

FFWPU International: Award Ceremony for the Churches with the Best Growth Worldwide

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Cheon Mu Won Award Ceremony for Churches with the Best Growth Worldwide
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The event brought together 412 participants from 27 regions across five continents. Attendees included continental directors, vice continental directors, regional directors, vice regional directors, and national leaders, participating both in person or online.

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The awards ceremony, themed 'Internalization through Pastoral Work and Witnessing,' was held to recognize and encourage field pastors who have achieved significant church growth through dedicated witnessing, in alignment with True Mother's emphasis on expanding the Cheon Il Guk environment. The ceremony celebrated the results of witnessing and pastoral care efforts led by Cheon Mu Won, honoring churches with exceptional achievements. The event featured the presentation of awards, testimonies from recipients, and an opportunity for all to reaffirm their commitment to meaningful progress. Ultimately, the ceremony served as a launching point for further growth and advancement.



① Central Administration Chief Director Lee Cheong-woo delivering welcoming remarks ② Participating leaders offering congratulatory applause ③-④ Pastors of churches with outstanding growth in various countries participating online

The award-winning churches were selected based on objective, quantitative analysis of four evaluation criteria - regular membership, worship, tithing, and witnessing - using the global church management database that was fully implemented last year. This is the first time that an awards ceremony has been held for the approximately 1,000 FFWPU churches worldwide.

The pastors in the field who have devoted their lives to pursue the will of True Parents were deeply moved as they felt the concern and attention of the Central Headquarters and the direct love of True Mother. Notably, the opportunity given to write letters directly to True Mother brought tremendous grace.

Thus, the award ceremony was more than just an external event; it was an opportunity to make a practical and substantial connection between True Mother and the global mission field, while also providing a platform to announce the full-fledged start of life in the kingdom of heaven on earth that True Mother has identified as our main focus after the Entrance Ceremony.



Missionary Countries Around the World Strengthen their Resolve to Expand the Cheon Il Guk Environment

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Chief Director Lee Cheong-woo of Cheon Mu Won's Central Administration centered his message on True Mother's words, emphasizing the need to expand the Cheon Il Guk environment, the significance of the organizational restructuring following the Entrance Ceremony, and the importance of achieving both qualitative and quantitative church growth through pastoral care and witnessing. He declared, "We are now living in the golden age that our Holy Mother Han, True Mother, has opened for us with her blood, sweat, and tears," and explained that True Mother wishes to remember the name and achievements of each of her children - even in the spirit world. Furthermore, he elucidated the significance of the Cheon Il Guk Award Ceremony that honored long-serving members, the presentation of special holy items, and the preparations for the Hanju Hyodongwon (Hanju Hall of Filial Service and Character), located next to the HJ Magnolia Medical Center, which is being developed to honor and pass on the achievements of our members, earnestly urging all attendees to become proud and victorious leaders and pastors of Cheon Il Guk.

Following the welcome address, the awards ceremony commenced. Gold Awards were presented to two Malaysian churches in the Heavenly Asia-Pacific continent for achieving 100% or more of their targets in all four evaluation categories - with one church nearly doubling its worship attendance rate. Silver Awards were conferred on two churches in the Philippines and one in India for meeting targets in three of the four categories.

Special Awards were bestowed upon five churches in the Heavenly Africa continent that demonstrated outstanding growth in one evaluation criterion, with the DR Congo and Côte d'Ivoire churches exceeding their tithe targets by more than tenfold. The ten awarded churches expressed deep pride and were profoundly moved by the immense grace and direct love of True Mother.

The award ceremony served as a pivotal moment that both honored the tireless efforts of churches worldwide and galvanized a renewed determination to take a bold new leap forward in expanding the Cheon Il Guk environment.

Churches Recognized for Outstanding Growth

Gold Awards: Heavenly Asia Pacific Continent / Malaysia Headquarters Church and Penang Church (Malaysia)

Silver Awards: Heavenly Asia Pacific Continent / Cebu Church (Philippines), Iloilo Church (Philippines), New Delhi Church (India)

Special Awards: Heavenly Africa / West Abidjan Church (Cote d'Ivoire), Butembo Church (Democratic

Republic of the Congo), Pointe-Noire Church (Republic of the Congo), Lubumbashi Church (Democratic Republic of the Congo), Brazzaville Church (Republic of the Congo)



Gold award recipient Lai Peng Kyeong, Pastor of Malaysia Headquarters Church

Testimonies from Pastors of Outstanding Growth Churches



Gold award recipient Ng Shu Lin, Pastor of Penang Church, Malaysia

Gold Award / Pastor Ng Shu Lin, Penang Church, Malaysia

Our dearest True Mother, our beloved Holy Mother Han, Standing before you today, our hearts are overwhelmed with emotion. We are not worthy of this moment, yet we are here - only because of your love, True Mother. This award is not ours. It belongs to you, to Heaven, and to every single member in Penang who endured, believed, and never let go of hope.

This award is not the conclusion. It is the beginning of a new covenant - a promise we make to you today: That we will double our efforts, especially for our youth. That we will seek out every inactive member and call them home. That we will not rest until Heaven's dream is fulfilled.



⑦–⑨ Silver award recipients: Romel Pinson, Pastor of Cebu Church and Carlo Niño Bartolo, Pastor of Iloilo Church in the Philippines; and Manoj Kumar, Pastor of New Delhi Church in India ⑩–⑭ Special award recipients: Honoré Kpangui, Pastor of Abidjan West Church in Côte d'Ivoire; Papi Kambale Kamaliro, Pastor of Butembo Church, DR Congo; Milolo Moukoulou, Pastor of Pointe-Noire Church, Congo Brazzaville; Rang Wan Lubaka, Pastor of Lubumbashi Church, DR Congo; and Jean-François Ousseka, Pastor of Brazzaville Church, Congo Brazzaville

True Mother, thank you. We love you. We are your children - Penang Church, Malaysia - and we will walk with you, with absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience, until the final moment, until the

final victory.

Silver Award / Pastor Romel Pinson, Cebu Church, Philippines

I am here before you today humbled and deeply grateful for this recognition - both as one of the successful church pastors and on behalf of Cebu Family Church, honored as an exemplary Young Family Church. This is not just a personal achievement, nor is it simply a title for our church. It is a reflection of something greater: the spirit of ownership and dedication from the blessed families who make up our community.

As I receive this recognition, I also make a renewed determination: to develop even more, and to bring greater results - especially in the area of witnessing to young people. I feel a deep spiritual responsibility to multiply the fruits of our Pure Water youth. Additionally, we are focusing our efforts on witnessing to university students by expanding our youth activities and organizing meaningful seminars that can touch their hearts and connect them to the vision of Heavenly Parent and True Parents.

With your prayers and support, we believe these efforts will lead to even more vibrant growth in our church and in the lives of the young people we are reaching out to. Thank you very much, and may Heavenly Parents and True Parents bless us all.

Silver Award / Pastor Carlo Nino Bartolo, Iloilo Church, Philippines

Humble Greetings to Our Beloved Holy Mother Han, We offer our deepest gratitude for your boundless love and guidance, through which we can continue our mission and strive toward our humble goals in alignment with the will of our True Parents.

Following the Cheon Won Gung Entrance Ceremony, I found myself in deep reflection on how to lead our church toward steadfast and consistent growth. We are humbled to have been recognized and awarded for our efforts in church growth, and our members have expressed renewed commitment to support the church during this precious and pivotal time. We believe that the momentum we have gained will contribute meaningfully to the advancement of the Philippine providence.

Ultimately, my reflection is this: even in this settlement era, True Mother continues to work tirelessly.

And I, too, will commit myself to work continuously alongside her in fulfilling Heaven's Will. With heartfelt gratitude, thank you, Holy Mother Han. We love you.

Special Award / Pastor Rang Wan Lubaka, Lubumbashi Church, DR Congo

I would like to thank Heavenly Parent, True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, for this opportunity granted to us. Having witnessed the miracles produced by True Parents and by Holy Mother Han within our mission and within the blessed families, we will not limit ourselves to receiving the prize or the flowers that have come to us thanks to the efforts made and combined by all the central blessed families of the Lubumbashi mission, but also wish to reiterate our commitment and determination to serve and provide even greater efforts to bring concrete results to our True Mother, who never ceases to strive body and soul for the restoration of all the people of the world.

True Mother can count on us, she can count on all the central blessed families of Africa, of the DR Congo and of the Lubumbashi mission in particular. We are determined to unite our forces around her so that victory is certain. Long live Heavenly Parent. Long live the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind.

Long live the missions of Africa, the DRC and Lubumbashi in particular.

Holy Mother Han, we love you! Holy Mother Han, *Saranghamnida!* Holy Mother Han. *Kamsahamnida!*