

## Generation Peace Academy Overseas: Witnessing in Korçe, Albania

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These past couple days of witnessing have been a rollercoaster of experiences.

We have been going out and witnessing for six hours a day in the sun and rain and snow and wind. The weather in Korçe has been below freezing, but we push on like the heavenly soldiers we are training to be.



We have been consistently bringing in an average of 18 guests a day. Captain Ryan R. just concluded a three day fast he set for his guests. His most recurring guests are Nikola and Safet, two young teenage boys. They have been coming in consistently, but have been lacking the right attitude. One of our Albanian center members, Albano, gave a strong talk to the boys, telling them we are a serious

organization, and to only come back if they too, are serious.

It was uncertain if the boys would return, but they came back the next day and apologized to Ryan, ready to receive the next Divine Principle lecture. It is quite amazing how spiritual investments can have such a deep and important impact.



Taiyo N.'s frequent and consistent guest Cleo came and brought his mother with him. Cleo is only a fourteen year old school boy, but has already come to the center many times, with such a pure spirit and ready to receive the love and guidance we want so deeply to give him. So far he has come with his friends, brought his cousin, and today brought his mom. We have much hope for Cleo and his future learning Divine Principle.

On Thursday we undertook our service project at the local high school for the arts. With canvases, paintbrushes, and other art supplies provided by Generation Peace Academy, we met the Albanian students there and gifted them the supplies. Captain Hannah L. gave an address to the crowd, explaining our group's overseas mission and purpose in investing into Albania. Ryan R. was interviewed by the local Korce television station, which was broadcasted to all local news networks. Next week we will be returning to the school to see the art the students created with our supplies. We hope to use this time to witness the students as well.

With the heavy snow, cold weather, and hours dedicated to witnessing and reaching out to people who filled out our surveys, there has been little time for sports, which GPA is always very passionate about. Miri, our CARP center leader, booked a soccer dome for us to let out our built up energy in a friendly game of futbol. It was a close game, giving us a great outlet for our exercise and fun sportsmanship.

Two of the Albanian CARP members, Melisa and Albano, gave us their life testimonies and described their journey to joining our movement. It was truly inspiring, and how in only five years since being witnessed to they have already done so much, gained several spiritual children,