



## Ceremony to Bequeath the Holy Candles for the Establishment of the Heavenly Kingdom

Oceania Peace Embassy, Sydney, Australia, 22 April 2012



On Sunday 22 April, a Ceremony was held at the Oceania Peace Embassy in Sydney, officiated by Oceania Continental Director, Dr Dong Woo Kim, to bequeath new Holy

Candles. This was in accordance to True Father's direction conveyed by International HQ.

As True Father explained, "All blessed families must unite as one centring on this flame. In light of this tradition, True Parents' blood must be connected to them. You should connect with this candlelight and live in attendance to the heavenly family for innumerable generations. You must make sure that this candlelight is not extinguished. All the world should light this holy candle during hoondokhae time and hold a Sunghwa Ceremony. Only then can it become the heavenly kingdom of liberation and complete freedom ..."

The "Ceremony to Bequeath the Holy Candles for the Establishment of the Heavenly Kingdom" in Sydney was well attended by over 100 Blessed families and single members, with each family representative and member receiving a single candle lit from the seed candle of Dr Kim. The Ceremony included an Opening Declaration by Master of Ceremonies, Rev. Soon Teck Lim, singing of the Cheon Il Guk Anthem "Blessing of Glory," Gyeongbae and Family Pledge, an Opening Prayer by Rev. Greg Stone, an explanation of the Ceremony and the new candles by Dr Kim, followed by the bequeathing of new candles. Dr Kim gave a Benediction prayer, then Mica Camara led four rousing cheers of Eog-mansei!

Dr Kim explained that this new candle can be used immediately until Foundation Day, clarifying that it does not supersede the CheonIlGuk candle, which is the eternal candle.





These Holy Candles can be used concurrently with CheonIlGuk candles, particularly in preparation for Foundation Day (13 January 2013 by the Heavenly calendar, 22 February 2013 by the Gregorian/solar calendar) including during hondokhae and prayer time, especially when seeking Heaven's guidance.

The new candles can be fully used, and multiplied as required. CheonIlGuk matches can be used to light the candles.

Members have been encouraged to give a Gratitude Donation of \$210 per Blessed family, or \$120 for single members, to be used for a special providential purpose.







## Successful Holy Candle Ceremony in Melbourne

Melbourne, Australia, 29 April 2012



On Sunday 29th April Rev Soon Teck Lim travelled to Victoria to officiate over the Holy Candles for the Establishment of the Heavenly Kingdom Bequeathal Ceremony Program. A packed hall of Blessed families and members gathered from as far away as Wodonga to receive their candles. After the Melbourne Family Church band prepared the atmosphere with several uplifting songs, the Emcee Rev Rick McInerheney showed the DVD of True Father speaking at the first Bequeathing ceremony in Seoul church in February. True Father was so serious as he exhorted us to use the candle whenever we have hoondokhae to bring unity in our families and community.







Rev Soon Teck in his sermon reminded us that it was exactly 300 days to Foundation Day, and encouraged us to put in great effort during this pivotal time period. He used the analogy of an airplane that after it gains a certain amount of momentum is able to take off, overcoming the pull of gravity, so too we must build up our momentum with our united efforts to build heaven in our relationships, and in reaching out to God's children.

The service concluded with 3 cheers of Eog-mansei and we enjoyed a heavenly meal and a lovely atmosphere.

Report by Rev Rick McNerheney





## Holy Candle Bequeathal Ceremonies in Adelaide and Brisbane

Adelaide, 4 May / Brisbane, 6 May 2012



Holy Candle Bequeathal Ceremonies were held in Adelaide and Brisbane on 4 May and 6 May 2012 respectively. I would like to thank all blessed families involved for their sincere preparation and warm hospitality. Let us determine to accomplish God and True Parents' dream for Foundation Day. May God bless your families.



Report by Rev Soon Teck Lim





## Holy Candle Bequeath Ceremony in New Zealand

Auckland, New Zealand, 29 April 2012

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Last April 29, 2012 the New Zealand Family was so blessed to participate in the ceremony to bequeath the Heavenly Candles for the establishment of the Heavenly Kingdom. About 30 Blessed Central Families and 2 Ambassadors for Peace took part in the ceremony. The program started at 10:30am with the singing of Holy Songs, followed by a half bow and CheonIlGuk Pledge. The opening prayer was led by Peter Holdem. After the prayer a short video was shown in which True Father explained the significance of the ceremony and the Heavenly Candles.



It was a short video yet True Father conveys clearly that all blessed families should unite as one centring on the flame from the Heavenly Candles.

The video presentation was followed by the actual ceremony that was officiated by Rev Kim. Rev Kim gave a short explanation based on True Father's message that each Blessed Central Family should have this candle in their house and it should be lit during hoondokhae. Rev Kim emphasized, this candle is focused upon mainly for the establishment of the Heavenly Kingdom, centring on Foundation Day. He also made clear that the CheonIlGuk Candle can still be used and can be lit together with the Heavenly Candle. After the message, Rev Kim officiated the bequeathal ceremony, starting with the National Leader's couple and then followed by all Blessed Central Families and members. The bequeathal ran smoothly and the atmosphere was so light and happy. Rev Kim then gave the benediction prayer while everyone was seated with their candle lit. The program concluded with a group photo and 3 Eogmanseis led by Leon Pogoni.

Personally I feel so grateful to have been able to take part in this ceremony and I am so happy to receive God and True Parents' grace during that day. I hope all Blessed Central Families will really be serious in terms of how we see our lives in relation to our True Parents' guidance. Let us all be proud of our identity and move forward, full of enthusiasm for the dawning of God's eternal kingdom on earth.

God bless you all and kamsahamnida!



## The Distribution of True Father's Autobiography

Geelong, VIC & Burwood, NSW, Australia, 8 April 2012

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How are you and Happy Easter. On 8 April, Randall and myself teamed up for the first time and distributed True Father's autobiography book in Geelong city where the Apps family has been living for more than 10 years. We started around 12:00 on Pakington Street that is one of the nicest streets in Geelong. After about 2 hours, the result was 40 books distributed. We then drove to Ocean Grove and distributed another 10 copies, making a total of 50 copies. Randall gave a wise explanation about the book with page markers. The last person we talked to was MrHarrishSood who paid \$20 and showed great interest in our Interreligious movement. It was a nice memorable day and thank you for your prayer.

Report by Randall Apps &Yoshiyuki Arai





## 4-Day Blessed Children Divine Principle Workshop

Sydney, Australia, 16-20 April 2012



In the month of April, Sydney Senior High School

Blessed Children attended the Divine Principle

Workshop during their school break. This workshop is one of the first of a series of new workshops that the Australian Headquarters Church has implemented this year to support the younger and older Blessed Children of the community as they grow in their life of faith. The workshop was attended by 10 blessed children: 5 males and 5 females. Mica Camara, the Youth Coordinator, was the main presenter and Alex Okada, the youth group leader, supported as emcee for the workshop.

The workshop started from the 16th of April first with an activity to bring the youth together and have some time for fellowship and fun. This was Quad Biking which was a lot of fun as the youth, both experienced and non-experienced, were able to venture out on the dirt track and show their skills.

After that we departed for the workshop site that was located a good 1.5 hours from the Sydney city centre, near the Hawkesbury River. Arriving there just before dinner the staffing crew got together a quick meal, while the Blessed Children settled into their new lodge, which was a nice and cosy scout camp, with large grounds and hikes to explore.



The first day consisted of orientation and a round of charades to break the ice, and then we got stuck into an Introduction about the importance of the Divine Principle. The second day started off with a prayer and hoondokhae (HDH) in the morning, with the Blessed Children learning about the importance of the HDH tradition and also the value of True Parents through reading sections of True Father's autobiography. After a good dose of spiritual food to nourish our spirit, the youth were also exposed to some exercise to strengthen the body and then of course a good substantial breakfast to prepare them for the day of lectures and activities ahead. This was the general routine of the Workshop.

Despite it being a 4-day workshop, only 2-day content of Divine Principle was given, with the rest of the time being for activities and fellowship to strengthen relationships among the Blessed Children and also create a sense of belonging, which is an important part of our spiritual life. Mica Camara as the lecturer for the workshop also encouraged the Blessed Children to give their input and show their understanding of the Divine Principle, as she gave them the activity of presenting to the group some main themes from the lectures. This allowed them to learn from each other, and also to appreciate and clarify their understanding as they heard from the lecturer.





One highlight of the workshop was on our testimony night hearing from our young 1st Generation member Daniel Meadows who is now an active member of CARP and supporting the providence here in Australia. Coming from his perspective of what the Divine Principle means for him and his encounter with our movement, was very interesting for our young Blessed Children, as they could hear from someone other than their parents and elders and/or elder Blessed Children about our movement.

On the fourth day a closing ceremony was held and we were grateful to have our Continental Director, Dr Dong Woo Kim, embrace us with his presence and give some closing remarks the certificates of completion.



and encouragement to the youth and also present them with all in all, the workshop was a success, with it being supported by the Witnessing Team and CARP member Daniel Meadows as the main staff and chef. The parents that supported were Sandy Hartmann and John Von Dinklage who helped as parental figures for the workshop creating a good atmosphere. Having Mica Camara and Alex Okada as elder Blessed Children in the community taking ownership for the younger Blessed Children and supporting them in this workshop was also a great combination giving the workshop some extra value. The youth also shared their appreciation for this workshop, some even asking when the next one will be held. A special thanks to all involved to make this workshop a success and finally to our Beloved Heavenly Father and True Parents for bringing us together as One Family Under God!





## 5-Day Divine Principle Workshop for Guests

Sydney, Australia, 22-26 April 2012



On the 22 April to 26 April the second 5-day workshop of this year was held for new guests.



We had a total of 3 participants take part. Two were students from NSW who were introduced by CARP member Daniel Meadows, and one was from Queensland, Roger Hood, who was introduced by a Blessed Family member, Dr Coles.

This workshop was actually a historical workshop, as it was the first time in a long time that a 5-day DP workshop for new guests was attended by participants coming through CARP witnessing activities and also from interstate witnessing efforts by blessed family members. Since these 5-day workshops started last year, the participants mainly came from the witnessing efforts of the witnessing team and Blessed family members here in NSW. Now, however, with establishment of CARP through our founding new young members and also the mobilisation of Blessed Families all across the state, we are seeing an increase in the methods and avenues that people can be connected to the Divine Principle workshop and also become members.



The workshop was held in a new venue at the Tops Conference Centre in Stanwell Tops, NSW, about 1 hour away from the Sydney CBD. It was a great location close to the beach and mountain valley, and the new workshop site proved to be a great spiritual womb to nurture the spiritual life of our new guests.

The Divine Principle lectures were given by our National Leader Rev Soon Teck Lim, and Emceed by the Witnessing Team Leader, Mica Camara. The witnessing team and staff were the cooking and supporting staff, with CARP member Daniel on Music. This great staff combination was able to build a great family atmosphere that truly welcomed the participants and made them feel at home.

Although the schedule was tight with 4 lectures given each day, there was plenty of time for discussion and sharing in activities and exploring the environment.

Each day started with some light exercise and then some reading of Fathers autobiography. Lectures then commenced, preceded by some singing with the participants and



staff getting well involved, creating a great atmosphere. On the 4th day, the Continental Director, Dr Dong Woo Kim came to visit the site and spent some time at the workshop, encouraging the participants.

In summary this workshop was a great success. The result of the workshop was that all participants indicated a desire to continue their education process with the Divine Principle and attending the next workshop of 21-days in July. Of the students, both committed to joining membership.



Roger Hood from Queensland who had signed up membership before coming to the workshop, got a deeper level of understanding of the Divine Principle, and True Parents as the Messiah, and has committed to continue learning and to prepare himself for the Blessing. The two new student members have also joined the Sydney CARP chapter and want to be actively involved in CARP activities.

This result really has been able to give hope to all members and also the CARP team and we hope it can be an encouragement to all Blessed Family members across the nation. It shows the possibility of witnessing and sending guests to attend the HQs 5 Day Divine Principle workshop as a good step to make members.

A big thanks to the Witnessing Team and CARP members for their efforts in preparing this workshop and a special thanks to Reiko Stone and Mineh Gray for their ongoing support in witnessing activities.



## 2-Day Divine Principle workshop in New Zealand

Parnell Peace Embassy, New Zealand, 6-7 April 2012



Last 6-7 April, 2012, a 2-day Divine Principle workshop was held at the New Zealand Peace Embassy in Parnell. It was an advanced study focusing on higher lecture content. There were 3 participants and all of them had attended our Divine Principle series study last month.

Lectures were given by Adel Jamati and Julius Gicole. The Lord of the Second Coming topic was lectured and as a usual reaction, everyone was shocked to know that the Messiah is now here on earth and they recognized him right away. It was not so hard to introduce True Father as the Messiah. Although they haven't expressed that they are accepting it, they have shown their interest and eagerness to know more about him. Generally, it was a good break to conduct this workshop and I feel it has laid a good foundation for witnessing and future workshops in New Zealand. The participants are now on the path of discovering their faith and we hope we will do our best to continue to educate them to realize their true identity.





## Report from Solomon Islands

Honiara, Solomon Islands, 13-15 April 2012



### \* Activity for 13-15 April

Thank you for all your support for the providence. Here is our report of our continuous program in the Solomon Islands. Last weekend 13-15 April we have total of 12 new students. They were very inspired and promised to come back for future workshops.

Also CARP is now registered in the Campus and the CARP activities are scheduled fortnightly 2pm-5pm Sundays.

CARP president is Mrs Lydia Kuman.

Now 7 newly blessed couples have passed their first week of the 40-day separation. We have started their follow up program. One couple decided now for the wife to stay in the centre so she can participate directly in public activities. The Blessed Family Department are carrying out the program within this separation periods.

Other old guests are continuing to do their Divine Principle studies at their schedules times.

### **\* Activity for 16-21 April**



*Computer lessons*

This is our third week of April report on our ongoing activities in Solomon Islands. We did not have a new guest workshop but we do follow up activities for our internal members. There are members who joined sometime ago - now we want to guide them to directly involve in frontline activities. Half of them are from the college. These frontline activity leaders are Alpha S. (Blessed Brother), Ribby (Blessed wife) Arnold (Single Member).

Computer lessons Last Saturday they did fundraising as it is compulsory for all.



Also on 21st April we had the 7 Newly Blessed Couples Education. The topic was Education for Children. The couples are now on their 2nd week of separation and everyone is very happy and sharing their inspiring testimonies about their experiences.

On Thursday 19 April, afternoon Chris Bokabule introduced computer lessons for Centre members.

We also have Family School Clean up of the Kindergarten (New Hope Academy) on Saturday 21 April. The second generation helped to collect stones for the surrounding.



*Education for Newly-blessed Couples*



*Centre Members' Fundraising*

**\* Blessing Ceremony**



*7th April, 7 Couples attended the Blessing Ceremony*



*Blessing Cake Cutting*



*Offering Flowers*



*Couples signed the marriage certificates*



**\* Blessed Family Department**



*B.F.D helped collecting stones for the Kindergarten (New Hope Academy)*

**\* CARP Leaders**



*Mrs Lydia Kuman, President of CARP Solomon Islands*



*Arnold Fika, Panatina Campus Leader*



**\* Amazing Grace School in Burns Creek**



*They have 60 children for kindergarten and 70 for primary school (class 1 to 5) students studying there.*





## Photo Report from Samoa

Apia, Samoa, April 2012



*1-day and 2-day Divine Principle workshop for Lamauta&Apineru*



***Inauguration of Unification Church in Magiagi, Apia. Tong Il Moo D*** Photo0052 ***working at National University of Samoa.***



***Witnessing to True Parents at the Fiji Airport enrooted from Sydney to Apia and earlier in the year from Apia to Seoul. Long Layovers give an opportunity to talk and give Father's Autobiography books. Books given to Mr. Lameta, former Manu Samoa and Otago rugby player now a policeman in Carson city, Los Angeles visiting Samoa briefly for family matters. Also to president of Muslim League in Fiji, Mehrab Shah, Nasea Kyla Mosque, Labasa. Also gave a book to American Samoa Ministers from Vaiola Village who attended our conferences in USA.***