GPA USA Cheon II Guk Missionaries Overseas Concludes Their 21-Day Trips

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Generation Peace Academy (GPA) has been busy all over the world! GPA students traveled overseas to Peru, Paraguay and the Dominican Republic for 21 days.

Read how the overseas teams started their witnessing efforts <u>here</u> or continue reading to find out how they concluded their trips.

In Peru, the team's last public mission was to give Pure Love talks and testimonies about this 21-day trip to various high schools. They were able to interact with the students, who were really engaged, and some even attended Sunday Service that week. GPA and the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles (CARP) Peru team bonded with these students through sports. "It was a great opportunity to practice Heavenly competition. I really think God gave us this time to practice team unity. We're all unique and different, but unity brought us together. Today, I was able to understand True Parents' heart through soccer," said Yoshi Matsui.

The team spent their final day making Thank You cards for everyone who offered themselves to host and care for them. That evening, they held a culture night; a talent show that has become a yearly tradition when GPA goes to Peru. CARP Peru performed beautiful Peruvian dances and songs on traditional wind instruments and GPA performed a silent skit about chapters from the Divine Principle. Through this trip, they have built everlasting bonds of with the Peruvian community.

During their last days, the Paraguay team learned a little of the native language, immersed themselves in nature by harvesting taro and fishing for Pacu, and withstood blisters from cutting down trees, to which Akira Takanashi said, "There were more cons than pros, but it helped me realize just how much the Leda Missionaries went through." The entire team was very grateful for the opportunity to experience Paraguay.

The Dominican Republic team spent their final week witnessing alongside the Cheon II Guk missionaries and local CARP team. They welcomed 52 potential new members to the local CARP center for an

introduction lecture. The week's lectures and meetings built up to an evening of cultural events on Friday where 43 guests attended. From there, the most prepared guests, 17 in total, attended a one-day Divine Principle workshop.

Before the Dominican Republic team departed, they transferred their 60 contacts to the Cheon II Guk missionaries, who will be staying for another two months, to follow up with their guests.



