

CARP Costa Rica is in Las Vegas on a pilgrimage

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On Friday December 4th, 13 members of CARP Costa Rica arrived in Las Vegas to go on a pilgrimage of the Holy Grounds around Las Vegas and also to participate in CARP Las Vegas' witnessing activities. Coming to Las Vegas was a dream for many of the CARP members and they had to make sacrifices by not eating meat for a month to save enough money to make the trip. The members visited the Grand Canyon for the first time. "Just as vast the valleys of the Grand Canyon, I felt that was how vast God's love is for us," reflected Sanami. The next day, the members attended the Las Vegas Family Church Sunday Service and performed, "Oh Maria." Later they participated in sports and then was invited to a BBQ party outside with the CARP Las Vegas members. The group enjoyed burgers, pasta and each others' company. In the evening they had fun activities and ice breakers before splitting up into pairs to talk and share. Each person wrote a message for their partner and signed under the title of, "One World, One CARP." The pairs then exchanged gifts of appreciation for one another. Before leaving, CARP Costa Rica did one more performance that they had been preparing for one month.

During the week, CARP Costa Rica visited other pilgrimage sites such as Hoover Dam, Cheon Hwa Gung, Wangu and IPEC. Mimi Morse, director of FEEF, treated the group to dinner at a Korean restaurant. Dr. Kim shared the Las Vegas Providence with the group at IPEC. On Wednesday the members went witnessing at the UNLV campus to learn different methods from CARP Las Vegas and to meet American students. That evening was the final CARP Discussion Night of the semester and a total of 40 people attended. CARP Costa Rica assisted with organizing the event and also performed a song and a dance. "Because of the high level of ownership that the CARP Costa Rica members showed, I felt that they weren't our guests but the same as our core members," reflected Chungbom Katayama, a CARP Las Vegas member. "I was amazed how CARP Las Vegas created an environment where students wanted to come and be a part of," shared Donghyuk, "I can see how much every CARP member invests in each and every guest that comes."

CARP Costa Rica will welcome True Mother on Thursday and attend the True Family Values event on Saturday before returning back to Costa Rica on Sunday.