



International Family Day

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FFWPU of Moldova in cooperation with Ialoveni District Council organized on May 15 the district level conference entitled "Family and Community involved in Local Development".

About 75 people attended, including the vice president of the District Council, a village Mayor, Chief of General Directorate for Education of Ialoveni district, more than 30 social workers and others.

As I mentioned in the previous report, when we met the local administration, they expressed awareness of not having solutions to family issues and showed much openness to work with FF. So the local administration actively involved in organizing the conference by taking responsibility for mobilizing the audience and the speakers. The purpose of the speakers was to report about the family situation at district level and the problems that the district community is facing in this

field. So, representatives from the field of Health care, Police and Education offered presentations. Also, a Christian Orthodox priest spoke and attended the conference from the beginning to the end.

On the other hand, Family Federation presented its vision and successful practices from countries like Albania and Cambodia. The president of the FFWPU of Moldova, Andrei Esanu, gave an inspiring presentation introducing the idea of building model community through Happy Families Festivals and Happy Family Clubs/home groups. And he expressed the readiness of FF to offer its full support both ideologically and financially for implementing this project and lunched the appeal to choose/step up of 4 communities from Ialoveni district.

Since the event had also the purpose of celebrating the International Family Day, our Japanese volunteers prepared two beautiful songs that brought light and joy to the minds of people attending. And the local administration

offered flowers of appreciation to a few big and exemplary families living in Ialoveni.

The event was closed by a nice flashmob in which participants went out to the street telling people passing by about International Family Day and giving out balloons and other small gifts prepared by the District Council.

One more efficient aspect for creating the atmosphere was the welcoming coffee in the morning before the conference began and the tasty warm lunch after the conference ended, both offered by the FF.

After the event FF received the invitation to sign Agreement of Cooperation with the District Council of Ialoveni and with the Department of psycho-pedagogical assistance of Ialoveni district.

We think it was an important and successful event for the providence in Moldova.



