GPA Overseas - Vlore, Albania: We are investing more in our witnessing activities

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Reporting live from Vlore! Today we had a very simple and nice day. Since today was a Saturday, we didn't go with the usual schedule of witnessing, so we had a lot more space in our schedule. We were able to spend more family time with our team, playing card games, at our center, especially because it was raining cats and dogs out there, which was really fun actually and enjoyable, getting to listen to some music during that time as well. I feel that my competitive face came out for the first few rounds because I was losing but then the more rounds we played, I started to win and went up from there, so I feel like I was getting better at the game. After some time passed by, it was already time for dinner, and it was so amazing because our center leader, Lubin and his wife, Rudina invited us over to their house to eat. We all thought that that was such a nice gesture from them both. The food was so delicious too! We then headed back home and went to sleep. Thank you for reading again!

3/6/2022

Events from today

Hello again! Today was another amazing day. This morning, we walked to the center and usually Lubin

gives the main sermon, but today we got to watch the European online Sunday service. It was definitely good spiritual food for all of us! After the service, we left the center and drove away to a fancy restaurant all the way up in the mountains, where we got to see gorgeous views of the white, snowy mountains on the way there. The food was exceptionally tasty. After a delicious late lunch, we then hit the seaside of Vlore, which oh my gosh, I have probably never seen anything more beautiful than what I layer my eyes on! I mean, from the distance driving down there from the mountains, the water looked blue! But when we got there, up close in person, I was so shocked and so amazed by how extremely pretty the water looked! I was just in AWE! For me personally, I was so grateful being able to see the beauty of Vlore more and more through visiting the beach. We went back home and ate dinner. 'Twas a great day! Grateful for Vlore and Lubin for his investments into us and our trip here so far.

2/7/2022

Back at it again with another report! Today was an interesting but good day! We went on two runs except I had a guest scheduled to come in during first run so after they came to receive intro and left the center, I went out witnessing for the remaining time of the run. It was nice to go out since we didn't go witnessing for Saturday and Sunday. We had a second run, but it was raining today so when we were out, the streets were pretty empty and my partner and I were having a hard time finding people to approach. It still taught me though to have patience and to have faith that there would be that one person who would stop and listen. We headed back to our center, had lunch then prepared to go on a third run, but one of our members, got notified that their guest was going to come at 4 to the center and receive another presentation of the Divine Principle. We ended up all staying to be of support for their guest. Then it was brung up that we watch a movie while we wait for their guest to come to our center. We all agreed on watching a movie so we watched Princess Mononoke with everyone, which was a good time but unfortunately their guest did not come as planned. We are just hoping that they will come next time! And that was pretty much what our day consisted of! Talk to you later~

3/8/2022

Hello again! Hope you didn't miss me too much! Today was another good day. We followed the usual schedule today and had two runs of witnessing plus another run after lunch which we added to the schedule recently to invest more into our witnessing activities. I would say there wasn't anything out of the schedule that went on today, but I feel that it was more challenging for all of us because it was another rainy day so our moods might have got a little wavy here and there when witnessing but I really feel that we were able to still gain a lot through sharing our experiences to one another at the end of each run. After we finished up with the runs, our central figure gave us time to reflect on our runs and runs in the past as well on what we gained out of it or what we can work on next time. I think it was safe to say that we all needed this time to just let go of all the things that were on our minds that were built up inside and our feelings as well, so that we could digest our experiences better. I hope that you got a good idea of how our day went today!