

Generation Peace Academy Weekly Newsletter - March 16th, 2024

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First Years and Captains

The teams have completed their first week of spring competition! The theme for this fundraising time is: Let's Love and unite together to bring joy to God and True Parents. The hope is all teams can fully invest in this time to connect to lovingly uniting with God and True Parents.

Check out our recap videos from GPA Overseas in Thailand and Zambia and our Wilderness Discovery Expedition in the Adirondacks





Heavenly USA

These past few weeks on Heavenly USA have been quite the exciting ones! After completing our times in the Bay Area and Harlem, HUSA finally regathered after a long month apart, holding a short, 2-day workshop in San Antonio. We spent the 2 days sharing our experiences and testimonies with each other, and then preparing for our next venture, joining the captains and first years of Generation Peace Academy in their post-overseas/pre-spring competition workshop at the Morgan's Ranch in Blanco, Texas. We enjoyed listening to their experiences and also sharing our experiences, everything we've been up to in the past month. It was an amazing meeting with them again, and we left them with a bit of our HUSA spirit, as they embarked on their final fundraising condition of the year. We, too, left to begin fundraising for our pilgrimage to Rome, happening at the end of the month. These next few weeks will be filled with lots of

fundraising and some surprises! So stay tuned, and see you next week!





Cheon Il Guk Missionaries

Albania

On March 8, it was International Women's Day! This month's CARP theme is based on unity, and Kienyen gave a talk about important women figures such as Mother Teresa, Harriett Tubman, and Hak Ja Han Moon and the importance of their impact in today's society. She shared the importance of uniting both men and women together and how we as humans are meant to work together. At the end of the talk, the team printed quotes from empowered women and passed it to the women of Vlore alongside the guests. In total, 7 guests came to attend the talk. This past week, co-center leader Kejvi gave a Sunday sermon on the "mind's gate" and on how we pray. Kejvi emphasized the importance of not only having an experience with God, but being attentive to God's voice throughout our daily life with a prayerful attitude. This message paired with references to Father's words

helped the team to try inviting Heavenly Parent more consciously in every activity that they did. Each week, there is a different theme for how to take care of their health and this week, the team learned to take one's mind off of things through crocheting! Kyungmi was able to give this talk as well as sharing her experiences into how it's beneficial for the spirit such as making it for others, finding calmness, and finding ways to not be reliant on social media. In total, 8 guests came to the event!



Austria

Over in Austria, the team hosted their weekly Peace Talk! 4 guests attended with one attending for the first time. Some people from the Holy Community joined and supported the missionaries. They had dinner, a presentation by 2nd-year missionary Josh B, and participants discussed takeaways. It was an intimate event and everyone enjoyed the program. They also held a 1-Day Divine Principle Seminar on March 9th. Four guests came and received a lecture on Principles of Creation and the Human Fall from young adult missionary, Hannah L, and 4th-year missionary Geoffrey

Q. It was a great opportunity for all participants to learn and discuss about the Divine Principle and all participants received the contents well.



Poland

At the Peace Embassy, the Poland team finished attending the Exposition to the Divine Principle portion of the workshop. They received the Period of Preparation for the Second Advent of the Messiah and Second Advent. It was a leadership workshop with a packed schedule, and all the participants from CIG, GFL (Ukrainian program team), and NWET (Another Ukrainian program), were all grateful and benefitted from it. In the same day and into the last day, they went straight into receiving lectures on True Parents' course. One cannot deny that they did everything they could to make the world a better place and to truly be a Peace-Loving Global Citizen and the Mother of Peace. The CIG team is very grateful for lecturers Misha-san and Anna-san, HDH leaders Denis and Vlad, as well as the logistics and the kitchen staff. After the 7-day workshop, they had a farewell lunch for Misha-san and Mama Sveta (Mother figure at the Peace Embassy). Afterwards, the whole workshop gang went to the theaters to watch "Dune: Part Two"! For the Ukrainian service last Sunday, two

members from each program shared their testimony of their experience from the workshop. Abraham and Ju-Young represented GPA and were the first two to present. Ukrainian members enjoyed listening to young members sharing their gratitude and takeaways from the successful workshop. The next day, Ju-Young also gave the representative closing prayer for the weekly European HDH. The following Sunday, the Chondo-so also watched "Sing 2"! It was surely a productive and fun week!



Romania

As the Romania CIG team concluded their 3-day reflection period, they kicked off the next 21-day condition by co-creating the first YSP event. On March 6th, 20 participants attended a game night hosted by the CIGs. The night included an introduction to YSP, a game of Jeopardy, and pizza dinner. On March 7th, the witnessing leader of Europe, Aunt Martine visited the CIG team. She spent her time listening to each member share their experience in Romania thus far. The following day she went to witness with each member to give tips and guidance. They concluded the night

with hearing her life testimony of how she joined the movement. On Friday, March 8th, Romanian Mother's Day, they celebrated the holiday by making the weekly Hoon Dok Hae event theme "The Heart of a Parent". 20 members and guests read a short reading and gave gift bags to mothers on the street walking by. Guests shared their personal experiences with being able to give to strangers. Many of them felt like they could connect more to the heart of a parent based on this activity. Finally, on Saturday, March 9th, CIG and local CARP members paired up to fundraise. Currently, they are preparing for the upcoming workshop in May.



Sweden



Zambia

After several lectures and testimonies from Zambia leaders and the CIG team, the team has finally concluded their 21-day kick off workshop with the CIG CA participants. The CIG CA participants are transitioning into their 21-day fundraising condition while the CIG team will be focusing on witnessing. Before CIG CA members went off in their fundraising condition, they had two days of preparation for fundraising. They had received some lectures from Master Kouame, a supporter of CIG CA and testimonies from Audry, Jacob, Reina, and Yoomi about their fundraising experiences. On Thursday, the team and the CIG CA had the privilege to hear one of the former missionaries and current Cheon Eui Won Co-Chair of Africa, Rev. Katherine Rigney, about her profound experiences as a missionary and the current providence that True Mother has been investing into Africa. It was a magnificent moment for everyone to hear the incredible history and investment into Africa. On Sunday, the Zambia community had the privilege to have one of the regional presidents, Jean Pierre Kadima, and all the leaders from all across Africa, come to Zambia to honor the Hyojeong Rang Africa members and the Heavenly Top Gun (HTG) missionaries from Korea. The Sunday Service included opening remarks, words of encouragement, a sermon, and some performances from the HTG missionaries. Afterwards, everyone had lunch and spent time

together as a family.



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