

Generation Peace Academy Overseas: Witnessing in Zambia, Africa - Day 3

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It's day three in Zambia and boy-o-boy-o was it an adventure!

We started the day off by attending a graduation ceremony of a 14 day Divine Principle workshop for the coronation of new Unification Church members! It initially was supposed to start at 8am, but as we already know, it doesn't usually turn out that way. So while waiting, we had a *DANCE OFF* with the MC. It was such a random experience but the energy that manifested was so carefree and funny. The fact that no one knew how to dance, but still went all out, is what made it memorable.

Oliver C., a first year, Filipino, 5'4, from Bay Area California, filled with a lot of spirit, states:

"Dancing with Brother Pasd (the MC) was one of my favorite experiences in Zambia. When I was on stage with him, I felt so grateful to even be at the Chapel. It was amazing to see not only another church, but a church from the other side of the world, believing in and loving the same True Parents that I believe in and love. Automatically I was in love with all the people there. Also, I was so grateful for even being invited to the chapel with our nation, because it was actually a graduation for New Unificationists for completing a 14-day Divine Principle workshop. And since Brother Pasd was one of the leaders for that

workshop, I was so grateful when he invited me to dance with him, that I just wanted to give as much love and spirit I could to him. That's why when I was dancing, I was full of energy because I just wanted to express how grateful I was to Brother Pasd. I hope I can meet and dance with him again someday."

The ceremony was amazing to watch. Just knowing that 14 days ago, a handful of people didn't know anything about the Exposition of the Divine Principle, and two weeks later they've committed to being members! Such a heart warming thing to see.



After the ceremony, we took a trip down to a wildlife reserve where we were able to see a handful of crazy exotic animals most of us have never seen before. Seeing zebras and giraffes right before our eyes for the first time was so breathtaking. After spending years and years only seeing them in pictures, being able to be 100 feet within range of them was so surreal. If you think about it, the existence of giraffes are so weird. Like, their necks are longer than their bodies, they appear to run in slow motion, their tongues are blue, and they have yellow square spots on their bodies! To me, it was the equivalent of seeing a unicorn in real life. That's how bizarre I think they look.

At the end of the day, everyone was ready to hit the hay and dream about riding off into the African sunset on the EXCEPTIONALLY long necks of giraffes.

Until next blog,

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