

HJ Youth Academy Europe and the Middle East: 23 Young Missionaries excited to come to Europe

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On Feb 16, the day after the big celebrations, we met the seven brothers and sixteen sisters who will share the good news of True Parents and the Divine Principle in Europe over the next two years. Some of the young missionaries will arrive as early as Feb 24 in their countries: Albania, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Portugal, and the United Kingdom.

What does one say to (mainly Korean and Japanese) missionaries preparing to work in our region? From Feb 19 to Feb 22, they kick off their mission period with a workshop. I (Bogdan) will attend this program and keep you posted.

The Stories We Shared



Insoung Kwon shared some treasures from his life that brought him on missions to Europe (Romania, Belarus), South America (Brazil), and Oceania. To make a long story short, sometimes, a dead chicken is deep love. He was also involved in projects like the [Peace Cup](#) in Spain and Korea, meeting along the way a young Son Heung-min and Cristiano Ronaldo, who had just joined his then-new club, Real Madrid. He shared deeply about the attitude of service one adopts when coming to a new country, Romania in his case, not speaking any Romanian or English, to convey True Parents' heart.



Newspaper snippet of the 2012 Peace Cup. Son Heung-min, True Parents, Heiko Westemann holding the trophy. Insoung looking on (right bottom corner).

(Insoung's parents received the blessing in 1968 as part of the 430 couples. He will visit several European countries very soon. So, if you are interested in his stories, you will have the chance to start a conversation.)

Dr Balcomb gave some practical guidance: When in Europe, look into people's eyes when shaking hands or talking to them. He also conveyed what True Father told him and his classmates when the UTS graduates were sent on their new missions in 1994.

I could share with them the story of an early Universal Peace Academy (UPA) graduate, our very own Jeong-hye. She came to Europe in 2015, persevered, invested a lot here, found love, and recently gave birth to their second child. Now, she lives with her husband Antto in Vienna, leading and caring for the local community and organizing exciting youth programs at the United Nations.



It started with a mission...

Two kinds of UPA

This means 15 young teams will be witnessing in our region. This number includes 2 EMPOWER teams, 5 GPA teams from the US, and two more missionary teams from Sunhak UPA. If you don't know what Sunhak UPA is, don't worry. You can find out right now.

There are currently two Universal Peace Academy (UPA) programs. [Sunhak UPA](#) is a post-graduate (Master's) course with consecutive long-term mission placement. [Sunmoon UPA](#) or Jr. UPA are the theology (Bachelor's) students at Sun Moon University. The missionaries we met belong to the second group.

True Mother often speaks fondly of the then-young members sent to pioneer our movement worldwide. Three missionaries went together: one from the United States (or the United Kingdom), one from Japan, and one from Germany. Also, today (Feb 17), she mentioned them in a morning meeting and asked, "Don't you think I should thank these missionaries?". Then, she instructed her staff team to provide her with a list of those early missionaries. "Please find everyone working in the field. Please stay healthy."

(You can find the stories of the German missionaries in [Dawn of a New Era](#). An article on the 2017 meeting of those elders by Hilde Piepenburg can be found [here](#). Click [here](#) for a list of the 1975 missionaries.)



Through these programs, Mother wants young adults to experience mission work in a foreign country - the same heart, energy, and adventure as the early missionaries, but with better safety and more support than back then.

If you are considering joining a program, keep an open mind to what God wants you to experience and where He wants you to go. Often, it is not what we think of first. It could be Europe. It could be Korea. But it could also be the US or another part of the world. (As the Hyojeong Youth Academy blog, we recommend [EMPOWER.](#))

The main point is that True Mother encourages us to witness, witness, witness. She believes we can discover our identity and purpose quickly when we experience God working through us - turning the life of our spiritual child around.



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History and format

The **Peace Cup** was an invitational pre-season friendly football tournament for club teams which was held every two years by the **Sunmoon Peace Football Foundation**.^[1] It was usually contested by eight clubs from several continents, though 12 teams participated in 2009. The first three competitions were held in South Korea, and the 2009 Peace Cup was held in Madrid and Andalusia, Spain.^{[2][3]} Previous winners are PSV, Tottenham Hotspur, Lyon, Aston Villa, and Hamburger SV, who were the final champions.

Prize

The tournament was originally organised and held in South Korea and contested in 2003, 2005, and 2007 between eight clubs from various countries, including the Seongnam Ilhwa Chunma, which is owned by the organizing company.

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A corresponding event featuring women's national teams, the **Peace Queen Cup**, began in 2006.^[4]

History and format [edit]

Since 2003, the Peace Cup is being held every two years, the Sunmoon Peace Football Foundation invites football clubs from various nations. South Korea's Seongnam Ilhwa Chunma participates in every tournament as both the club and foundation are sponsored by the same organization, the Unification Church.

From 2003 to 2007, the Peace Cup was played between eight clubs, divided into two groups of four teams. The winner of each group qualified for the final, which was played in a single match. 2009 Peace Cup Andalusia was held in Spain, and 12 teams participated in the competition.

The fifth competition took place again in South Korea in July 2012, and four teams which had South Korean players entered.^[5] In October 2012, it was announced that the Peace Cup will no longer be held, following the death of Unification Church founder Sun Myung Moon.^[6]

Prize [edit]

From 2003 to 2007, the prize money of the tournament was approximately €2 million for the winning team,^{[7][8]} and €500,000 for the runners-up.^[7]



The trophy

Results [edit]

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Year	Host	Champions	Score ^[9]	Runners-up	Teams
2003	 South Korea	 PSV Eindhoven	1–0	 Lyon	8
2005	 South Korea	 Tottenham Hotspur	3–1	 Lyon	8
2007	 South Korea	 Lyon	1–0	 Bolton Wanderers	8
2009	 Spain	 Aston Villa	0–0 (a.e.t.) (4–3 p)	 Juventus	12
2012	 South Korea	 Hamburger SV	1–0	 Seongnam Ilhwa Chunma	4

Titles by club [edit]

Team	Champions	Runners-up
 Lyon	1 (2007)	2 (2003, 2005)
 PSV Eindhoven	1 (2003)	—
 Tottenham Hotspur	1 (2005)	—
 Aston Villa	1 (2009)	—
 Hamburger SV	1 (2012)	—
 Bolton Wanderers	—	1 (2007)
 Juventus	—	1 (2009)
 Seongnam Ilhwa Chunma	—	1 (2012)

Peace Cup



Organising body	Sunmoon Peace Football Foundation (Unification Church)
Founded	2003
Abolished	2012
Region	International
Most successful club(s)	 PSV Eindhoven Tottenham Hotspur Lyon Aston Villa Hamburger SV (1 title each)
Website	peacecup.com

Awards [edit]

The "Golden Ball" is awarded to the player on the basis of a vote taken among the media accredited to each Peace Cup tournament. There are also "Silver Ball" and "Bronze Ball" for the second and third best players respectively.^{[10][11]}

Year	Golden Ball	Golden Shoe
2003	 Park Ji-sung	 Mark van Bommel (2)
2005	 Robbie Keane	 Robbie Keane (4)
2007	 Karim Benzema	 Kim Källström (2)
2009	 Ashley Young	 Hulk (3)
2012	 Marcus Berg	 Mitchell Schet (2)

Controversy [edit]

The original name of the competition was to be **Sunmoon Peace Cup**, named after **Sun Myung Moon**, the founder of the Sunmoon Peace Football Foundation. However, after being criticized that it was too religious, the organization changed its name to **World Peace King Cup** and started preparation for its first tournament. Before the inauguration of the cup, the **Asian Football Confederation** warned that the term "world" can only be used by competitions organized by **FIFA**, and "king" can be used by competitions held by a *kingdom*.^[12]

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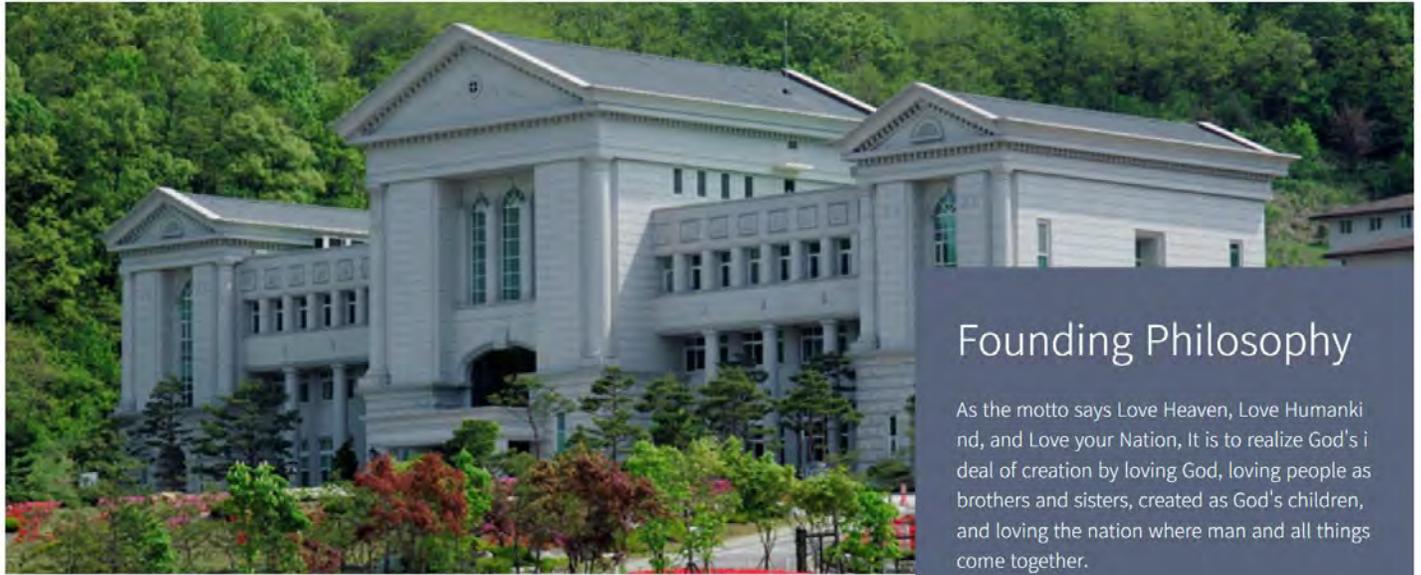
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Founding Philosophy

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Education Purpose

The purpose of this course is to educate leaders who can contribute to the construction of the kingdom by studying and teaching academic theories and scholars methods based on the founding philosophy.

Education Goal

to become a True Parent Spiritual Leader, who can sympathize with the heart of True Parents and practice the Word in order to lead mankind to the lives to the standard of True Parents,

to possess a deep understanding of God's providence and peace academic literature knowledge, 'Peace Governance Leader' who has expert knowledge in NGO management,

to become A 'local leader' with an international management mindset and practical World Peace Leadership



Department introduction

Students entering the Department of Theology will receive training to develop leaders who will lead the future of Cheon Il Guk as cadets of the Universal Peace Academy (Jr.UPA).

The department provides systematic theological education to cadets and provides various field education opportunities, such as domestic pastoral training, overseas language training, and global field training, so that they can grow into church leaders and FBO leaders not only domestically but also globally. Additionally, we provide full support for tuition, dormitory, and education and training costs during your time as a cadet.

Department activities

Through pastoral practice and spiritual development training every semester, we develop the pastoral capacity and spirituality necessary for religious leaders.

We provide opportunities to strengthen global capabilities through language education, advanced major training in the Philippines, global field training, and overseas mission programs. In addition, we hold various competitions such as the Principle Lecture Contest, Foreign Language Principle Lecture Contest, Preaching Contest, and Excellent Thesis Presentation Contest to provide opportunities to check and improve the essential capabilities that leaders must have.

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curriculum

1 Grade

Introduction to True Parents Theology (TIPS) Introduction to Purity Theology (TIPS) True Parents' Life Course
Introduction to Word of God, etc.

2nd grade

True Parents Theory Introduction to Ministry Cheon Il Guk Child Theory Cheon Il Guk Education Theory (PBL)
Introduction to Cheon Il Guk scriptures Principle lecture practice Absolute sex and love, etc.

3rd year

Establishment and operation of global FBO (start-up) world religions The only daughter theory
Understanding the Providence of Cheon Il Guk Cheon Il Guk National Theory Introduction to Religious Studies
Principles and Old Testament, etc.

Grade 4

True Parents Systematic Theology Hoondok Family Church Theory and Practice (Capstone Design)
Unification Thought Research Church Traditions and Ritual (Capstone Design)
Theory and Practice of Global FBO (Capstone Design) Religious and cultural studies, etc.

Career after graduation

Admission to Sunhak UP Graduate University Pastor of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification missionary
Employment at Tongil Group and general companies, etc.

Other features

[Operation of systematic programs to strengthen major capabilities]

The Department of Theology is a department that trains cadets of the Universal Peace Academy (Jr.UPA) to become future talents of Cheon Il Guk, and provides systematic theological education and various field-oriented competency education.

We are activating various field training programs in connection with the world headquarters and FBOs of the Family Federation for Peace and Unification around the world, and are operating systematic programs to strengthen major competencies, spiritual competencies, and global competencies.

Starting in the second year, students are given opportunities for field training in domestic ministry sites every week, and during their visits to China, they develop their spirituality and ministry capabilities as leaders through pilgrimages to sacred places and in-depth evangelism activities.

In the first semester of the third year, students are provided with the opportunity to deepen their major knowledge and improve their language skills by receiving in-depth major training in the Philippines. Additionally, in the second semester of the third year, global field training is conducted in the United States, Canada, Europe, Australia, and Asia.



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Missionaries of the Unification Church in 1975 gather in Camberg Germany

Hildegard Piepenburg
September 23, 2017



Hildegard Piepenburg

The atmosphere was electric. Breaks were forgotten and the meeting finished later than planned. It was as if time had stood still, when nineteen of the original eighty German foreign missionaries told their stories. "Just how amazing was that when we, young and full of enthusiasm, went out into the world forty-two years ago to tell people about the Messiah?" Memories and emotions bubbled forth and a youthful freshness beamed out from not-so-young faces while everybody listened spellbound -- stunned, crying and laughing.

"In this company, we could finally receive full understanding for what we experienced," commented Wilhelm Lichner, who had experienced the Russian invasion of Afghanistan in 1978.

It was in the newly renovated Seminar House Neumühle that the great adventure began in the

spring of 1975. At that time, they were all between eighteen and twenty-four years old, had only heard the Principle a few months previously and had never seen True Father....

The idea to hold the first "Alumni- Meeting" of the German foreign missionaries had been born at the Whitsun Festival. Wolfgang Schawaller and Thea Lepercq, supported by Rita Seewald and Hilde Piepenburg invited all reachable 1975 missionaries and their partners, and thirty-eight members, among them Christel Werner, the wife of German national leader in 1975, responded to the invitation. They came from all over Germany, from Austria, Switzerland, France and four even came from the United States.



Formal expressions of gratitude

After Wolfgang opened the meeting with a prayer and welcomed everyone, Christian Hausmann, as a representative of the German Family Federation, expressed deep recognition and gratitude. "Sending out the missionaries was an event of historic significance for Germany, an exemplary act of faith for such young members," he said, deeply moved. He encouraged them to write down their memories because "it is not the gold reserve that is our treasure but what matters is what we have done for our relationship with God and for the providence."

Dieter Schmidt sent a video message from Cyprus where he was participating in a CARP workshop. He stressed that it was because of the foundation of sacrifice and investment of the first missionaries that many members have joined today in these countries and large Blessings have taken place.

A three-tier cake, donated by the German Family Federation, was a visible sign of gratitude to the global

pioneers. At that point, special thoughts went out to the five German missionaries who have already passed into the spiritual world -- Fritz Piepenburg, Ulf Ingwersen, Werner Elias, Elisabeth Riedl and Herrmann Deidenbach. Many felt their presence, and that of Paul Werner, who had the heavy task of sending the young members out into the world.



Parental figures to Germany

Rita Seewald suggested producing a special book about the contribution made by Germany in sending out the missionaries. Her many memories as the then secretary of Paul Werner added great interest to the meeting. Her responsibilities then included practical preparations for the missionaries -- gathering information about the countries, obtaining visas, plane tickets and money, buying suitcases and clothes, as well as making sure that got their immunizations. "When then, at the end of April, everyone so courageous and loyal, faithful to God and young had been sent off in buses for their countries, I felt as if I had sent my own children away!" she said wistfully.

Christel Werner, the "mother of the country" at that time, shared this sentiment. In February 1975, the Werners were with the German IOWC-team in Pasadena, California, supporting True Father's speaking tour in the US. A week after the Blessing of the 1,800 couples in Korea, they received a surprise call from Japan, where True Father was holding a world mission conference and wanted to send out missionaries to 120 countries before May 1. "A Japanese, an American and a German should be sent out to each country," said Christel, "because True Father was convinced that the whole world could be united on the foundation of unity between representatives of these providential countries."

Paul would have much preferred to have sent out older, more experienced members, but they were needed for the campaigns in America and Korea. "Germany had already sent 333 members to other countries, and was almost empty," said Christel, "and for Father, other European countries, even Austria, were out of the question." This was a big shock for the Werners! How could they take responsibility to send out such young members who had hardly any experience in the church or even in life?

"We were fully aware of the possible dangers," she said "but Paul acted in the firm belief that True Father could mobilize the spiritual world and that the young members would receive God's protection."

Blind faith and courage

While the missionaries from America and Japan were older blessed members who had received inspiration from True Father personally in forty- day workshops, the Germans had a forty-day workshop in Camberg with Paul and Christel. Each one of the eighty German missionaries arrived before May 1, 1975, in their assigned countries and had to wait several weeks before their two missionary colleagues joined them.

The assigning of the countries was a very exciting and deeply spiritual matter. Several reminisced that they had received an invitation to the meeting, but had not come with any intention of being a missionary themselves, but inspired by the strong atmosphere of faith and the examples of others, they suddenly found themselves raising their hands at the mention of a certain country, and the portfolio of that country was given to them! Several brothers exchanged countries with sisters who had received Arabian lands, but in the end, each one received a country that somehow fit.

"Paul was known for his practical tips and warnings, e.g. not to walk in areas where one could be attacked, or for a woman never to be alone with a man," stressed Thea Lepercq, who was assigned to Egypt. On arrival, each person had to send a telegram or telex and thereafter a weekly report. How thankful were Paul and Christel that everyone reported soon after arrival and how the Werners prayed for the missionaries' safety and protection!



Nothing was predictable

The missionaries experienced differing situations. In some countries, the three missionaries were able to unite, but in others, "the third world war broke out," was how Ulrich Völkel described the internal conflicts in the Philippines. In some places, the church grew rapidly, whereas in others they had carry out their work underground. The climate, the foreign culture and mentality took quite some getting used to and there were language barriers to overcome. Some became very ill and experienced extreme deprivation; others experienced persecution, political unrest, war, evacuation or natural disasters. Shadowing by the secret police, interrogations, imprisonment and deportation had to be dealt with in some cases; luckily, no one came to harm.

An overwhelming point of agreement this weekend was the strong love for the respective country and its people, a willingness to pay indemnity and to

fulfill God's will for that country. Even when the length of stay in the foreign mission field varied greatly, all were deeply affected by their experience. One could feel that these members are a special group of people. They still radiate the bold spirit of a pioneer and this special faith in God and True Parents. No matter where they now are living with their families, they are still involved in the movement, spiritually mature and internally glowing through the extreme situations and experiences.

"God was so real and True Parents so close," Friederike Buczyk, pioneer in Sri Lanka summarized it for all. In the end, for her, only gratitude remains. "Even when I was often traveling alone through Asia, I always felt protected and carried by True Parents' prayers and love. I was given so many blessings; I received much more than I gave."

Marianne Irwin, missionary for Nicaragua, ended with words of encouragement to all: "Record your experiences for posterity!" She herself has just completed her autobiography, which contains many deep experiences with God. For her it is clear. "They are not our own experiences and deeds, but those of Heavenly Parents and True Parents; we went out into the world as their representatives, therefore they are so important!"

1	Afghanistan	Jeffrey Tallakson	Makoto Shigehiro	Wilhelm Lichner
2	Algeria	Maureen Murphy Gottesman	Yasuaki Mitsui	Ulrike Becker
3	Bahamas	Nanette Semha	Hiroshi Sakura	Doris Stobbe
4	Bahrain	Richard Copeland	Satoru Ishihara	
5	Bangladesh	John Thompson	Teruaki Komaki	Otmar Graml
6	Barbados	Catherine Bruno Van Loom	Kenjiro Aoki	Annegret Landwehr Bouyrouau
7	Benin (Dahomey)	Katherine Harting Rigney	Takanori Kanadani	Monika Selig
8	Bhutan		Yoshinobu Murotani	
9	Bolivia	Raymond Mas	Haruhiko Iwasawa	Margret Müller
10	Botswana	James Mallory	Seiichi Miyazawa	Fritz Schneider
11	Brazil		Koji Ozeki Toru Nishiwaki Tomoichi Sogo	
12	Burkina Faso	Charles Kamins	Kenichi Ito	Kathrin Bömbös Plane
13	Burundi	Harmon Grahn	Michihito Sano	Doris Herr
14	Cambodia		Katsuhiko Mizoguchi	
15	Cameroon	Kathleen Heney Kuhl	Isamu Matsuya	Margot Kindler
16	Central African Rep.	Mary Bizot Johnson	Tetsuo Ogura	Stefan Jäger
17	Chad	Kevin Winter	Tadahisa Takeda	Inge Jendraschek
18	Chile	Russell Walters	Hiroshi Suzuki	Wolf Osterheld
19	Colombia	Linda Marchant Perry	Toru Itagaki	Barbara Heinbuch
20	Congo	Pamela Stockwell Stein	Tsukasa Akaishi	Annette Bierau
21	Costa Rica	Gloria Mota Frothingham	Hideto Maki	Gisela Hoppe
22	Côte d'Ivoire	Judy Sullivan	Tetsuo Yamamoto	Monika Öhler
23	Dominican Rep.	Raymond Bacon	Katsuhito Watanabe	Gertrud Bauer
24	Ecuador	Regis Hanna	Masao Mine	Brigitte Regul
25	Egypt	Thomas Cromwell (John Harries)	Magoyoshi Kaneko	Thea Jaschok
26	El Salvador	David Flores	Jiro Hori	Gabi Kampani
27	Ethiopia	Katherine Bell Erickson	Hiroyasu Tomaru	Joachim Hill
28	Fiji	Mary Jane George	Yutaka Abe	Elisabeth Klima
29	Gabon	Helen Ireland Subrenat	Tetsuta Kaneko	Rolf Nikoli
30	Gambia	Barbara Beard	Fumio Oda	Margret Winter
31	Ghana	Mary O'Brien Cordill	Takashi Yamashita	Katharina Bacher
32	Guatemala	Franette Palme Roschini	Tadayuki Doi	Gisela Winkler
33	Guinea		Kazuto Nishijima	
34	Guinea-Bissau			Peter Löhndorf
35	Guyana		Yukio Yatoji	
36	Haiti			Renate Sauer
37	Honduras	Jean Blatt Flores	Junichi Hayashi	Alix Ruthart
38	Hong Kong	Helen Chin Alexander	Masaki Hagino	Wolfgang Schawaller
39	India	Sara Mazumdar	Kazuhiro Kiriya	Manfred Sorgenicht
40	Indonesia	Christopher Olson	Kazuya Kashu	Margit Leising
41	Iran	Susan Finnegan Fefferman	Ryuzi Kuranaga	Beate Lauer-Schmaltz
42	Iraq	Dana Watkins	Yoshihiro Yamazaki	
43	Israel	Gary Fleischer		Horst Hamp
44	Jamaica	Elizabeth Drapcho Hunter	Kazuhisa Ikemoto	Uschi Warwas
45	Jordan	Evans Johnson		Bernd Brosio
46	Kenya	Charles Anceney	Shigekazu Kobayashi	Uwe Schneider
47	Kuwait	John Doroski	Harunobu Tateno	Hermann Deidenbach
48	Laos	James Spencer	Takao Maeda	Reinhold Heil
49	Liberia	Barry Cohen	Osamu Sano	Gudrun Zender
50	Libya	Jack Kibburz	Takeo Honda	Leo Dobmeier
51	Madagascar	William Torrey	Hideaki Sera	Anton Scherbl
52	Malawi	Gail Morey Paine	Masaki Sasamoto	Hanna Reinbold
53	Malaysia	Beverly Lee Relph	Takashi Kagawa	Hedwig Ziegler
54	Mali	Gary Fleischman	Toshiro Obata	Bernd Hutzelmann

55	Mauritania	<i>Floyd Christofferson</i>	<i>Kunio Iwaoji</i>	<i>Bernd Thoma</i>
56	Mauritius	<i>James Davin</i>	<i>Toshiaki Sasada</i>	<i>Monika Gros</i>
57	Mexico	<i>Joy Schmidt Pople</i>	<i>Masami Sato</i>	<i>Sylvia Dick</i>
58	Myanmar		<i>Satoru Katsuta</i>	
59	Nauru		<i>Katsumi Date</i>	
60	Nepal	<i>Steve Conlon</i>	<i>Takahiro Odawara</i>	<i>Rainer Schmiedel</i>
61	Nicaragua	<i>Susan Jacobson Gaztanaga</i>	<i>Mitsuaki Nonami</i>	<i>Marianne Kunz Irwin</i>
62	Niger	<i>James McCann</i>	<i>Tatsuo Sasaki</i>	<i>Werner Elias</i>
63	Nigeria	<i>Darcy Turner Thurner</i>	<i>Hideo Haga</i>	<i>Hubert Guntermann</i>
64	Oman		<i>Michio Takita</i>	
65	Pakistan	<i>Robert Kittel</i>	<i>Masashi Ishikawa</i>	<i>Gabriele Nuschenpickel</i>
66	Panama	<i>Nancy Callahan Hanna</i>	<i>Naoyuki Takayama</i>	<i>Rosemarie Masumy</i>
67	Paraguay	<i>Michael Roth</i>	<i>Kimito Sugimoto</i>	<i>Veronika Klepper</i>
68	Philippines	<i>Gary Brown</i>	<i>Jiro Hirano</i>	<i>Ulrich Völkel</i>
69	Qatar	<i>John Bowles</i>	<i>Shigeyuki Nakai</i>	
70	Rwanda	<i>Wendy Katakura</i>	<i>Toshihiro Tanaka</i>	<i>Heidi Scholz</i>
71	Saudi Arabia	<i>Sandy Boshart</i>	<i>Norio Minihara</i>	
72	Senegal	<i>Patricia Kieffer Fleischman</i>	<i>Makoto Maeda</i>	<i>Bernhard Bode</i>
73	Sierra Leone	<i>Paula Petersen</i>	<i>Kiyoharu Nagatomo</i>	<i>Franz Josef Dröge</i>
74	Singapore	<i>George Glass</i>	<i>Masayoshi Sato</i>	<i>Günter Fechter</i>
75	Somalia	<i>Marc Paine</i>	<i>Kouya Sonoda</i>	
76	South Africa	<i>John Brady</i>	<i>Kazuo Yokoi</i>	<i>Mechthild Mathias</i>
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Testimonies

"I remember before going into EMP that I was a bit nervous about the amount of time I would be spending away from home, with a very new group of people and very different circumstances. At the same time I had such a strong feeling that I had to do this and I'm so grateful I did. [...]"

EMP really deepened my connection to our movement, the core of it and my love for true parents. [...]"

In Korea I could really find my answers and my peace. My connection to prayer has improved tremendously in Lebanon but when we did vigil prayer here for the first time and we started chanting "abeoji" and "eomeoni" it made me so emotional because for a split second I felt the desperate hearts of everyone and the reaching hand of true parents towards us as their children. From that moment on I felt like I could be truly one with my prayer every time I prayed.

I can sincerely say that the Shinae starting EMP and now standing here at the end are not the same people and I'm so happy to say that. [...]"

Shinae M.

NETHERLANDS

"I also learnt how to expand my heart to try to love anyone. I feel like it is easy to say that you love everyone when you barely have to see the people that you struggle with. But with EMP we were a small team so we couldn't just avoid people that we had struggles with. I really struggled at times with certain members, not because they were necessarily doing anything wrong, but we just had such different personalities and ways of going about things. But we had an emphasis to invest and love the people that we struggled with. [...]"

Being in Lebanon also really helped me to develop my faith. This was thanks to the influence of so many things such as getting to witness, teaching the Divine Principle, experiencing the heart of our central

things such as: getting to witness, teaching the Divine Principle, experiencing the heart of our central figures in Lebanon and taking part in Vigil Prayer every week. I am now at the most stable point I have ever felt in my life of faith, even though, of course, there is still a lot to work on. [...]

All these things helped me to think about how I want to prepare for the Matching and Blessing. I also feel like I am ,internally, in a much better place to go to university than I was at this time last year, when I wasn't planning to take a gap year."

Sophia N.

UNITED KINGDOM

Being a team leader made me feel God's heart more in different moments. It was not always easy for me to relate to or reach everyone, but still always trying to do so and praying for them and watching them and how much they were investing in different situations, and trying to encourage them and sometimes having a glimpse of how God sees them was a very precious and moving experience, now that I look back on it. I remember many moments when I was very moved by each member of the team and could realize that really everyone has such a precious core, and that God loves everyone so much. I'm very grateful for my team and their efforts and heart.

Talia P.

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