

## Here's an Update From Cheon Il Guk Missionaries In the Dominican Republic!

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### 27 CHARCOS

On March 2nd, our team joined the GPA group on an outing to the 27 Charcos. Charcos literally translates to puddle, but it is quite the misnomer. It's actually a system of connected waterfalls, pools, and creeks. Our objective was to pass through all of them. We got our gear and began our hike to the top. It was quite long but really beautiful.

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There was one waterfall that was 8m high (25ft). It was really scary even for the most adventurous of us. But by this time, we all felt like it was something we had to do. Every person decided to go and at the

bottom was all the others waiting to embrace them. It was actually a very moving experience. As a group, we felt so accomplished at the end.



### **SERVICIO JUVENIL CON GPA**

On the 3rd we experienced our first youth service as missionaries working with GPA and CARP here in the DR! With the help of CARP members and the community we were able to invite youth to this special event with the theme being original value!



Young-joo Scharf a 2nd year on GPA gave a hopeful sermon on original value asking questions such as “where do you get your value from?” Everyone could relate with the challenges to feel that you are valued in this changing society, where many times people base their value on things like the clothes they wear, the accomplishments they’ve achieved and how people see them. Then what’s something that’s absolutely unchanging? We asked ourselves this throughout the day.



Y. Scharf a 2nd year of GPA

J. Kawasaki, R. Miller, and K. Suzuki each gave a testimony about their very own experience on finding value in through Experiencing God’s love.



Then the day continued with more team building activities where we had fun and spent time getting to know more about each other.



This day was another opportunity for GPA, CARP and our team of USA CIG missionaries to work together like a family to create something positive and hopeful that can ultimately give back to this community.



### **ONE DAY DIVINE PRINCIPLE SEMINAR**

On Saturday, March 10th, our team was able to support a one day DP seminar hosted by the GPA group. Though much of the preparation was left up to GPA, since it was a workshop they requested to design and execute, we as missionaries, alongside CARP, pitched in to make the experience really worthwhile. We were able to bring several new guests and others who had been frequently visiting the center.



The seminar included four Divine Principle lectures in total; Introduction, Principles of Creation, Fall of Man, and Restoration, given by two extraordinary leaders here in the DR, Rev. Pascuale and Sr. Tony.



*Rev. Pascuale gave the lectures on introduction and Principles of Creation.*



*This is Sr. Tony he was able to give Fall of man and Restoration.*

Everyone enjoyed spending time getting to know each other through fun activities, group discussions, and taking pictures at a photo booth.



*Kana and one of her guest Ashley*

For our CIG missionary team, it was basically our first experience planning and supporting a DP seminar, so we could gain and redetermine a lot from the day. There are so many different ways to witness and bring people closer to understanding God as well as experience an environment of love and we could experience that on this day.