

Generation Peace Academy Weekly Newsletter - March 10th, 2024

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GPA



First Years and Captains

All of the members returned safely from their overseas countries and the wilderness! They participated in a workshop at Morgan's Ranch in Texas to debrief their experiences and prepare for their upcoming spring competition. It was great to hear the members share about their experiences with God and what they learned. After concluding the workshop, they headed out for the spring competition!



Heavenly USA

Bay Area

Hi everyone!

Our time in the Bay has finished!! We spent the last week investing a final few times into some of our ministers with a movie night, Sunday visitation, etc. We also recorded some of their testimonies of building their relationship with God and experience with HUSA so we could inherit all the valuable advice they gave us. Our choir director, Uncle Melvin, flew in from Georgia for a quick choir workshop! As the finale to our monthly stay, we invited some of our contacts and any of the local youth to join our choir and perform at their ACLC prayer breakfast! We rehearsed for two evenings and performed that Saturday morning. Everyone had a blast!

Then we left, with many tears shed and gratitude given to the Bay Area community. We're so grateful to have been able to serve the community and support the ACLC chapter over there. We felt overwhelming amounts of love and support from all members of the clergy and community; we hope to come back soon and continue to support their missions! Thank you so much for everything, Bay Area; we love you!



Harlem

Welcome back to Heavenly USA on the East Coast! This was our final week in Harlem, and what an exciting week it was! This week, we interacted with many different people, starting with Pastor Mootoo again and serving him at his church, with a secondary organization running a food drive out of it and helping him clean his sanctuary. Then, on Thursday, we had a 1-Day Communications Workshop from Myles Parker, the brother from the church of Scientology. We learned how to talk better and share the science behind it. We also spent some time this week with some of the beloved Harlem community, a brothers/sisters night with Pastor Miilhan and his wife Sayaka, and visiting Rev. Juanita at her house. Ending the week, we spent time with two ministers, starting with old friend Bishop Williams's Bible study. We hadn't seen him for a while, and it's been even

longer since we've seen his sister, Pastor Monique! Finally, ending our week and time, we held an evening program with Rev. Diane Hayward. It was an exciting night, sharing lots of love and our experiences with her! We also heard much of her story and her heart and love towards us. We ended the night with a prayer with her in the Cheon Shim Won! We are praying for her healing and to grow closer to True Parents. That wraps up our time here in Harlem, and we're planning for many more great things ahead, so we hope you stay excited for what's to come!



Cheon Il Guk Missionaries

Albania

At the end of the month, CARP and the Albania team went to the beach to host an activity to bond together as brothers and sisters. It was a relay race based on creating unity with each other, with Kienyen and Taiyo as the MCs. A total of 21 people came to participate in games such as 3-legged races, drawing together in their groups, and more. As a team, they created

some weekly events to be able to offer something to the community of Vlore. Last Friday, Jongpil hosted his 2nd Korean class, with 11 guests attending. The purpose is to learn more about Korean culture and the language. On Monday, Shawna, Kienyen, and Kyungmi hosted a wellness program called "Melodia e Paques" (Melody of Peace) to find more peace in their lives by caring for their mental and physical health. A total of 6 guests could attend, with the first topic being about meditation and the importance of it.

Last Sunday, the national witnessing leaders of Albania came to Vlore to meet with the missionary team. In each city of Albania, there are missionary groups, and they have an opportunity to see the American missionary team. Not only did they come, but Rev. Shin, the overall national leader in Albania, came over to see the team as well. It was an excellent opportunity to share and learn from them.



Austria

Over in Austria, the missionaries have been holding Peace Talks every

week. Team leader Geoffrey Q. gave a presentation on the beauty of responsibility, and Mr. Geherd and his wife from the Holy Community cooked dinner for everyone. Three guests came to the Peace Talks, and all enjoyed the presentation and learned something important. Together, they created a warm environment, and everyone stayed long after the program finished. For the missionaries and center leaders to get closer to one another, the missionaries held a brothers and sisters' bonding night. Center leader David and youth members from the Holy Community joined the brother missionaries. The brothers enjoyed having dinner and bouldering while the sisters had intimate talks and got to understand each other better.



Poland

After the team debriefed with CIG staff Adelina and Entela and having adjusted to the witnessing style of the country, the Poland team changed their external goal. The following day, their NWET mentors (Ukrainian organization for outreach) used stats from the past to set up goals for each program they have in their membership roadmap to set themselves up for success. Following a very busy week, the Chondo-so (witnessing center) group had a Shimjung meeting to share their week, impressions of the

workshop, discussion with CIG staff, and concerns about their guests. The team also had a visit from Mr. & Mrs. Czyszczon, local Family Federation members, at the Chondo-so with muffins and fruits! The next day at the Peace Embassy, they also shared their experience doing chondo (witnessing) and imparted the team with wisdom on touching people's hearts. That evening, the team moved to the Peace Embassy for the 7-day workshop for GPA/CIG and Global Future Leaders (GFL). This is one of many programs the Ukrainian movement has for young people. They got to know each other by playing games like Mafia and Kangaroo (like Taboo). They were a pretty diverse group, including people coming from Japan, Korea, Australia, Spain, Taiwan, Philippines, Poland, Belarus, and Ukraine.

The team also supported a 7-day Workshop hosted by the Ukrainian members. They received lectures from Misha-san and Anna-san, elder leaders of the Ukrainian movement. They received the entire Divine Principle content and True Parents course. The schedule is intense, but they appreciate that they can receive this content while in their mission program. Spending time with new brothers and sisters has been great fun as well!



Romania

Last Thursday, the Romania team had a visit from their field leader and GPA staff, Adelina. They spent two days debriefing the past month and a half, enjoyed a nice dinner, and had individual sharings. On March 1st, the team celebrated a traditional holiday in Romania called Martisor, a spring celebration. The team received pins and bracelets as a token of joy and good luck. On March 2nd and 3rd, the team hosted their first 2-Day Divine Principle workshop. Third-year participants Jeong-Sook L., Jonathan D., and Joshua S. gave the lectures, with 8 participants in attendance. During the workshop, guests participated in discussions, Hoon Dok Hae, and group activities. To celebrate the first workshop, the team visited a city on the mountainside, Sinia. The team spent the day visiting a historic castle, taking the ski lift on top of the mountains, and enjoying a team dinner in a beautiful restaurant. 2nd year participant Mina M. shared:

“I enjoyed spending time with the team, and I had a lot of fun going up on the lift, exploring the castle, taking pictures with the team, and the small moments we spent together. I felt like we were able to bond together more as a team.”



Sweden

Last Thursday, the Sweden missionaries hosted an American Culture Night! It was filled with laughs, American slang, and classic American foods like Sloppy Joe's and coleslaw. 11 guests, plus members of the community, were able to attend! The house was packed! A couple of guests sent messages of gratitude afterward, expressing how much they loved the warm atmosphere of the night! Team leader Alex S. shared, "I felt like cooking for such a large group allowed me to express my love in a tasty way! I'm glad everyone liked my Sloppy Joe's!" The missionaries have also continued their Saturday seminars with lecturer Tim Atkinson. With this, the team witnessed another guest from the community here to the end of the Principle! The sisters spent some time visiting the previous national leader of Sweden, Ing-Marie Hedberg Kikuchi, last Saturday. They could spend time with their cat and even experience virtual reality! Overall, the team has been getting closer and closer with the members of the Swedish community! The team hung out with national leader Peter Nylén on multiple occasions to have family time together! The team has been receiving a lot of love from everyone!



Zambia

The Zambia team started the week by joining the GPA's open mic with the CIG CA participants. GPA first years and captains shared their experiences in Zambia, and the CIG CA participants shared why they joined the program. It was an insightful experience to hear the brothers and sisters' experiences of God's love in Zambia. The next day, the team said farewell to the younger brothers and sisters in GPA and wished them luck as they transitioned into their fundraising condition. The team also met the Shin Top Gun missionaries from Korea, who were directly sent to Zambia by True Mother! The Zambia community celebrated by having a barbeque dinner together with the CIG CA participants for the missionaries to feel a warm welcome and lots of love from the community. The team and the CIG CA participants also had an opportunity to run 7k for three days for 21k to challenge their limitations and experience God and True Parents' hearts. Although challenging, the participants had an amazing, fulfilling, and unforgettable experience. As the CIG CA Kick-Off Workshop ends, the team hopes to complete it victoriously as CIG CA will transition into the next part of the activity.



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