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Junior Class Missionaries

Junior Class

Bay Area, CA



On Friday the 23rd, the Bay Area NGM team (along with Yuki and JJOP Miho) went out witnessing door-to-door for the first time in their lives. Small groups of 2 or 3 split out, and each group had their own unique experiences.

On Saturday, the 24th, the team woke early to attend an ACLC breakfast meeting with the speaker, Pastor Anderson, talking about “God’s Fatherly Love” and how everyone has or has to have an experience with God’s fatherly love in their lives. Later on the evening, the NGM team volunteered to help out with Bay Family Church’s annual Fall Family Festival: Trunk or Treat.



On Sunday, the 25th, the Bay Area NGM team attended the Sunday service in the Bay Area community, sang praise songs together, met new people, and spent time talking with them. We also played basketball and pickleball together.





Junior Class

Chicago, Il

This week, the NGM Chicago Team, led by Tomoka Akagawa, continued to play an active role in the Chicago Family Church.

The team kicked off the week by singing alongside the church worship team. Additionally, NGM was invited to cook dinner with the Carrera family, strengthening connections within both the community and the team.

The NGM team also served the youth ministry by cleaning and organizing the Sunday school room for preschool and first-grade children, providing a more welcoming environment for the young members.





Later in the week, the team hosted a successful youth night. Led by team members Geaon and Chiga, the NGM team and the church youth had a great time playing Speed Run Friends, Jackpot, and Mafia. Youth Pastors Chris Bach

and Kousei Taguchi shared positive feedback about the event.





While collaborating with CARP, the team invited five guests to the club meetings and continued to reach out to students on the Harper Community College campus.



Around the end of the week, the team took part in the One-Day seminar at the church. The team listened to multiple lectures that discussed the Principle of Creation and the Fall.

Junior Class

Dallas, TX

The Dallas team was bodaciously hard at work as they served the DFW community in many different ways. As usual, the team started off their week by fundraising, then moved on to witnessing and sharing their faith with the students at the University of Texas at Arlington.



The team invited their guests to a weekly event, "The Table," where they heard several testimonies from members and how they live their lives of faith. The week ended with a 3-day youth ministry sleepover where we did multiple events such as Living For the Sake of Others (LFSO) day, where the participants learned about Jesus and True Parents' heart by selflessly serving their neighbors.





This weekend, during the 3-day youth group sleepover, was the first time most of the Junior class missionaries experienced being part of a staff team. At first, it wasn't easy for the missionaries to assimilate into the group. But they went into the sleepover with a humble heart bursting with joy. With that being said, it didn't take long until the tapestry of friendship was woven together thread by thread, connection by connection, conversation by conversation.



Parting ways on Sunday with the younger brothers and sisters after the weekend helped the missionaries understand True Father's heart when he gave away his mother's gifts in Heungnam Prison. In conclusion, the missionaries cultivated an environment that helped the next generation build their faith alongside their brothers and sisters. They will now hold these experiences in their heart as they serve Heavenly Parent on the front line.

Senior Class Missionaries

Senior Class

Indianapolis, IN



Hello from Indianapolis!

This week, the missionaries continued their activities while overcoming obstacles such as illness. They continued to go out witnessing and joining various community events such as Tomodachi (a Japanese culture and language event!), Youth Night, and a weekly Bible study!





In these photos, you can also see the missionaries out and about in downtown Indianapolis! Pastor Robert invited the NGM and HTG/JGLP missionaries to a refreshing, fun outing to spend time together, sightseeing, and going to a cafe, amidst their busy schedules.

Overall, it was a great week, and the missionaries are continuing to plan for future events and are excited to offer more to Indiana!



Senior Class

DMV

The first full week has passed for the DMV Team. And it was a busy one!



After the team had settled in, they jumped into their main activity of witnessing! After their tour of UMD, the team was fully immersed, wandering the campus while talking to the many different students who occupy the university. The HTG (Heavenly Top Gun) missionaries would also join them for a couple of days.





Next, the team was then able to attend and even present at an event called the Next Gen House Project, allowing for young adults and guests to not only receive guidance but also have some fellowship through some guided activities. This week's theme was about asking for spiritual help, and the guidance giver was none other than Sean Maynard.



The Team would attend a multitude of other events that came up, one being "Building Bridges for Peace", "Cheonshim Won Night Vigil", and of course Sunday Service.



What a busy week, but they have more planned for the next!

Senior Class

Columbus, OH

Ohio gozaimasu!! Welcome to week two of the senior class missionary lifestyle in Columbus, Ohio. It was yet another busy week, with plentiful fellowship!

The missionaries started the week off with witnessing on campus with the HTG missionaries and Japanese aunts. Through Divine Principle practice, the seniors lecture each other, trying to strengthen their knowledge of the truth and prepare to teach others! The following day, Tuesday, seniors had a food bank community service project at Corinthians Missionary Christian church, where they packed hundreds of packages of food to give them away to those who are in need. It was a fun, amazing experience for the seniors to practice the heart of serving.





Still witnessing throughout the week, on Wednesday, seniors had a Peace Starts with Art event hosted by the HTG missionaries. It was a peaceful, calm, and refreshing moment for everyone to express their creativity through paper art! The Ohio Family church community was very supportive of this event.

From Thursday to Friday, the seniors had their first Korean class with Seina-unnie and prepared for a Halloween party hosted by youth pastor Precious Laurent. The seniors look forward to strengthening their Korean once a week. The missionaries also used previous fundraising expenses to hand-craft their costumes, and dedicated their time to help decorate the church and lead the Haunted House. It was a fun and tiring experience, but the seniors felt a lot of love and support from the community too.



On Saturday, the missionaries tried a different setting of witnessing without the HTG's, at a mall, and speed-run witnessing in a plaza. It was a nice experience to use different methods to reach out to people! The missionaries strive to continue creative witnessing in new ways. Also, on Sunday, one of Agathe Likeng's guests was able to come to church! It was very lively, and everyone was so loving to invite someone new. Later on, the missionaries took the youth out again to a cafe, cultivating deeper, stronger bonds with them, and hoping to leave an impact on their lives of faith and relationship with the church.





The missionaries are inspired to take witnessing to a deeper level and take more ownership to plan new events.

Thank you for reading! Until next time!

Senior Class

Belvedere, NY

Despite the cold weather here in Belvedere, the missionaries have kept the warmth of love inside their hearts!

At the beginning of the week, the missionaries began witnessing at Westchester Community College, where they were soon joined by 1st-gen member Uncle Edward! He shared about his previous experiences, and they tried a new, more direct approach to witnessing. Even within the first week, some breakthroughs were made, like inviting guest Samantha for a Bible study meetup!





It was a busy day on Thursday with the team's first Peace Starts With Me event: Peace Starts With Art! The activity was to express aspects of God's characteristics through painting! It was an enjoyable time together, while also a valuable moment for the team to practice their sincere investment in any event they prepare. The night ended with some board games together with a guest named Kevin at Game Night!



For the cherry on top, a Halloween party was hosted on Saturday at the Belvedere Family Church! The NGM teams from New Jersey and Pennsylvania attended to help support as well; it was a reunion of faces new and old, having a fun and spooky night together! This will definitely be one of the team's most cherished memories.





That’s all from Belvedere for this week. Thank you for reading!

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