

Report on 15 day OSDP Seminar

10th - 25th of July - Tirana, Albania Yong Cheon Song

On July 25th the 15 days ODP was successfully completed in our training center in Mullet – Tirana. This year, the 15 day seminar was different from the past WS. After consulting with Pres. Song, we agreed to have the first week of the WS, the OSDP content and give the opportunity to everybody to receive it, even to the new guests. We were so grateful that Mr. Rainer Fuchs could arrange his schedule and teach the OSDP content to our WS. He did a wonderful job and for sure God & True Parents are proud of him. Many brothers and sisters were in tears when he left Albania. We were blessed to have Pres. Song visiting Albania and give the opening address at the beginning of the WS. It helped all brothers and sisters to focus of the content of the WS and unite with Mr. Rainer Fuchs. Then Pres. Song met with guests from each community.



After we had decided finalized the program, the condition to attend this WS was for each participant to receive first all lectures of DP in their respective centers, including Second Coming. Pres. Song himself was very much involved in the preparations of the 15 day WS. He was receiving daily reports on the progress of guests' preparations for the WS.



The capacity of our Training Center is maximum 120 beds, but three days before the WS we had 145 confirmations. We worked hard to increase the capacity of beds and dining room. Finally, on the first day of the WS we had in total 170 people in our TC, including staff. Each community worked really hard to make this number possible and each participant was prepared very well and it made it easier to manage, even though it was such a big number. Practically was not so easy since we had to eat in turns, but to our surprise, everything worked out quite well. Everybody could adapt quite easily and the content of the OSDP conquered everybody's heart. We divided the participants in 13 teams, with each team over 10 members. The content of the OSDP continued from 11 – 18 of July. Many brothers and sisters could feel the presence of their ancestors during the WS and without being aware of, many times they were in tears. Brothers and sisters, who had never prayed in their life, could feel God's heart and this changed their life. This made us realize again that witnessing is the most holy job we should do all throughout our life and never stop until all God's children are back to Him.





On July 19th around 40 participants left after receiving the OSDP content and the certificate with True Parents signature and the rest, around 130 brothers and sisters continued until the end of the WS.



The second week included lectures on Formula Course, DP contest, Family Pledge, Blessing, Life of Attendance, Tradition, Testimonies from elder members and AfPs, Prayer, Cheopng Pyeong Providence, CIG Providence and Life of Dedication. On July 20th all participants experienced 1 day FR in Tirana, Elbasan and Durres.



It is just amazing to see how the Heavenly Kingdom could be like. Everybody felt this way during the WS. Everybody was resurrected through receiving the Word and practicing among each other. We had three generations attending the WS, AfPs and parents, many young brothers and sisters and Second Generation from Albania and 9 STF members.

We are very grateful to the great work and total dedication of all community leaders, center members, kitchen staff, prayer staff, team leaders and all other brothers and sisters who made possible this WS to be a pure offering to God & True Parents.

On July 31st we expect over 60 brothers and sister to gather again in our Training Center to start the 40 Day mobilization. We are confident to establish 9 New Hope Teams which will go to each center and experience Formula Course for 40 days. They will be engaged in Witnessing, FR, DP study & lecture, service for peace activities and most importantly they will work to find their guests for the coming 15 Day DP seminar which will take place from 25th of August to September 7th. We are determined to bring victory to God and True Parents and prepare for the Foundation Day.

Please read below some of the reflections from the participants in 15 Day seminar.

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Ermir Baci, Shkodër

For me it was the first time to attend 15 day WS and it has been a very special experience which has helped me understand that this is the right way I should follow and that I should witness to each person in my family & tribe. True Father has given us the authority of Tribal Messiah and we should fulfill this responsibility. To receive the ODP content is the most important thing that could happen to each one of us. I have received many answers to my questions and I have understood that I should see people from God's point of view and from my own.

Jonida Ruçi, Elbasan

.....I have learned so many things in this seminar. I have felt God's heart and True Parents heart. I have felt their support in my challenges and I have felt their True Love all the time and especially when I needed. In this seminar I have established a strong base in my life of faith....

Besjona Gradeci, Shkodër

..... I want to share a spiritual experience I had on the 7th day of the WS, while I was feeling very ill because I suffer from a disease in kidney and lungs. That night around 23.00 I had a very deep sleep, like never in my life, and an old man and women dressed in white clothes appeared to me. I looked at them and stretched my hand to touch, but they told me that it was not the time for me to go with them. I was shocked and they disappeared. I never had such a dream in my life. Why this dream happened right now when I am searching for an answer, because the doctors have told me that I have only two more years to live.This seminar has really been a spiritual food to me. I am very happy that God has called me at the time when I had no hope anymore, no power to go on and when the tortures had suffocated me. I am very grateful for the way I have chosen to walk. I know it will not be easy, but when you believe in something, you can make it and I believe I will make it. I feel God and I talk with Him. He brings me a kind breeze through my whole body. God is One!

Jennifer Businaro, STF Korça

I didn't really know what to expect from this workshop, when I first arrived, I felt a little bit sorry that I could not bring any guests from Korça, but It was a big surprise to meet a guest I had invited to the center in Shkodra last year. I felt that God was showing me through him that we can never know how God works, but what's important is that we fulfill our part.....

Luigj Uka, Prishtinë

..... When we were told to meditate for 40 minutes, I thought it was too much, but time passed so quickly and I felt it was just 5 minutes. When I was meditating, it was quite windy and I thought "this wind is taking away all my sins" and I started to mention some of my sins. But later some drops of rain started to fall from the sky and I started to pray that the rain would wash away all my sins that the wind wouldn't take away, but it stopped raining. The next day when we had break time, the rain started and I joined joyfully the volleyball team and played until I was completely wet. I thought, yes now it is all done with my sins, but God had another chance for me. That night, the MC told us that we should write two letters, a dark letter with all the sins we did in the past and a white letter with the promises that we make in front of God and True Parents and he told that the dark letter will be burned tonight. When I heard that the dark one will be burned I felt so much released. I filled my letter in both sides and burned it away. I felt that I cleansed my sins in the WS in three stages, Wind, Rain and Fire....

Anila Muçaj, Tiranë

Even though I am a member since March 2012, in this seminar I realized that many things I didn't understand properly. This Way is far more important than I thought it was and it should be a priority in life and not just enjoy simply by attending the events. I took many notes and I'm hardly waiting to read them again and again until I'll feel capable to talk to others. The only thing that I am surprised with myself, but at the same time makes me happy, is that I came here with another mind and am leaving with another one. In my plan was only the 15 days WS, but since the first days of the WS, the map of destination changed and I will join the mobilization.....

Martin Veliu, Tiranë

Even though I had attended few 3 day seminars, I was still thinking if I should attend the 15 day WS. Now I am very happy that I did and also I am very sad because here I could understand God's pain through our lecturer Mr. Rainer Fuchs. These 15 days I have been totally in peace, away from daily problems and stress and totally united as a family where you could feel happy and everything was just perfect. But where did all this love and positive energy come from? GOD! When we receive so much from God, I ask myself if I will be able to give something in return. And here my responsibility starts and I should do something to ease God's pain.

Besnik Xhumari, Tiranë

I didn't attend WSs before and I didn't know what to expect from, but for one thing I was sure "everything I would do wouldn't be compared to the importance of this seminar". Now that the WS ended I am 100 times convinced that being here was the right thing to do and maybe the best thing that I have done in my life. I didn't ask my reason if I should come to this WS, but I went deeply in my original self and the answer was crystal clear "Heavenly Father needs you, Heavenly Father has a great plan for you and in this WS you will be trained to apply this plan and it's you who decides to be with God who needs you, or turn your back to Him. I quit my job for 15 days to attend the WS, but now I will quit it totally and follow God's plan...

S. S., Elbasan

I have been praying now for one year already every day, but I never felt God like I did on July 23rd 2012 during the prayer session. That day I understood that I wasn't serious enough in front of Heavenly Father and True Parents. I thought I could stay between God and Satan, but finally I understood that I can't. From the depth of my heart I want to stay with God. During this ODP seminar I learned a lot and found the answers to many questions. I will pray hard to keep this spirit after the WS is over and also will join the mobilization with a different attitude....

Taulant Kryemadhi, Korçë

This WS has helped me a lot in eliminating my fallen natures. I feel liberated from anger, greed, hatred etc. through the Principle I got to know myself, God and True Love. Here I could be able to establish a relationship with God. Always I have believed in God, but I've never felt like I did here. I am very happy that Divine Principle has enlightened my heart & spirit...

Marta Lleshi, Durrës

When I thought about my life, I was cold and thought that life is monotone, the same for everybody and I felt that many things from inside of me were losing. I often imagined big things, but because of the reality quickly gave up. I do not know where is the limit of my willingness to go on and fight for right things, but I know for sure that this movement has made me more optimistic and I do not see life anymore as monotone. I am conscious about the difficulties I will face when I go out of this WS and this period is decisive in my life. I made my first step and I hope to make other ones in this direction. It was a great experience and I will work to continue on this path...