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Zambia Blog

"After a long journey of multiple flights over two days, we finally arrived at Lusaka, Zambia! We were enthusiastically greeted at the airport by several Zambian church members. Then, as our first introduction to Zambia, we went to a mall with an outdoor market selling various Zambian goods and souvenirs. We were excited to immerse ourselves in Zambia as we browsed through the market and talked to some local vendors. After shopping, the Zambian members generously treated us to a popular African fast-food restaurant called Hungry Lion. We gained a sense of the serving hearts of the local Zambian members, which helped us prepare our hearts of gratitude for the rest of our stay in Zambia. At the end of our first day in Zambia, we finally arrived at the center at Barlastone and rested after the long two days of travel."

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Heavenly USA

Bay Area

Welcome back, everyone!

They've had quite the week! Along with their Bible studies, They've been able to visit some new churches and continue to invest in and strengthen their bonds with some of the pastors in the Bay Area. They've received so much love from the communities they visited and tried to give them the same if not more, love back to them! They visited a pastor in San Francisco and heard his testimony about life, and They went to a new pastor's Bible study. Every community that we were able to meet gave us so much love and really embraced HUSA with warm hearts! And to help give back, they could attend an ACLC afternoon program, share lunch with a pastor couple, and just get to know each other as a family!

Their time is not over yet, and they have plenty more to do here in the Bay! As well as a planned sightseeing trip, they get to see why the San Francisco Bay Area was really put on the map! They'll see you next week and give a final update before they leave the bay!



Harlem

Heavenly USA's Harlem team had an amazing time this past week on the East Coast. They started with a Sunday at the churches of long-time friends to Heavenly USA, Bishop Cheryl Ault-Barker's (Consuming Fire Ministries), and Bishop Lemmew Samuel's (Chebar Evangelical). As always, they shared their love and spirit and connected more with Bishop Barker and Rev. Diane for the future. Then, they spent some time supporting the cleanup of True Parent's Morning Garden Estate, which had been sold and needed some help preparing it for a transition and helping to offer up all the history for a new future. They even brought our guest, Sophia, along with them to continue to connect with her more. They ended the week by going again to Bishop Barker's church to attend a youth event dreamed up and organized by their youth. This was a packed week again, and much more is to come!



Cheon Il Guk Missionaries

Romania

This week, the Romanian CIG missionaries concluded their 21-day witnessing condition. They spent four days reflecting and making new redeterminations for the upcoming 21-condition. Throughout these four days, the team members could see how God guided them throughout their first full month of mission. "It was so clear to me that God placed me in this country with these specific individuals, I realized that the only way to have growth in witnessing is to have unity within the team members." - Assistant leader Jeong-Sook L.

On February 9, the team held their weekly Friday discussion with the topic Know Your Value. A total of 17 participants shared their perspectives on "What makes a person have value?" The next day, the national leader of Romania, Miki Predescu, her family, a local CARP member, and the Romanian CIG missionaries went to Parcul Mogosoia Park. They enjoyed each other's company as they had a picnic with Romanian traditional food, Michi. This outing aimed to experience God's love through nature and within the community. The time was well spent walking by the lake and seeing the beautiful swans. Many of the CIG members shared how they were grateful to have the opportunity to re-energize through being in nature.



Sweden

This past Friday, the sisters of the missionary team and local members were able to have a girl's night where they could enjoy ice skating and have a nice Italian meal afterward! It was nice to get to know each other a little better! They then hosted their second event on Thursday with the theme "Thought: the strongest force in the universe?" They also met with Matthew Huish, one of London's best supporters in this movement. He gave the missionaries great advice on witnessing, communication, and, in general, the attitude they should have during their mission time. It was a very insightful sharing, and the team was grateful he could take the time to be with them.

This past Saturday, the team took time for some self-care, and some of them could explore the many museums of Sweden, catch up with old

friends, play board games, and even bake! The team has decided to take this next week to reflect and re-energize for the following witnessing condition. The team's been taking mornings to reflect on specific questions while still witnessing in the afternoon. The missionaries have also been making sure to keep in mind visions for their personal goals and how they hope to see their new friends grow, too!



Zambia

This week, the CIG team tried to organize their plan for their future program for CIGCA (Cheon Il Guk Citizens Academy), which will happen very soon, while contacting students by doing survey questions and helping with guest care. The team was able to host a workshop on Saturday, Feb 10. One of the CIGs, Yoomi, gave a lecture about introducing the Divine Principle and YSP (Youth and Students for Peace), and Rev. Phiri, the president of Zambia, gave a lecture about the Principle of Creation. Around 13 guests came and had an amazing experience hearing about the principles. It was a victorious workshop for the team as this was the second workshop they hosted after they went to the mission. During Sunday service, the team met with the Generation Peace Academy (GPA) group. The team could see GPA's wonderful performances of their singing and dancing at the service. Afterward, the team spent time with them as brothers and sisters. Seeing their younger siblings in Zambia was a meaningful and rewarding experience for the team. At the end of the week, the team joined a Zoom call with the other CIGs to hear their testimonies and hear internal guidance about witnessing from Uncle Markus Von Euw. Later on, they bought Chitenge, one of African traditional clothes, and tailor their material to the designs of their own. The team was so excited to wear traditional African clothes that they chose that will bring a lot of memories in the mission.



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