

Yekaterinburg Second-Generation Teens Offer Purity Pledge

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On January 8, five Second-Generation boys aged 12 to 16 took part with their parents in a pure-heart ceremony held in Yekaterinburg. The families came from the cities of Yekaterinburg and Perm and the town of Irbit.

The first part of the ceremony was educational. Maarten and Myra Meijer, former missionaries to Russia who were visiting Yekaterinburg to give a seminar, gave a lecture for the parents, including a question-and-answer session, about adolescence and bringing up children to stay pure.



Meanwhile, the teenagers took part in a discussion with Andrey Burashnov, the church leader of the Urals region, and listened to the Second-Generation Japanese sisters from CARP describe their own experiences in keeping their purity.

The solemn part took place in the beautifully decorated hall of a local hotel. The ceremony was opened by Maarten and Myra Meijer, who offered parting words. Then the children approached the altar, together with their parents, and promised in prayer before God and their parents to keep their

purity until receiving the Blessing. Then each boy placed a white rose as a symbol on the altar, and received from his parents a Pure Love Ring.

Yaroslava Ivanchikova-Nemirovskaya, a 20-year-old Second-Generation young woman, told the touching story about her experience while in school, being misunderstood by classmates for keeping her purity. She then congratulated the participants with a beautiful song.

Then each of the boys received from Andrey Burashnov a certificate of participation in the ceremony and a Cheon Il Guk holy candle to use during prayer. The ceremony ended with the boys dancing a waltz with their parents and a festive photo session. Warm, friendly communication continued over lunch at a local cafe.

