

HARP Winter Workshop

“Its a brave new world with God and True Parents”

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This year’s HARP winter workshop has been very special. At first, not so many people was able to come due to family matters or schoolwork, therefore we were very concerned about the small number of participants. However, that didn’t matter because from the very first moment we were all focused and we developed a good spirit and a good environment really fast.

The team leaders, who weren’t so experienced, overcame their barriers about taking responsibility for other people and they gave their best for the sake of their teams. It wasn’t just the staffs and team leaders the ones with great enthusiasm, each one of the participants made a big effort in every activity, regardless of the type: lectures, sports, testimonies, etc.

It’s important to mention that 1st gen parents were invited to share testimonies and 2nd gen gave lectures (with some exceptions), in order to create a link between elder brothers and sisters and younger brothers and sisters and never forget about all the experiences 1st gen have treasured. This decision was made without following any particular direction but inspired by True Mother’s words about going back to the “original spirit of our church”, so the best way to do that is to invite the people that gave everything in those first moments.

It’s also worth mentioning that the prayer’s evening was very special. At the beginning the staff was a little concerned about the attitude of the participants since they didn’t seem very centered and willing to offer a deep prayer to God. We thought we had to transmit them the big importance that prayer has and no

hesitation about this being the most important moment of the workshop, a unique opportunity to offer God a heartfelt prayer inside the workshop environment. So we got a little serious and through the help of different testimonies and songs, they could all connect to God that afternoon.

After all the activities: challenge day, games, etc, I just hope they can go back home willing to apply all they've learned and being able to overcome themselves everyday. I honestly wish that we can all help each other because many people going through that age is undergoing a lot of difficulties and it's always nice to give a hand and help them out.

We are thankful to God for the amazing workshop that He gave us and we hope we can make an effort for Him and for True Parents.