. On the last day, during the banquet, many admitted that this seminar has changed their life, filled it with meaning and inspired them to assume certain obligations. After the seminar, all expressed their determination to follow the path paved by our True Parents, and bring about the Three Great Blessings in their lives.



## Mongolia

### The First Special 40-Day Devotional Condition, Jun 18-Jul 27, 2015

The 40-Day special jeon-seong condition started on June 18, 2015 and continued till July 27, 2015. The goals of the special midnight condition (120 minutes, from 11 pm to 1 am) were:

1. Victory of Vision 2020 within the National Strategic Providence of Mongolia;
2. Devotional condition for receiving a special gift from True Mother;
3. Solving problems of our church, both internally and externally;
4. Achieving personal goals.

Every day, for 120 minutes, members sang holy songs, prayed, watched recent educational videos with Mongolian voice actors, about central figures in the God's Providence of Restoration and True Father's course, offered 120 bows as they called the names of 46 HoonDok Home Churches registered in October, 2014, read True Father's words from one of the "Eight Textbooks" recently published in the Mongolian language.

The condition of 120 bows for increasing the number of HoonDok Home Churches from 46 up to 92 within this year was accomplished by all members.

The 1st 40-day special condition was successfully finished on July 27, 2015 with 20 participants.

### The Second Special 40-Day Devotional Condition, July 28-September 5, 2015

On July 28, 2015, our members launched the 2nd 40-day devotional condition. Special attention was paid to preparation for the 3rd Memorial event of True Father's Seonghwa on August 30, 2015.

We were recalling the significance of True Father's discovery of the Divine Principle, after a long desperate spiritual battle and Heavenly Parent's denial. Recently True Mother emphasized (in her speech on June 22, 2015) the power of the Divine Principle and Multi Media impact in conveying the Principle to many people. The UC members decided to propagate the Divine Principle among many people through the Facebook. For this purpose, members recently developed "Multi Media DP, slide and video" in Mongolian language, and placed ads in the Facebook.

### Gachuurt Summer Camp for Unification Church Members

Mongolians celebrated the "Naadam" National Independence Date on July 11-13. We organized the Gachuurt Summer Camp for one month, from July 10 to Aug 10. The camp was for the UC members, especially for blessed central families; the program included many different practices and HoonDokHwe. The participants had opportunities to attend the lectures on the Divine Principle and True Parents' course.

We have recently developed the Mongolian Multi Media Divine Principle slide and video materials. There are 11 parts of video in the Mongolian language; all of them performed by professional actors.

### The Second Summer Workshop for the second generation

This workshop took place in Gachuurt training center, from July 15 to July 18. The purpose of this workshop was to get internally connected with Heavenly Parent and True Parents, and externally try to become true owners of CheonIlGuk who practice true love like our Creator, Heavenly Parent. Basic workshop programs included singing holy songs, practicing prayer life, learning the Family pledge and reading HoonDok materials.



## Ukraine

### Internalactivity

The 21-day Divine Principle workshop was held on August 3-23. This workshop was international by its character; among the participants were guests from Georgia, Latvia and Kazakhstan. Divine Principle, True Parents' course and Internal Guidance lectures were attended by 8 people. Three more participants from Ukraine joined the actionizing program in Lvov.



On August 23, we started the 5-day workshop for the Second Generation. Altogether 29 second generation children aged 7-14 came to listen to the Divine Principle, True Parents' course and Internal Guidance lectures. Children learned to follow the schedule and rules, work in a team, and apply creativity and the Principle.

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In support of preparations for the 3rd anniversary of True Father's Seunghwa, HQ members together with the Family members started the night vigil condition at the Yellow castle. Every day, from 10 p.m. till 2 a.m. groups of blessed spouses, in turn, read HDH together, offer bows and prayers.



### NGO activity

#### *UPF*

For the Ukrainian part of the Peace Road 2015 project, UPF members and volunteers took part in the motor race of 1800 km distance. During five days the participants of the action passed seven cities, walking, running and by cars.

Special and solemn part of the action took place in Zhitomir, on July 30. The action participants were welcomed by the city administration and the mayor, other officials, and mass media.

#### *WFWP*

It is already the sixth year that the WFWP becomes a partner of the Kiev city contest of talented families timed to the Ukraine Independence Day. The project was initiated by the Kiev city administration.

This year the contest involved more than 200 talented families of the Kiev city who competed in drawing, crafts, and photographing. The final took place in the Kiev City Hall, where families-participants could enjoy the entertainment program, admire the exhibition of their works, and receive awards from Kiev vice-mayor and gifts from WFWP.



## Moldova

In the month of August we proceeded with our activities in three main areas: Church, NGO and Business.

### Church activity

#### *Witnessing, Fundraising*



The local full-time members together with 4 new CIG Missionaries from Korea poured their efforts in the daily frontline witnessing activity. Every week there is a meeting with missionaries about witnessing and guests situation. Missionaries are growing, and give English DP lectures to the new guests.

Members in Moldova are doing jeonseong condition to bring victory in witnessing. One week we invited 22 new guests.

On July 25, our fundraising team of 4 people went to Slovenia for the 5<sup>th</sup> 40-day condition. The team included 2 new Church members and this was their first experience abroad.

Weekly meetings for the witnessing program:

- Monday evening — Prayer Meetings;
- Thursday evenings — Famous People Club sessions;
- Sunday morning — Sunday School;
- Sundays afternoon — Sports Club;
- Sundays afternoon — Japanese Language class;
- Sunday evenings — Movie Club Sessions.

On August 13<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> 10-day Divine Principle workshop was conducted.

#### ***Blessed Wives' Meeting and visiting Blessed Central Families of Moldova***

This month we held our monthly Blessed Wives' Meeting.

On July 18, our community of the Second Generation grew with the birth of a son in the Nadejdins Blessed Central Family.

### NGO sphere

A meeting of UPF Ambassadors for Peace was held on July 31. The main theme of the meeting was preparation for the Peace Road 2015 event in Moldova-Chisinau, on August 5.

Ambassadors for Peace shared their ideas and proposals about future joint projects with UPF.



## Lithuania

### The 2nd Generation Children Summer Workshop

In Lithuania, the 2nd Generation Children Summer Workshop was held on August 17-20, 2015, under the motto "Together we are strong", on the importance of unity.

12 children, aged 4 - 15, participated in the event, including one guest from the neighboring Latvia. The elder children (aged 13-15) took care of sports, games and creative activities. Five adults shared educational, cooking, and management responsibilities. Two babies under 2 years old were also onboard! All were quite busy; children from bilingual families were asked to translate for those who didn't know neither Lithuanian nor Russian.



Participants were divided into two teams, yet owing to rather young age of many participants, we did not encourage much competition, but rather cooperation within the teams, for example, teams took turns washing and drying dishes after every meal.

Four interactive Divine Principle lectures were given in two days; some printed materials were provided for the children to paint, make certain handmade things and take with them. On the evening of the second day, we made a campfire and cooked barbecue. Since the idea of setting goals was introduced on that day, the children shared about the goals they had set.



The last day featured closing remarks of the organizer and camp manager Aram Karagezian, Graduation Certificates and group photos. Children were happy about the camp and expressed a strong desire to have another one next summer, and for more than three days. Our goals for bringing the 2nd generation together, letting them know each other better, making strong bonds of unity, and letting them feel their identity through education and action was achieved. There is always a room for improvement, as staff we each wrote our reflections, and all lessons learned will be taken into account during next event. We are very grateful that this year we could make such a beginning for raising and educating the elder 2nd generation, because many more were born to our families over past two years, and still coming!

## Estonia

### The Peace Road 2015



The Peace Road 2015 event took place on August 22 in Tallinn, Estonia. Ten people participated in the march. They gathered at the Peace Embassy and held a launching ceremony that consisted of a short presentation about the Peace Road 2015 project, and the Peace Road 2015 Introduction video. A 2.4 kilometer march went along cobblestone roads of the Old Town. The march began and ended at the Peace Embassy. On their way the participants stopped at the War of Independence Victory Column, Linda monument – Holy Ground, Estonian Parliament, and the Town Hall Square. At the finish, they held a Peace Road Banner signing ceremony followed by a victory celebration.



## Latvia

### CARP Latvia new start

Latvia CARP has started anew on July 26 at Sunday service. For about seven years we could not promote CARP activity because of some prejudice from other people and mass media. However, we have invested sincere devotion and made condition for two years. In July we held a 7-day Divine Principle seminar and the Peace Road project in Latvia. On the foundation of spiritual victory, we have re-started CARP activity officially. On 31st July at a regular meeting, Victoria Novikova became CARP Latvia students' leader and Dr. Ando, Latvia National Leader and CARP President in Latvia, gave Divine Principle book to new members. To strengthen faith and gain experience Victoria attend the 21 day workshop in Kiev, Ukraine, and new CARP member, Byamba Ochir finished 3-day seminar, started to participate in the Sunday service and read Divine Principle every day. Latvian CARP has started again its activity from August based upon Divine Principle and sincere devotion.

