

## USA Cheon Il Guk Missionaries: The Training in Las Vegas Begins!

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It's only been the first week, and it's already getting pretty busy!

Cheon Il Guk Missionaries with CARP Las Vegas Members on UNLV campus, beginning their first hour of witnessing and outreach training, right before they split off!

This past week, the Cheon Il Guk Missionaries split into two groups, one group staying in Las Vegas, and the other group moving to Los Angeles to receive witnessing training from the CARP chapters there.



In Las Vegas, the missionaries started off with a few hours of witnessing on the UNLV campus before the two teams split, easing into how the daily witnessing schedule will go, and getting to know the CARP

members in Las Vegas along the way. Although it was a pretty nervous beginning for many, we all came out stronger and more experienced, focusing on how we can grow as missionaries, and how we can spread God's Word to the people we meet!

The LV and LA teams went their two separate ways the next day.

Throughout the week, the missionaries received guidance from the CARP LV director, Akira Watanabe and his wife, Makiko Watanabe, gaining more insight on how mission work in overseas countries may be like.



On Saturday, the Las Vegas team joined some CARP members in volunteering at a community service project, the Las Vegas Wash Clean-Up, helping to plant up to 9,000 trees and shrubs and grass (or more specifically, honey mesquite trees, cottonwood plants, and alkali sakaton) and revegetate a 10-acre site near the Tropicana, Weir. This ongoing project is to help protect and enhance the ecosystem along the Las Vegas Wash, and was the first time CARP participated in this service project! Although it was a really hot, dusty day, the missionaries participated for several hours, and then finished off the project with a BBQ, mingling with a few of the local community members who had also come to support the project.

It has been a pretty eventful way to start off our ten days of training in Las Vegas, but the team is still excited to continue, and learn more to prepare for their overseas missions!