

Generation Peace Academy: April Showers Bring May Flowers... Starting Tomorrow

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Heavenly USA

This week was HUSA's last in Chicago. The final two days were spent preparing for an eight day fundraising condition—their final offering before traveling to South Korea for the *Cheon Won Gung Cheon Il Sanctum* Opening Ceremony. After their last two nights in concluding their diligent participation in the Cheon Shim Won night vigils, the team had one final breakfast prepared by the community. This was where they had the opportunity to share their highlights, testimonies, and inspirations from their stay, and could thank the Chicago community for their love and support.



Leaving that same afternoon, HUSA traveled east, fundraising in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New York, laying a strong foundation for the Providential surprises waiting for them across the sea. It's exciting to see what the Spirit has in store for them next.

First Years & Captains

This is the last week of their Spring Breakthrough Condition. When this condition concludes, the first years and captains will regroup in Los Angeles to prepare for their 10-day trip to South Korea.

They have grown so much not just in this past condition, but in the past year since September. Here's an excerpt of a testimony from first-year Joshu Kondo.

"God made me much stronger than I think I am. God made me as someone who could never be replaced in His heart. I am a son of God, and I am made to become like Him... knowing how God truly made me has given me so much strength in facing my challenges. Whether it be psyching myself up to approach tables in restaurants, sticking it out in longer runs, keeping my head high and my attitude straight when things are tough, or, yes, fighting the urge to space out, they've all gotten easier after

this understanding of who I am and what God and True Parents mean to me. How no one can take my place if I don't stand up for their will."

It is inspiring to hear the stories of these young men and women who have invested one, two, even three years of their life to this mission program. To invest in their growth, their life of faith, and their character. There are not many programs out there that exist where one can travel throughout the country and serve various communities in this way.

While you can reach out and listen to their stories, if you or someone you know is of the age to be in this program, these stories could be your own.

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Cheon Il Guk Missionaries

D.M.V. (DC, Maryland, Virginia)



This was the last full week for the CIG DMV team! The team shared their final goodbyes with all the friends they've made on campus.

On Monday, Tuesday, and Saturday, the team went fundraising to raise money for their upcoming trip to Korea!

On Wednesday, the team hosted Momentum, the weekly CARP event, for the last time. Ju-Young Morimoto was the emcee, Joshua Buergi and Kazu's guest, Ivan, organized the icebreakers, and Kazu Uesugi giving the message on "Priority Shift." The team said their goodbyes and enjoyed their last few moments with friends at Montgomery College.

On Thursday, the team organized a mini campus event—for the first and last time—at Prince George's Community College for all the friends they had made there. They held a hangout in the courtyard, played games, and shared a brief presentation about

True Parents and the movement's beliefs. This was the biggest turnout for any event the team has organized, with twenty-one guests attending! On top of that, the team received six new signed memberships, achieving their overall team goal of fifteen signed memberships for the entire mission! It was a very victorious day and a wonderful way to wrap up their mission on campus.

Lastly, on Friday, the team went to the University of Maryland with many members of the Next Gen DMV community to gather more signed petitions for *Religious Freedom in Japan*. In just an hour and a half, they managed to collect around four hundred signatures! Later that day, they headed over to The Washington Times, where the team hosted a Praise and Worship night together with band members from the Next Gen DMV community. Some team members even performed with the band. Takayoshi Kojima shared a testimony and led one of the songs. It was a beautiful night filled with God's love through music and praise, and a meaningful time to connect with friends.

It was a very busy week for the team, but they are deeply grateful for all the opportunities they had to experience and share God's love. This final week was truly special, and they hope to carry everything they've learned with them to Korea and into their next mission!



Indiana

This week was packed with different activities and responsibilities. As mission time in Indiana comes to a close, the CIG missionaries pushed to better connect to their guests, help connect them to the community, and also went fundraising for three days to prepare for their next mission.

During Youth Nights, the missionaries were able to bring so many more consistent guests, and soon there were more guests than members attending! There was so much laughter and joy around the environment.

The missionaries also helped at the Teter Organic Farm, creating strawberry beds to help feed the city of Noblesville.

They closed off the week sharing their gratitude with the congregation, reporting about their mission time, and takeaways. With the end of mission nearing, the missionaries are determined to invest their absolute best to leave Indianapolis, having left a positive impact on the community, and the people!



Bay Area



From Monday to Thursday, the missionaries went out full day fundraising. On Friday, they went back to the CARP house and had their Friday seminar in the evening, where Keita gave the talk “Growth Mindset.” The group had a fun game of Kahoot afterward.

On Saturday, the team had a seminar given to them by an elder in the community, Kazuya-san, about “Gratitude and Humility.” After the seminar, they went out for about an hour with the new members to get signatures for the *Religious Freedom in Japan* petition. For the events that were held, the team was able to have consistent turn out in returning members!

Chicago

Welcome back to this week’s newsletter! Due to the fact that Harper College is on Spring Break, this week looked quite unique compared to previous weeks, where the team did a variety of activities outside of witnessing.

The first half of this week started off with fundraising. In order to build momentum for their remaining time in mission, the missionaries set out on their respective fundraising conditions with the purpose of raising funds for their overseas mission after Korea. Being that it has been while since the team went out fundraising, it was difficult at first but they soon slowly gained momentum and stride. By the end of the three day condition, much of the team felt that they had a meaningful time and gained many different lessons.



The second half of the week was filled mostly with petitioning for *Religious Freedom in Japan*, with going out on different college campuses and malls. The CIG team has been going out for the past three days, collecting an average of around two hundred fifty signatures each day. The missionaries worked tirelessly to gather petitions to support the members in the mother nation Japan.

This Sunday was also the last service that the missionaries would be attending in Chicago, so two of the team members gave testimonies to the congregation. As they shared about their experience in Chicago, it was apparent to see how much they have gained during their time in mission.

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