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First Years and Captains

The first years, captains, and Cheon Il Guk Missionaries have just completed their first week of Winter Competition! The internal goal of this condition is to know God's love for me to give God's love to others. During this condition, members will receive education about Heavenly Parent's heart of unconditional love and will work on applying it through fundraising. On Thursday, teams had a break from the condition to celebrate Thanksgiving. They could practice gratitude towards each other, play games, and enjoy some good food.



Cheon Il Guk Missionaries

The CIG leaders visited Cambodia briefly this past week and took time to understand the country's history while serving the local community there. On the first day, they woke up to see the sunrise at the famous Angkor Wat temple complex. The next three days, they witnessed at several universities, including the Royal University of Phnom Penh (RUPP) and BELTEI International University, providing marriage and family values education. On Wednesday, they visited the Choeung Ek Genocidal Center, more commonly referred to as the Killing Fields. They learned about the painful history of Cambodia and offered their respect and prayers for the people. On their final day, they held an event to celebrate International Food Day. 100+ guests came together to enjoy food, sing, and dance for hours! The local Cambodians loved teaching the young missionaries their traditional customs. As the team departed for Thailand, their guests sent them off with parting gifts, including money and traditional bags. Now, the missionaries have just one full week left for their mission in Thailand!



Heavenly USA

Heavenly USA is soon entering into their last weeks with their communities. After much planning and brainstorming, the two teams are steadily hosting and supporting events and reaching out to ministers. The Harlem team was treated to lunch twice with Dr. Rouse, ACLC co-chairman, to share their plans for Harlem with him. He also invited them to perform at an ACLC prayer breakfast. The meetings with Dr. Rouse inspired many new ideas for the program and guided them to work more closely with ACLC to have a stronger sense of partnership and togetherness. They had the opportunity to visit three ministers they knew and tour the United Nations headquarters with Guruji, a spiritual leader working closely with the UN. The Atlanta team has been helping their community by supporting their activities, such as a young adult gathering, a Thanksgiving drive, and a future Divine Principle workshop. They have an upcoming art and dance workshop for young people, similar to the classic choir and dance workshops they hold. The members themselves are teaching the art activities and putting their skills to use in teaching Sharpie art, macramé, and general arts and crafts. Both teams strive to be guests or missionaries in these communities and feel like community (or even family) members.



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