

GPA Missionaries Overseas Dominican Republic welcomed by Chang Shik Yang

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On the morning of the very first full day that we arrived, we were welcomed by the Continental Director of South America Dr. Chang Shik Yang for breakfast. While eating an amazing meal, we listened intently to his amazing testimony about his personal experiences with True Parents, being a missionary, and his encouragement for us in doing our mission as Heavenly USA. We also learned from him why Dr. Yong is quite adamant about making sure the American members pronounce his name correctly. Because of how similar Dr. Yang and Dr. Yong's names are, Dr. Yang sometimes receives Dr. Yong's emails such as financial statements. He said he is like Dr. Young's personal messenger.



Then, we went to do some sightseeing in Santo Domingo. First, we went to the house where the Secret Society was founded called "La Trinitaria", in that house where they started the planning and the activities for the Dominican Independence. Second, we visited the first Cathedral of America. After that, we went around the Colonial Zone in order to look at the Spanish Architecture and then visited the Ozama Fortress that has more than 500 years of history. Later we fed the pigeons in Columbus Park and took a group photo. Lastly we visited the tombstone where they buried the three main founders of the Dominican Republic.

Later that evening after returning from the Colonial Sightseeing, we had a testimony session. We were given a warm welcome from the Dominican National Leader Mr. Bernardo Cruz. Then, the National Messiah Rev. Takashi Kono gave testimony about his experience coming to pioneer the Dominican Republic and how he discovered God's love for the country. Finally, the Dominican UPF General

Secretary Rev. Cesar Regalado gave testimony about his life before the movement, how he joined the movement and his life after the movement.

