

HJ Youth Academy Europe and the Middle East: Newly Blessed Couple testifies to God's Grace and Principle working in their lives (Part 1)

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Our freshly February-blessed couples marched into the new month of March. In her blessing prayer, True Mother expressed that True Parents love and trust the newly blessed couples,

"As blessed children who purify the turbid world to become pure water, will do their best to expand that environment, investing sincere devotion [jeongseong] and effort to create the circumstances in which our Heavenly Parent can feel joy, celebrate, and express love."

(True Mother, Feb 15, 2024)

There are situations when the parent's hopes and expectations can crush a child, particularly when we cannot feel that their parents' words come with love, faith, and encouragement.



(There is plenty of comedy material to be found on the web on the EMOTIONAL DAMAGE that Asian parents - or is it all parents? - can inflict on their children with their high expectations. The YouTuber Steven He is one of them, and the OG of EMOTIONAL DAMAGE is one of them.)

However, the atmosphere was entirely different when True Mother spoke her words of blessing to the 'Heavenly Top Gun' couples. They were

encouraging, like invisible wings for these 70 young brides and grooms and all of us.



Witnessing in Stockholm can be cozy

True Mother only tells us what we already know, deep down. It makes us sometimes restless and impatient. Water is meant to flow and move, to the deepest places, moving through cracks, and nurturing life.

We, second-generation blessed children, are the pure water that is already changing and vitalizing this world. It's not a burden but a profound calling that we fulfill to be who we are.

How did the couples experience their journey to the blessing? Read our [previous post on the blessing](#) and [the Top Gun Workshop](#) featuring

participants' impressions. Also, [Sara put her experiences and journey to paper](#).

Peter and Daniela share their reflection below. Peter from Sweden and serves as national president of the Family Federation there. He and his team made much effort welcoming missionary teams, raising new members and expanding witnessing efforts. Daniela is also pretty cool.



He brushed his teeth today

It felt personal

By Peter and Daniela

Growing up in this movement, we expect to participate in a blessing that is going to be huge and impersonal. However, for us, this blessing was not that at all. It was smaller than usual and felt personal and very good overall. Since it was a special missionary blessing, it was a remarkable group of young individuals with strong beliefs, good faith in God and True Parents, and a good attitude toward the blessing. Due to this, we had good connections with many couples who shared a similar spirit. We are happy to have shared this intimate experience and time with such excellent individuals. Many of whom we intend to stay in contact with.

We could share with the other couples how we want to improve our communities here in Europe and abroad. The other couples inspired us with their ideas, thoughts, and aspirations. It was a true blessing to see and experience these young individuals starting their journey together as couples. We could see their great potential. It was wonderful.

The BFD staff did an excellent job supporting us on our blessing journey with different preparations, such as the level 3 matching and blessing workshop, which we greatly liked. At the level 3 workshop, we could already make friends with some of the other couples. The staff was also kind and calm during our time in Korea, making it a pleasant and stress-free experience for us. We are grateful for their hard work.

The ceremony was also good. The performances were, as always... very Korean. However, we were very happy to see True Mother. She seemed very happy and smiled a few times. On top of that, we had the great honor and privilege to be a representative couple and get up on stage during the Holy Water ceremony. It was very exciting, although we were a bit nervous.

On top of the ceremony being shown live and our friends and family watching from Europe, making it seem like they were with us, we also shared our journey through an Instagram story vlog. In this way, we could share our experience and allow many people to join in on our time in Korea. We received a lot of love and support, and it was fun.

You can request to see it on [@danielas.bucket.list on Instagram](#).

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We will work on leading our country spiritually and revive our communities to youth and energy.

We intend for God, through our blessing, to be a pillar in our family, community, and nation. Through living our lives, we hope we can elevate people around us to want to receive the blessing and live a life with God and True Parents.