

Las Vegas Family Church's Great Mt. Charleston Climb for 430 Tribal Messiah

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On Monday, September 24th. Rev. Doo, Rev Compton, June Young Juma, and Robert Abendroth climbed the great Mt. Charleston!

Charleston Peak is the highest peak in southern Nevada, standing at almost 12,000 feet above sea level. The trail is 8.3 miles one-way, with an elevation gain of about 4300 feet -- from 7600' to 11,918'. Although the trail itself is excellent, the elevation gain, length and high altitude make it very challenging for most mortals.

Inspired by TM's encouragement, the Las Vegas community officially kicked off its 430 Tribal Messiah activities after TF's 6th Seonghwa anniversary. So, climbing 4300 feet in elevation is a good condition to start the 430 Tribal Messiah activities. True Parents also used to visit Mt. Charleston while they were living here.

The team arrived at 7 am and hiked a total of 14 hours! The path was steep and the journey was arduous, but the stunning views and good company made the trip worth it. It took seven hours to reach the summit. It was a test of physical and mental strength and determination. There were moments where everyone questioned whether they would actually make it to the top. However, thanks to the grace of God, everyone was able to conquer the mountain!

Once on the summit, the team, led by Rev. Doo, did four cheers of Okmansie for Heavenly Parent, True Parents, the building of Chon il Guk, and Victory for Las Vegas Tribal Messiahs. Following that, they offered a loud and powerful unison prayer. The experience was inspiring to say the least! What better place to have such a prayer than on a mountaintop 12,000 feet above sea level!

On the way down, the moon rose, illuminating the forest and cliff faces. Around 9 pm, the team finally finished exhausted, yet with a great sense of accomplishment! It will be a trip to remember. June Young put it best when he said, "this is a journey we will tell our grandchildren about."

When you get a chance, please visit Mt. Charleston and experience for yourself the beauty and love of God in nature.