

# Northeast Region Activity Report

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## **Regional President's visit to Mongolia**





rom November 29 to December 2nd, the Northeast Regional President, Rev. Tokuno, visited Mongolia. His visit followed the Little Angels' tour to that country two weeks before, under the leadership of Dr. Bo Hi Pak. The three performances of the Little Angels fascinated the Mongolian people, and completely refreshed the image of the Unification Movement and of Korea itself in Mongolia. Even after the tour, "Abel type church" members increase little by little. It demonstrates that Abel side of foundation is going to restore with new members.

True Parents expressed great pleasure upon hearing the report about the Little Angels' visit, and gave their blessing to Mongolia during Hoon Dok Hwe at the Cheong Jeong Gung. True Father's blessing gave new hope to the Mongolian church for solving the confusion brought by the Kwak group, and for the future expansion of the Family Federation throughout Mongolia.

On the occasion of this new start, Mongolian members welcomed Rev. Tokuno and Mr. Ki Man Lee, Secretary General of the World Mission HQ. During their stay, Rev. Tokuno fully focused on establishing a new foundation in Mongolia. He held a general members meeting, and took care of members' situations. 60 members attended the meeting in our Church office, which is the only property



we have at this time. Rev. Tokuno talked personally with each local leader.

At Sunday Service, Rev. Tokuno shared his analysis of the current confusion in Mongolia. Then he proposed to hold a clear new standard, "Centered on True Parents", and emphasized what this meant. Thus, the Regional President' visit brought us True Parents' heart and grace, encouraging every single member of the "Abel type church".



# Little Angels Performance in Mongolia



#### Wreath-Laying Ceremony and Bowing Ceremony

ed by Ms. Ch. Kulanda, Vice–Minister of Education, Culture and Science, Dr. Pak, Rev. Tokuno, and Little Angels attended Wreath–Laying Ceremony for D. Sukhbaatar, a Mongolian hero who brought the independence to Mongolia on November 6. A Bowing Ceremony to Chinggis Khaan, whose giant stature is located in front of Parliament House, followed.

#### **Courtesy Call to Speaker of Parliament**

Parliament Speaker, Mr. D. Demberel, welcomed Dr. Pak and Little Angels at the House. He was deeply moved by excellent performance of Mongolian songs by Little Angels and the children's highly-educated etiquette. This news was nation-widely reported through various media and Mongolian citizens received a large impact. "The angels' genuine voice spiritually cleaned up the parliament house which tended to give an image of corruption in politics," some media emphasized. The video news by the parliament in Mongolian language are available *here* and *here*.

#### First Performance at House of Opera and Ballet

The speaker's profound impression was testified by his own attendance at the night performance of Little Angels with his wife. One of the top singers in Mongolia, Ms. T. Ariunaa, who had immediately caught the excellence of Little Angels enjoyed the performance. She had been the main singer of both GPF 2008 and 2011. In addition, many acting parliament members attended, too. The active participation of those officials headed by Speaker of Parliament with his wife outstandingly differed from the case of GPF 2011 in August where no such officials attended.

Many foreign ambassadors also gathered for the Little Angels: from Korea, United States, Great Britain and Turkey. Chinese ambassador called and apologized for his absence due to Dalai Lama's sudden visit plan to Mongolia on November 8. Korean ambassador H.E. Chong II shared significant remark; "The time of GPF 2011 in August was a culmination of Anti-Moon among Mongolian citizens. That extended to even Anti-Korea, and nationalistic people asked why Korean-oriented Moonists fought each other within Mongolia. The Little Angels, however, could eliminate all these Antis." Later on, he invited the children to lunch at the Ambassador's Official Residence.

#### Visit to Ministry of Education, Culture and Science

The Vice-Minister Kulanada invited to her ministry and let all her executive staffs welcome Little Angels and listen to their voice.

Mr. L. Balkhjav, President of UBS TV, the main media sponsor of GPF 2011, also enjoyed Little Angels performance with his wife. He shared his deep impression and surprise with the Little Angels performers. He has been working with Mongolian children singers as a famous music composer, yet could not encounter such amazing performers. He said "Today is one of my happiest days in my whole life." Including him, Ms. T. Ariunaa, and Mr. N. Jantsannorov, a famous Mongolian traditional music composer who received the medal of Little Angels.

#### Courtesy Call to Ulaanbaatar City Mayor

The mayor G. Munkhbayar urgently called by Cabinet. Instead, Mr. Ch. Bat, General Manager of Ulaanbaatar City & Head of Mayor's Office, on behalf of the mayor, welcomed the Little Angels led by Dr. Pak. He mentioned that Ulaanbaatar occupies half of the entire Mongolia, and he said, "For the Little Angels, experience in Ulaanbaatar means to experience the half of the whole nation."



#### Third Performance at Children's Palace

Many young people gathered at the palace with capacity of 700 audiences, and much more exciting response was observed than the last two days. Especially, the Mongolian songs such as "My Father" or "Our Horse" at finale deeply touched their heart. All the audience stood and an outburst of applause did not end.

After completion of the performances, Dr. Pak was awarded with "Best of Culture & Art" for significant contribution to culture and art, by Ministry of Education, Culture and Science, represented by the Vice–Minister.

Feeling Mongolian citizens' echoes of impression brought by the Little Angels' performance over the three times, Mongolia's Head of State, President Ts. Elbegdorj, bestowed Certificate of Appreciation upon Dr. Pak, and amazingly also upon every single performing child. "There ahas been no such case in the history of the Little Angels that all 32 children received an appreciation plaque from the head of state, though in many countries the head of state gave such an award to one representative," Dr. Pak addressed the audience upon their being bestowed.

The overall of Unification Movement members' participation during the performances of the Little Angels by three times is: 100 members in the Abel group; 50 Ambassadors for Peace; 50 in the Cain camp. We also welcomed 13 members of Parliament, and other government officials.

On this occasion, young members had opportunities to find the truth in the performing children's pure heart, much more clearly stand only for True Parents on the Kwak's group issues by restoring strong connections through leaders True Parents decided, and witness all Mongolians, which has been the original purpose.

The Little Angels' performance in Mongolia 2011 greatly testified True Parents' true love though it was indirectly.





#### Moscow: Completed Whole Print Process of the True Father's Autobiography Russian Edition

rue Father's autobiography book "As a Peace Loving Global Citizen" was translated into Russian language and for the first time was presented to the public on December 19, 2010. The year of 2011 became a starting year when all people in the nation (Russian population is 143 million people) received a chance to read about True Father's life. Russian HQ set up a goal to distribute 30,000 True Father's autobiography books in Russia by January 23, 2012.

During the whole year we have been constantly witnessing with autobiography, focusing not just on distribution of books but more on quality of witnessing. Blessed



families became more involved in witnessing with autobiography to relatives and neighbors, and on the streets.

On December 5, we printed the final portion of 12,000 books of True Father's autobiography. On the next day all books were sent out to local churches in entire Russia.

Actually many local churches already distributed all the books they had before. Therefore they have been eagerly waiting for the moment of printing 12,000 books.

We will accomplish the goal of distribution of 30,000 True Father's autobiography books in Russia this year.

#### **Moscow: WFWP Activities**



n November WFWP members took part in an intercultural forum "Dialogue of cultures" where we could present our WFWP ideas, goals and projects and make very good contact with representatives of different nationalities.

At the end of the program there was an international concert and the Russian Second Generation dancing group



"Angels of Peace", which was created in 2007, demonstrated their performance to the participants. The performance was very successful at this forum. The group was invited to perform at House of social organizations on the occasion of Mother's Day celebration in Russia. That concert was really international. Our group represented Russia with their Russian dance.



Nizhny Novgorod: Tolerance as a Factor of Cultural Convergence

he rich diversity of cultures co-existing in the city, and the active position of their representatives was demonstrated at the round table initiated by UPF in Nizhny Novgorod on November 13, on the eve of the International Day of Tolerance. The theme of the event ran as "Tolerance as a factor of international and interreligious interaction, and convergence of cultures in terms of globalization." Among the participants were representatives of Diasporas, religions, spiritual groups, youth and social organizations, teachers and social workers, and university students.

The event was opened by a presentation on UPF activities, after which guests were informed about Dr. Moon's vision regarding tolerance and peacemaking. The participants discussed the existing methods of solving international and interreligious conflicts; they also analyzed impediments and hidden dangers on the way to reaching the goal of intercultural interaction. During the discussion participants offered different approaches to considering the point at issue, and proposed a number of methods to overcome the existing barriers and prevent possible conflicts. In the course of summing up the results of the round table, the participants worked out a number of practical steps for realization of the expressed ideas and made plans for future joint projects.

### Moscow: Blood Donation Event Dedicated to the UN International Day of Tolerance

he UPF of Russia held a series of events dedicated to the UN International Day of Tolerance this year. One of them was a blood donation event which took place in local Moscow Blood Transfusion Station Branch in Moscow's Tsaritsvno district. In the morning of November 16, 6 young people gathered at Transfusion Station Branch inspired by the ideals of tolerance and one world family the UPF stresses. There are two ways you can donate blood in Russia: for free, or you can ask to be paid for the blood you're giving, usual amount of blood drawn (460 ml or 15 oz). We insist our contacts to give blood for free out of humanistic and sacrificial views. Also according to your choice collected

blood will be directed, which means it will be used for a particular recipient in need, or allogeneic and will go to the Moscow blood bank.

The staff of the Branch was as always very kind to us; especially they appreciate our giving blood for free and are usually surprised that such young people spend their morning in pursuing a good cause without looking for



anything in return. The volunteers were very grateful to the event-holder for that experience which was new for most of them. Blood donating is not a very easy thing to do since it takes your time, efforts and a little bit of pain but it surely pays you back with a deep feeling of satisfaction. Each hopes that his particular blood will be used to save somebody's life or make it a bit easier.

# Georgia

Events for the Week of Family Values and the UN Int'l Day of Tolerance



uring November 4-11, Georgian chapter of Universal Peace Federation in partnership with high school No.136 of Tbilisi initiated social programs. Georgian National Leader, Vitaly Maximov, and Konstantin Krylov, secretary General of UPF Russian chapter, held a meeting with Young Peace Ambassadors, representatives of various youth NGOs. Participants listened to the presentation on "Solving the Moral Confusion: God's Design for Human Family Life" and attended practical training of listening skills.

On November 9, UPF Georgia held a Georgian Peace Council of Ambassadors for Peace commemorated the Week of Family Values. Mr. Nodar Sarjveladze, head of the Foundation for Development of Human Resources, hosted the program at his Center. Konstantin Krylov gave his presentation on "UPF Blessing for Peace", and informed Ambassadors for Peace about recent projects of Dr. Sun Myung Moon, founder of the UPF. Head of the Georgian Peace Council, Mrs. Dalila Khorava, and other participants of the event proposed to invite the UPF leaders to the celebration of the International Day of Families that UPF Georgia plans to hold in Tbilisi in partnership with UN Office in Georgia.

In support of the UPF initiative for world peace, stable families, and international friendship, in the premises of the Youth Center of Tbilisi, a meeting followed by the action "An International Hour of Running" took place on November 13. Vitaly Maximov gave speech to the participants about the origin of the International Day of Tolerance, the meaning of family, and the international initiative "An Hour of Running". Children participated in contests, answered questions in the quiz-game about family. Altogether, there were about 70 participants who attended the program.





uring the month of November, IEF Moldova with support of UPF International organized series of presentations for students. The presentation explored the value of family as school of love and the need to keep purity in friendship between boys and girls as path to prepare for future marriage. One of our Ambassadors for Peace, Mrs. Stamatin Otilia and Mrs. Osadcii Raisa from the Academy of Science and a researcher at the Institute of Cultural Patrimony involved with these activities. Over 700 students, their parents, and teachers attended.

On November 26, we gave a presentation on "The Culture of Love and Purity for Teenagers" at the Music College "Ştefan Neaga". We gave this presentation not only to students, also to their parents during the parents meeting on the other day. Over 450 students, teachers and parents attended the short 30 min presentation. College administration was inspired by the reflections of students and teachers on presentations.

We also held a presentation "Culture of Love and Friendship in Adolescence" at the school in the Razeni village, which was in collaboration with laloveni regional administration. Over 270 students attended. They were very excited by the role play game "in search for better half (of apple)". This game introduced the benefits of purity and the need for character integrity in youth before marriage for the sake of more healthy and happier future generation to students.



## Azerbaijan NGO Leaders Promote Family Values



conference initiated by the Universal Peace Federation on "Promoting a Culture of Stable Family and Marriage" was held in the Ambassador Hotel of Baku on November 11. The head of the Azerbaijan Peace Council, ex-Prime Minister of Azerbaijan, hosted the program and moderated the conference. There were altogether about 50 participants, including representatives of state bodies, NGOs.

We also congratulate the new Peace Ambassadors who joined the Azerbaijan Peace Council. After receiving their diplomas of Ambassadors for Peace from UPF Azerbaijan chapter leader Mr. Toru Nishiwaki, they spoke before the audience of the conference.

The presentation of the recently published Autobiography of Dr. Sun Myung Moon came as a special event of the conference. The book was published in Baku, in Azerbaijan language. Ms. Elmira Mahaddinli, editor of the "Vesti Baku" newspaper, who translated the book, shared her feelings during the months of work on this project. Dr. Ahmed Mamedov, representative of the Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences, said "The history of mankind experienced many turning points. Oriental and Western Philosophies went separate ways. Now, Dr. Moon discovered a way to unify eastern and western standpoints. It is impossible for a healthy person to have sick organs. Similarly, Dr. Moon points out that there could be no peace if there are sick families in the world." Then Konstantin Krylov, Assistant Secretary General of UPF-Eurasia, gave a presentation on "Marriage and Family". Also he presented a series of lectures on Dr. Sun Myung Moon's various ideas.





n interactive Marriage and Family program took place at the Peace Embassy in Almaty on November 12. Among the 33 participants were people of three races, Muslims and Christians, different nationalities (including married couples from the African Union of Kazakhstan), representatives from the Veterans' Council, local married couples, and unmarried youth. This mixture of participants made the interactive part of the event very exciting, lively, and harmonious.

The program included three sessions, each followed by discussion. Everybody could easily relate to the themes because we all come from families and we have or will have our own families one day. The Third Session "Relationships Within a Couple" was especially interesting for married couples who are going through different stages and experiences in family life and may sometimes lack direction about how to build trust, understanding, emotional security, and friendship with each other and preserve their marriage from divorce. There was opportunity in this session to practice both poor listening and active listening in pairs, which gave insights to both sides about how to positively relate to each other and avoid unnecessary destructive, negative consequences. Everybody came to the conclusion that we need to actively stand for family values and promote marriage in our society.

At the end of the Sessions the feedback sheets were distributed to the participants to describe their reflections on the program. The program concluded by sharing a meal with opportunities to give and receive feedback.



## Belarus Chernobyl Relief Project by WFWP Japan



epresentatives of Japanese Women's Federation for the World Peace, Mrs. Yuko Nakata and Mrs. Sumie Shiotani visited Belarus on November 13–20. Japanese WFWP has been rendering sponsoring assistance to Gomel regional children's hospital for more than 10 years. This time they presented to children's hospital dosing apparatuses for intravenous injections and drop bottles.

Besides this project Japanese women are realizing one more charity project together with Belorussian Institute of Radiation Safety (BelRad). In Slavgorod, one of the Belorussian regions suffered from Chernobyl disaster, they



are sponsoring scientific researches and dispensation of special food preparations (pectins) that remove radionuclide and make pupils' bodies free from radiation. During the visit to Belarus, representatives of WFWP concluded a treaty to include Chechersk, one more Belorussian town that suffered from Chernobyl disaster in the project. Mrs. Shiotani shared in her interview that she has a strong desire of Japanese mothers, who went through disaster at Fukushima nuclear power plant in March 2011, to render assistance to Belorussian children suffered from Chernobyl disaster.

# Ukraine DP Workshop for Peace Ambassadors

e keep holding Divine Principle lectures for our Ambassadors for Peace. Their interest toward True Parents' words is growing lecture by lecture. After the lecture they shared their impressions. They expressed the desire to unite practically with their organizations' efforts and fulfill the ideal which is described in the Divine Principle.





Latvia Marriage and Family Seminar



n November 6, UPF Latvia held a seminar on "Marriage and Family — School of Love". Among twenty participants were Latvian Ambassadors for Peace, the director of the Humanitarian Pedagogical Centre in Latvia, Ms. Irmine Pobernaka, and a film-director Mr. Arnes Aknelaus. There were two presentations given by Janis Vjaters: "Family as a school of love" and "Blessing Movement for Peace", about the value of intercultural marriages and the Founder's vision for peace centred on family. Some participants were introduced to the UPF vision for the first time. The lectures were followed by a live discussion about how Dr. Moon's philosophy could be applied in Latvia.



#### Lithuania Commemorative Meeting on Family and Marriage Issue

PF Lithuania organized meeting in the city of Panevezys on the theme "Significance of the Family for the Individual and Society". Using the contacts from the previous years of activities with local organizations, we held this meeting in the hall of district municipality building. The meeting started with a prayer by bishop, one of the participants. Although the meeting was humble, some respected people from the local town attended. One lady from city council gave welcoming remarks, NGO leader which is involving with youth from difficult family circumstances as well as representatives of national minorities association shared their works.





## Estonia UN Universal Children's Day Event



ince October of this year some families started gathering our Peace Embassy for their Sunday School, and Universal Children's Day was a Sunday this year, we decided to have a joint event with other families and their Sunday School children. It was indeed a joyful and creative event for all — including grandparents, parents and children from age three to about 14. The program included an introduction to UPF and its support of UN initiatives, dances and songs by children, creative painting and drawing, gymnastics, and more. About 45 people gathered in our Peace Embassy, more than half of them were children between the ages of 3–14.