

Rev. An's visit in Spain

8th-16th December 2012



With the community in Madrid



Sunday service in Madrid

On Saturday 8th of December, Rev. An, Itinerary worker from Europe arrived from Portugal, later than planned. Because of bad weather in Portugal, he has to wait a few hours in the airport in Lisboa until he finally could fly to Madrid.

As we had a 5 days workshop going on in our training center, we invited him to stay there for the night and share with brothers and sisters and guests this evening.

On Sunday he was our preacher for sermon. He expressed how he feels closed to all brothers and sisters, because we have the same parents, our True Parents. He spoke about the big change which has taken place in Korea since the last 50 years, because of God and True Parent's work and also how our True Father has protected the world and protected especially Korea in many situations.

He helped us to understand more about the value of our True Parents and also the value to live in this time and how we have to be proud of being part of this time, like the disciples in the time of Jesus.

We must have hope because the world of God, Cheon Il Guk will be built soon...

In the afternoon we went to Holy Ground and had a quick visit to the Cathedral of Madrid and the real Palace.

On Monday he had some conversations with a few families from our community. On Tuesday afternoon he visited our Tongil company and then had dinner with a few families living around in Colmenar Viejo. It was a simple but deep sharing which helped the families to feel more close to him and to our TP.



With a few families in Colmenar Viejo - With 2nd gen. and young members

On Wednesday he took a quick train (High speed -AVE) to go to visit our Málaga community.

We first went to visit our business boat and he was happy to see our small Ocean Foundation.

Then we went to Marbella and visited one family and shared with them for more than 2 hours.

In the evening we had a general meeting for all members, not everybody could participate since it was a working day, but it was very familiar and personal. We have been talking about several subjects, the one I remember is that we are leaving the last days and by Foundation Day the badness will progressively decrease and the goodness will increase, it will be more difficult to be bad and easier to become more and more good person.

It was a very nice and relax meeting when we could share openly with him. We are very grateful that Rev. An could visit us here in Málaga.

On Thursday afternoon, he went to visit another group of families in Guadalix de la Sierra.

On Friday afternoon, we took him to visit Toledo, the small historical city near Madrid, that True Parents visited in their last visit in Spain in 2011. In the afternoon he had a meeting with 2nd gen. This is what one of them wrote:

Rev. An's visit to Spain gave Madrid's young Unificationist members the opportunity to receive some remarks from him on the topic of 2nd generation's inheritance. Rev. An's underlined tradition as the main concept, defining tradition as attendance: from God to True Parents to each of our parents. Rev. An's speech and gestures were especially bright due to his unpretentious and sincere attitude, breaking the distance that usually -and unfortunately- separates leaders and members.

This was expressed, for example, in his message of unity and understanding between 1st and 2nd generation. 2nd generation has to understand, he stated, that their parents had gone through a course of suffering due to their necessity to cut with their past behaviors and habits. This survival background is not usually seen by the younger generation, as their work is more focused on building.

On Saturday early morning he took again the AVE train to Barcelona where Hector and Dulce were expecting him. At his arrival in Barcelona we took him to our church center and have breakfast with him with some other members and could share also more personally with a few members. After lunch in a Chinese restaurant, we went to visit Port Olympic and we entered in the Hotel Arts where True Parents stayed a few days in 2009 at the time of Peace Cup in Sevilla and took a few pictures.

On Sunday he spoke to the whole community about Korea and the heart of sacrifice of his people. We need this kind of courage to build Cheon Il Guk. We shared lunch with him in our church with all the families. In the afternoon he had a meeting with 2nd gen.

His visit was a before and an after for some of us, we want to use this new energy we received from him to prepare us better for Foundation Day.



In the beach in Barcelona near Hotel Arts - With the community in Barcelona