

God's Hope for America Bus Tour - Day 34 – Lake Michigan

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On July 25 we rose with the sun and had an early start to the day. We all drove to Washington Park Beach, a shore of Lake Michigan, one of the Great Lakes. This is the fourth and last major body of water we have encountered on this trip as we make our way back to the Pacific. When we arrived at the beach, a few from our group took a morning swim in the lake, including Dr. Michael Balcomb. Frisbee tossing, swimming and enjoying the breeze and the waves preceded our prayer. The sight of a nearby lighthouse despite impending rain clouds was like a beacon of hope in the distance.

We then met the community of Indiana at the Holy Ground in Hammond under an on-and-off rain shower. Toby Gullery, pastor of the Indiana Family Church, led a lively and humorous introduction encouraging the young generation to step up into God's work. Jonathan Jesper then prayed, "Indiana is known as a crossroads of America. We want to be the same in spreading God's Word."



Clark Gingrich, an enthusiastic traveler on the bus who has been with us from the start, read Father Moon's words, "The future of the entire world hinges on America. America belongs to those who love it."

We prayed in unison, and the sun began to come out. Dr. Balcomb shared his inspiration that this moment is not the end. Paul spread the word of Jesus after his death, and we are the ones to do the same for Father Moon starting now. God can work through us, but only if we testify. The past does not matter, because we create the future, and if we don't take the first step, nothing will happen.

In the afternoon, we drove to the great city of Chicago and had time for sightseeing. We did not go to the Holy Ground in Chicago until the next day, but we did take the opportunity to make another Bike Ride for Peace. Thirty-five people biked around the park downtown, wearing their shirts and waving their flags. Everywhere we go, people are excited and intrigued by what we are doing, and grateful for the mission we are undertaking. It is inspiring to see how many people are ready to mobilize for God!