

FFWPU USA Next Gen Mission: Mission Weekly Newsletter

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Mission Weekly Newsletter

It is hard to believe it's already halfway through October! Many exciting activities have been done this week, so let's catch up with the missionaries.



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Junior Class Missionaries

Junior Class

Indianapolis, Indiana

Hello!

This week, the team went fundraising and witnessing. On Friday, they held a Japanese Culture Night and made sushi. Many guests came, and little by little, the members' motivation for witnessing has been growing.



Making Sushi



Making Sushi Pt. 2



Japanese Culture Night Group Photo

Then on Saturday, they held a Peace Seminar. It was their first time preparing an event like this, so they had many new experiences, such as preparing the lecture. From now on, they want to invite more guests and do their best to create an even better community environment.

Junior Class

Atlanta, Georgia

Hello, Atlanta reporting for duty! This week, the team was able to hold a Peace dinner, where many guests arrived and they were able to discuss a lot about peace, enjoy a great dinner, and also get to know each other a lot more. It was very exciting to meet new faces through witnessing.



Peace Dinner Candid

Peace Dinner Group Selfie

They were also able to host "Taste of Japan", where they were able to experience Japanese culture and cuisine, with a little bit of Peace Starts With Me content sprinkled in. The missionaries got to make sushi, origami, and mochi, able to witness all the different types of Japanese culture.

Thank you.



Taste of Japan Group Photo

Junior Class

Bay Area, California

Youth Cheon Shim Won Vigil Prayer

After a full day of fundraising, the missionaries went straight to church to join the vigil prayer. Through this time, they could deeply understand True Mother's situation and heart. As the team called out to Heavenly Parent and True Parents with tears, they felt so grateful to offer a moment of sincere devotion as their child.



Youth Cheon Shim Won Group Photo

Visiting Holy Ground & Tour

In the Bay Area, there is a holy ground chosen by True Father in 1965. It was the first one in America, the Twin Peaks. Although it took some time until they finally arrived, they had the chance to visit and pray there. As missionaries, they renewed our determination to understand the heart of True Parents more deeply. Afterward, they visited several well-known places around the Bay Area. Seeing those places helped the team members realize how much foundation their predecessors have built for witnessing here.



Team at Twin Peaks, A Holy Ground Chosen by True Father in 1965

Preparation for Fall Events

The team spent about four hours preparing the church environment for the upcoming Fall Festival. Even though they were physically tired, it was a meaningful time to offer their effort so that many people could come and enjoy the event.

Fall Festival

It was the junior missionaries' first time joining the Fall Festival here in the Bay Area, and they were truly grateful for the experience. They met many people and served as staff members with busy hearts and hands. Although there was a lot to do, they realized how important it is to keep a public mindset and offer their efforts for the sake of Heaven and the community.



Team Enjoying Fall Festival

Junior Class

Belvedere, New York

This week, the NGM missionaries carried out a variety of meaningful activities within the community. On Tuesday, the team conducted a fundraising challenge: spending the entire day in pairs without returning to the van. The focus was to strengthen their trust in Heavenly Parent and True Parents, and to invest their hearts in the area and its people as their representatives. This activity provided valuable experience and deep reflection on faith and perseverance.

On Thursday, following outreach activities, the NGM missionaries, together with the GMP team, hosted the Peace Starts with Me event. Two regular guests attended, and the gathering provided a warm atmosphere for sharing and connection.



Peace Starts With Me Event Group Photo

On Friday, with the support of the pastors, the missionaries organized a Talent Night where five guests participated and showcased their talents. The event created an enjoyable environment for fellowship among the missionaries, community members, and guests.



Talent Night Group Photo

On Saturday, the missionaries held a team hiking activity at Gertrude's Nose Park. Surrounded by nature and beautiful views, the experience served as a meaningful opportunity to refresh the missionaries both physically and spiritually, feeling Heavenly Parent's love through creation.



Team Selfie



Gertrude's Nose Park Team Photo

With only three weeks remaining in the mission, this week served as an important time for reflection and re-determination. The team is committed to completing the remaining period with sincerity and dedication, offering their utmost effort until the end.

Thank you, Heavenly Parent and True Parents.

Junior Class

Chicago, Illinois



NGM Missionaries Introducing Themselves at Youth Group

The NGM Chicago Team hosted a baking competition for the Youth Group! The purpose of this baking competition is to help create ownership of what the team bakes and support the Youth Ministry. The wonderful Youth Pastors, Lena and Danny, have been running a cafe after Sunday Service to help support the youth and do more fun activities.

The NGM Chicago team wanted to help encourage the youth to contribute to the Youth Ministry more! The NGM team and the youth were able to bake sugar cookies, brownies, and no-bake cheesecake bites together. Although it was a competition, the judges were not of the NGM Members...It was the church community! As the church members bought the different baked goods, the members voted not only for which one tasted the best, but also best-advertised and presented.

Big thanks to all the church family who have bought and voted on which team was the best! The NGM team hopes to do this again with the youth and create even more baked goods.



Baking with Youth Group Participants



Writing Signs with Youth Group Participants

Junior Class

Clifton, New Jersey

Throughout the week, the New Jersey team spent this week actively serving their community through various projects. Each day brought its own opportunities for growth and connection. Here are a few moments in particular that capture the spirit of the week:

Peace Starts With Me Seminar

On Thursday, the New Jersey team hosted their fourth Peace Starts with Me Seminar. This time, they shifted it to having the gathering at Montclair University, which was the main witnessing site to find guests. This change was made to make it more convenient for potential guests to participate and receive an introduction to the values and teachings of our movement.



Peace Starts With Me Seminar at Montclair University Group Photo

Filipino Cultural Festival

On Saturday, through collaboration with the Elizabeth community, the team was able to host a Filipino Cultural Festival. The atmosphere was filled with fun and excitement as the participants enjoyed food, games, and performances from their local communities.



Filipino Culture Night with Elizabeth Family Church Group Photo

Sunday Service

The week concluded with a visitation from Rev. Dunkley who gave a message for Sunday Service. The experience reignited the missionaries' passion and commitment to deepen their efforts to serve the growing movement.

In the coming weeks, the New Jersey team is eager to continue building momentum by welcoming new guests and deepening their roots in the community. They look ahead with excitement and are ready to build on their progress to support True Mother through their ongoing efforts.

Junior Class

DMV

This week at DMV, the team has been spending their time impacting the community while having fun!

At CARP, the DMV team, specifically invited by Matthew and Aliza, were able to invite multiple guests to the recent CARP meeting on Wednesday. They spent time with members by playing a team game based on their knowledge and dancing!



Montgomery College CARP Meeting Group Photo

To embrace the fall season at the DMV, the team went to a pumpkin patch! They did activities like a corn maze, petting animals, enjoying the corn pool, and of course eating apple cider donuts.



NGM Missionaries Enjoying Fall Festivities in a Ton of Corn!

On Saturday, the team was able to help and participate at the pickleball tournament hosted by CARP. There, Matthew and a guest were able to reach 4th place!



Pickleball Tournament Hosted by CARP Group Photo

To relax for the rest of the day, the team had a delicious curry lunch made by Mi hye and Matthew! Sharing lunch with Dr. Achille, the team was able to receive guidance, learning the importance of Heavenly Parent and True Parents through him.



NGM Missionaries Sit Down For Dinner With Dr. Achille

Junior Class

Dallas, Texas

This week, the NGM Dallas team had the opportunity to grow closer to the community through different events and activities.

On Friday, the Dallas team hosted a dinner for the Ozawa family. This evening provided an excellent opportunity for the team to hear about the

Ozawa's experience with the blessing. Hearing Ozawa's experience allowed the junior missionaries to understand the importance of trusting in God throughout the matching process and grow closer to the Ozawa couple.



NGM Missionaries Sit Down With the Ozawa Family for Dinner

On top of that, the Dallas team joined in a fun pickleball event that was hosted by the Young Adult Ministry of Dallas on Saturday. This event allowed the Dallas team to bond more with the community through the sport and build a Hyojeong culture.



Pickleball Tournament Hosted by the Young Adult Ministry of Dallas Group Photo

The following day, junior class missionary, Jaylin King, offered a testimony at this week's Sunday Service sharing his journey of strengthening his life of faith and finding hope, despite his challenging journey.



Junior Missionary Jaylin King Giving a Testimony at Sunday Service

Senior Class Missionaries

Senior Class

Kodiak, Alaska

This week, the Kodiak team organized two major events: a Japanese Culture Night, and the community's Sunday Service.

Starting with the Japanese Culture Night, the team put their heads together with some of the Japanese Mothers in the community and Pastor Tonya to create the schedule. It consisted of origami, calligraphy, and sushi making. Then, the missionaries invited guests from around Kodiak, and with the help of church community members, invited 16 guests to the event, surpassing their goal of 12!



Japanese Culture Night Event



Senior Missionary Kyungwhi with Guests

Two days later, the team held a testimonial Sunday Service for the community. Nana, Megu, and Kyungwhi each shared their unique experiences with Heavenly Parent and True Parents from their past year of mission. The team also brought in live music with the help of Uncle Chris

Fiala, fishing extraordinaire, who had taken them out to fish two weeks prior. His guitar and the team's voices filled the room and invited the Holy Spirit, with their closing song, We Shall Achieve It, being especially powerful.



Senior Missionary Nana Takami Giving Testimony at Sunday Service

Now, with three weeks left in their mission, let's see what our missionaries will do next.

Senior Class

Las Vegas, Nevada

This week, the team continued attending nightly, national, and international vigils. On Wednesday, they met with Pastor Hannah Arthur to plan for the upcoming HJ Nuri service they will be hosting next Sunday.

Thursday's campus witnessing led to a new connection—Rosemary invited her guest, Josh, to Tribe Talk and Giving Friday. The team also helped set up for Tribe Talk, with Ryuichi, Ahnjun, and Rosemary preparing the icebreakers and Luda serving as MC.

On Friday, the team split up to work on their individual projects. Ryuichi interviewed first-generation couples for his research on what makes second-generation members active in the church. Luda researched how to start a garden in Vegas, created a budget, and created a fundraiser to gather community support. Ahnjun and Rosemary joined the New Hope Ocean Club for Giving Friday, where they met up with Josh, distributed food and hygiene packets to people in need, did street cleaning, and helped organize products for distribution. In the evening, the team invited Josh to the Peace Starts With Me dinner.

On Saturday, each team member had a role in supporting the Hyojeong CheonBo Great Works. During the lunch break, they spent time with

Sammy, a friend from their first year, and were treated to ice cream and boba by David Wambali, one of their captains from the previous years. Lastly, on Sunday, Ryuichi invited a guest to the service, who had a great time!



Senior Missionary Team with GPA Alumni David Wambali and Sammy Rascon

Senior Class

Boston, Massachusetts

Hi Boston here!

This week has just been focused on witnessing and our breakthrough at UMass Lowell, the college they're witnessing at. This week started with the team, unfortunately, dropping Chris home since his fractured ankle limits him from continuing on mission. It was sad to say goodbye, but they hope God can continue to work through the 2 missionaries left in Boston!



Always 3 in Their Hearts, the Boston Senior Missionary Team

This week the missionaries spent a lot of time making campus their second home, spending most of the non-fundraising days there with Pastor Miilhan investing together. While witnessing, they met a Sophomore, David who was a part of a Christian group on campus. Through that connection they could join their Bible study and meet many other Christians serious in their faith. The team's hope is not just to bring people to the church, but to encourage students to go deeper in their faith and understand how much our relationship with God and Jesus could be.



Playing Foosball



*Witnessing, Featuring Young Adults from the
Boston Community*

They hope to continue investing into them and invite them to the events and hangouts they plan every week, while also keeping up with other contacts they have collected. The week ended with a Ghibli movie night and it was a great way to do some bonding with the community after doing a week of witnessing.

Thank you, see you next week!



Boston Team With Christian Group on Campus!

Senior Class

Denver, Colorado

This past weekend, the Denver Family Church community was filled with joy and gratitude, as they celebrated the Commitment Ceremony of two young Second Generation members, Hideaki and Akina. Surrounded by family, friends, and fellow believers, the couple offered their sincere devotion to one another before God, pledging to grow their relationship with faith, purity, and purpose at the center.

A Commitment Ceremony is a beautiful tradition where a couple chooses to honor God and their families by dedicating their relationship to Him before marriage. The team and community is deeply proud of Hideaki and Akina for taking this meaningful step and setting such a heartwarming example of love guided by Heaven. May God continue to bless their journey together!

Senior Class

Indianapolis, Indiana



Peace Seminar Group Photo

This week the Indiana junior and senior team participated in a Japanese cultural event on Friday. Over 50 people came to this event and enjoyed it. They learned to make sushi under the supervision of the Japanese aunties in the community. They were all able to bond through the making and eating of sushi, with many leaving the church with lots of joy, and a full belly.

This week the juniors and seniors held a Peace Starts With Me seminar. They were able to have 2 guests come with some people from the community. 3 lectures were given by Senior missionary Maggie, and Junior missionaries Senki, and Anna. They gave amazing lectures and gave everyone the time to discuss the topic of Heavenly Parent.



*Senior Missionary Maggie Buergi Giving Talk
At Peace Seminar*



Eating Dinner Together!

This has been the Next Gen Mission Newsletter.

Thank you for reading, and see you next week.

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