

Generation Peace Academy Weekly Newsletter: February 10th, 2024

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First Years and Captains

After successfully concluding their Super Challenge fundraising condition, all the first years and captains had time to prepare for their next part of the year: Winter Adventure and Overseas Service. Over the next three weeks, they will be sharing blogs about their experiences, and those will be posted in this newsletter and as well on the GPA Website.

Heavenly USA

Bay Area

It's been a busy week in the Bay! They've had multiple Bible studies with Rev. Thompson, learning the Bible from the Divine Principle perspective, and then with Pastory Jayson, developing their abilities to understand the Bible from the Christian perspective and how to talk to ministers. They also did a few church visitations for the first time since coming to the Bay, and both were a big success! Finally, they could also attend the "Glimpse of a Blessed Life" workshop to strengthen their understanding and personal testimony to the blessing! The community here has been keeping them in good spirits and helping them by cooking a few delicious meals.

A few evening programs planned for the upcoming days, and a trip up to San Francisco! Things are moving quickly here, and they are happy to help in any way we can.



Harlem

This week in New York, the Harlem team started by visiting Rev. Jennifer Miller's church (Mama Jenny!) to continue investing in connecting with her. Then we planned and prepared for the time moving forward, especially in advancing the ministers we know one step closer to True Parents. They also did street witnessing near Columbia University, and on Saturday, sang at an event for dear friend Apostle Glenda R. Phillips Lee Yuk and heard her experience and vision in serving Africa. This was a great week, and there's even more in the next!



Cheon Il Guk Missionaries

Albania

This week, the CIGs in Albania hosted a CARP Talk where Kienyen gave a talk about the children's and siblings' realm of heart, with Erika

and Shawna giving short testimonies on their experiences with their families. Taiyo was MC, and a total of 9 guests came. The team later celebrated one of the members, Jongpil's, birthday! Every Saturday, the team goes out fundraising to support any CARP activities. The team was able to improve a little bit on their Albanian and slowly get the hang of the environment. As a treat from fundraising, Kejvi, one of the center leaders, took advantage of the beautiful environment and brought the team to go fishing! It was the perfect weather to go outside to admire the nature God created for this city. 3rd-year participant Taiyo Shibata shared, "After a long week of witnessing, time to appreciate God's creation was just what I needed to recharge so I could invest more again. I'm grateful to our leaders who, in their busy lives, take time to show us love and personal care." Kejvi delivered a Sunday service message titled "Colors" about how one should become co-creators in the universe God created, as different colors on God's canvas. The team also welcomed an actionizer, Kristo, into the group for the next 21 days!



Austria

In Austria, the Heavenly Parents' Holy community held a calligraphy event, where participants learned the meaning behind the various characters, and the teacher explained how calligraphy can affect people's minds. Four guests were in

attendance. The team also supported a kimchi-making event where guests of community members and CIG missionaries enjoyed making and tasting their big bowl of kimchi. Both events were a success and great opportunities to learn about different cultures. In their second week of witnessing, community members joined and supported them. Pioneering witnessing efforts again in Graz, they have been trying to be more creative by applying different approaches. They have been meeting up with their guests and discussing with center leaders David and Kuni to organize events and take care of guests throughout the week. They are excited to invest in the people of Graz!



Poland

Over in Poland, they welcomed a few Korean sisters from an English camp in Italy. They also had a night vigil at the Peace Embassy where they sang holy songs, listened to a speech by True Mother, and had a heart-to-heart ice breaker where each

person answered a question written by another group member. This week, the missionaries also gave their first Introduction lectures to guests! They also worked with the New World Education Team (NWET) to create content for their social media platforms. They got to sport the NWET apparel and harness their acting skills to create Reels and have a photoshoot. (Follow their [YouTube](#) channel and [Instagram](#) account to see the final products!) They alternate between Ukrainian and Polish Sunday services, and in this week's Polish service, they saw footage of True Parents coming to Poland and even saw one of the pastors in the video when he was young! That day, they also visited a Polish historical museum where they could see that Poland's history was filled with war. This was important for them to be more educated on the foundation this country was built upon. Lastly, they moved from the Peace Embassy to the witnessing center from the Peace Embassy and have been focusing on creating a family environment for one another and their guests.



Romania

Last week, the Europe Branch CheonBo team arrived at the local

community in Romania, and the team participated in a 3-day Chanyang, ancestor liberation, and Cheon Shim Won prayer workshop. A total of 16 brothers and sisters from the community attended. The event's purpose was to come together and experience the grace of God through the power of prayer. The team concluded that the team's spirit was a lot brighter with new excitement for the mission. To complete the workshop, CIG members Joshua S., Jonathan, Jeong-Sook, and Mina M. shared a slide show presentation of their testimonies on how GPA impacted their lives. Following the testimonies, the team enjoyed lunch at a restaurant with CheonBo leaders Rev. In Pyo Moon and Rev. Tibor. They felt an abundance of love from the CheonBo team and offered up their first 21-day condition since arriving in Romania and are ready to invest more into this next month.



Sweden

Last Thursday, the Sweden team hosted their first event, a HDH reading session with the topic "What does nature teach us about our daily lives?" Three guests attended and enjoyed fika and games afterward. Last Friday, the brothers in the team had a brothers' night with a couple of members of the community, too, where they bonded and shared stories over pool, table tennis, and spicy Thai food! With witnessing, they had more consistent meetups with guests this week.

They have met many international students who, in general, have been very open to learning more about the Divine Principle! They have been challenged to further their faith and what they find valuable in this movement. Last week, they had another Divine Principle Seminar, where 11 guests attended, many of whom were first-timers! It was an exciting afternoon with exciting discussions. Their lecturer, Tim Atkinson, did a fantastic job handling all the new energy in the room and giving clear answers to their multitude of questions!



Zambia

Over in Zambia, the CIG missionaries continued witnessing activities, guest care, cleaning the center, and studying Divine Principle and True Parents' life course. They also participated in Sunday Service, An Shil service, the midnight prayer vigil, and celebrated one of the center member's birthday in the community. During the middle of the week, the team met with their CIG field leader, Entela Mustafaj, to share how their mission has been so far, hear guidance about mission and shimjeong, and be treated to cafes, restaurants, and snacks for them to enjoy. The team felt so much support and love from Entela and are determined to go forward with clear goals to accomplish while they are here in Zambia. At the end of the week, the team discussed with the subregion youth leader about a 1-year long program called Cheon Il Guk Citizens Academy, similar to Generation Peace Academy, that focuses on helping young adults develop their life of faith. The program will be starting with an orientation this coming Sunday.



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