

FFWPU USA Next Gen Mission: 14 Teams, 13 Communities

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Pictured above: Junior class missionaries at a youth gathering in DMV

Welcome to another Next Gen Mission newsletter.

If you haven’t heard by now, *Generation Peace Academy* has been renamed to *Next Gen Mission*. This name change is targeted to move forward the renewed vision for the young people in the Unification community– to grow into happy, healthy, and public-minded individuals who want to contribute to a greater, higher purpose aligned with our Heavenly Parent and our Holy Mother Han.

Junior Class

The Mission junior class have been in their assigned communities for about a week, scroll through to see what they’ve done.



Georgia

4 brothers from the Junior class, Galvin, Gabe, Makoto, Yuki, and their team leader Aki, have been in Atlanta for more than a week, and lots of amazing things have happened so far.

In the beginning, the team was able to have an outing and see the greenery of Atlanta through its beautiful parks, as well as learn of its deep cultural history at the MLK national park. There, many people of all races met with them and were so interested in the missionaries.

The fundraising days and witnessing days allowed the missionaries to meet and experience the people of Georgia on a deeper level. It was through this they notice and appreciate the hospitality and kindness of the South.

This week they hosted a *Peace Dinner*, where they were able to get to know the community better, discuss topics of peace, eat good food, play fun games, and have some praise and worship.

They are preparing for their next event, *Peace Night*, which is expected to be much larger. They are expecting religious and political leaders to speak, and performances will be done alongside. Very exciting times.



New York

The missionaries' first week in the Belvedere community has been amazing.

After three days of fundraising, they began joining activities and programs with the community members. One of them was a program from the Women's Federation Her Tribe, where they could learn with elder sisters about the importance and role of women in establishing a world of peace.

With the team, they also took some time to learn Korean. It was through the Korean classes, they realized how deep and profound the expressions can be, and through that, the missionaries could connect a little more closely to True Parents' heart in a very fun way.



Bay Area

The Junior class missionaries held their first campus witnessing and CARP gathering at Chabot College. The missionaries experienced outreach for the first time, meeting interested students and even reconnecting with distant young members. The group ended with holding a powerful CARP gathering where many Blessed children and guests joined—truly a hopeful start to the new semester!



Indiana

The HTG, Senior and Junior class missionaries went sightseeing in downtown Indiana! They also did outreach by running a car wash and café. Having everyone together really gave the group energy. 😊😊😊



DMV (D.C., Maryland, Virginia)

Last week the team arrived in the DMV community, and on Sunday they joined either the Virginia Church's Sunday Service Picnic, or the youth gathering, getting to know more about this community!

The team also started cooking 🍴 Those delicious-looking dishes in the photo were made by Andrew and Aliza!



Illinois

As this week was the Junior class missionaries first time witnessing, they received a lecture from Nadya Kamiyama about *Intention Setting* and *Why We Witness*.

In any kind of relationship, the most important thing to have is a common base. Without a common base, there is no give and take action, therefore no relationship. This is important to witnessing, since the goal is to

The highlight of the week was witnessing for the first time on Wednesday! Together with the HTG missionaries, they went to a shopping mall and witnessed in groups of three. Since it was the Junior missionaries' first experience, they looked a bit nervous, but it was moving to see how sincerely they challenged themselves. Everyone said they enjoyed it, so it's exciting to see what's ahead!



relate Heavenly Parent's Dream to others.

After they listen to the lecture, they go out to practice in small steps. They went around asking people certain questions, like "what is the purpose of life" and "how can we create a better world."

Approaching their last person, something that they said was really inspiring. Although this person did not believe in God, they gave the group a lot of encouragement and respected what they were doing as good.

What the group took from this on their ride back, was how Jesus wouldn't have cared if one practiced Buddhism or not, he would still love them anyway. People tend to judge others when they don't believe in the same thing they do.

As children of God, it's important to be careful of judging others and embrace others with love, despite differences. That way a world of peace can be created even quicker.

One highlight of this week is Yoshiko, the head chef of the team! She has been working in diligently planning meals for the week and preparing meals. Her heart of sincere service and joy is something that the team all look up to. Recently she has made us a cheesecake for the team to enjoy. The team hopes that she feels lots of love not just from the group, but from the community as well.

Minnesota

This week marked the first full week for the missionaries in the Minnesota's community.

They were able to participate in a variety of activities such as the community picnic, fundraising, witnessing, and a youth event. Each activity gave the opportunity to connect with the local members



and experience the heart of the community in a deeper way.

It was not only a time of joy and fellowship but also a chance to face new challenges and grow in their lives of faith. Through these experiences, the missionaries could build stronger relationships, practice teamwork, and strengthen the determination to keep moving forward with gratitude and hope.

Senior Class

As the Senior class concluded their witnessing bootcamp in Indianapolis and offered Jeongseong (spiritual conditions) and their pledges for their missions, they departed to their 5 different communities that they'll be spending time in for the next 2 months: Indianapolis, Las Vegas, Boston, Colorado, and Alaska.

Scroll through to see what they've done.

Boston, Massachusetts

It's the Boston Team here reporting for the first time! The Senior class missionaries arrived in Boston on Wednesday and met with Pastor Miilhan Stephens to debrief about the new mission.

Boston is a new strategic community so there are many exciting opportunities and plans especially with Pastor Miilhan, a man filled with ideas and energy!

Throughout this time, the missionaries did some witnessing with community members and got to visit historic parts of Boston.

This Sunday they also were able to attend the National Belvedere Service in person where they were able to represent the Boston Community and attend Holy Mother Han during this important time. The missionaries were able to offer devotion at the Cheon Shim Won and Holy Rock for True Mother's safety and victory.

This week was overall mainly the team getting used to the community, so stay tuned for the upcoming week's newsletter for more exciting events that they are planning.





Denver, Colorado

The Colorado team, Ahn Shi Gemino, Kwan Sung Carrera, and Reina Yamada, had a chance to settle in and start engaging with the community and the GMP (Global Mission Program) missionaries stationed there.

Throughout the week, the Colorado team had the opportunity to go campus witnessing at MSU (Metropolitan State University of Denver) with the GMP missionaries, as well as fundraise and start planning for creative witnessing. They concluded their week attending Sunday Service, with the sermon given by Pastor Michael Hendrick, and engaging more with the youth after service playing volleyball and soccer.

As the 3 missionaries finish up this week, they'll be going into their first full week in Denver, preparing and planning for different events while witnessing.



Kodiak, Alaska

Landing in Anchorage, Alaska, last Tuesday evening, the Kodiak team fundraised for their mission. They were warmly welcomed by the Anchorage family community and spent a day being shown the scenic route.

Then, they fundraised in the town Thursday through Saturday with a goal of \$1000—which they were able to reach on Saturday! Bright horizons abound for our Alaskan missionaries, as they prepare for another week of fundraising.



Indianapolis, Indiana

This week the senior class missionaries arrived at the Indianapolis Family Church last Tuesday.

The team has mostly been focused on settling into the Indianapolis community, and figuring out ways they can contribute or plug into the community.

The missionaries have started with attending the daily CSW night vigils together with Pastor Robert, where they gain guidance and support from the pastor and community. One of the big things they will be doing during their time here is fundraising.

The team, together with the HTG missionaries, went fundraising on Thursday and Friday where the money raised will be used to host events planned throughout their stay there.

One of these events being the Indianapolis Family Church’s big claim to fame “Weekly Carwash.” The car wash was an idea that was developed in a missionary workshop last May that was designed to spread love and kindness to the surrounding area of our church. It was also a



Las Vegas, Nevada

The Senior class missionaries sent to the Las Vegas community are Luda Herbers, Rosemary Bardales, Ryuichi Tanemori, and Ahnjun Illustrisimo.

Initially, the Vegas team was supposed to arrive earlier in their community, but then told they would need to arrive later, so their travel period turned into a travel fundraising period. This ended up being a blessing for the team, as they were able to stop at hiking spots in Kansas, Colorado, and Utah, as well as bonding together in the evenings, while also preparing internally for their mission in Vegas.

Although the Vegas team members had not expected to be sent there, they all felt honored and excited to invest, create an impact, connect with the community, and inherit from the community.



way to witness and let people into our church, and get a glimpse of who True Parents are.

We have a team washing the guests' cars, another inside the cafe making the drinks, and a last group talking to the guests. The idea is, people come to get their car washed, and while waiting for the car to be washed, they make their way into the cafe and learn about the church and True Parents.

For the future, the group is brainstorming ways to make this witnessing idea more effective. The senior team is just getting started, and excited to see what else they can do for this Indianapolis Community, the surrounding people in the area, and For God and True parents.

This has been the Next Gen Mission newsletter.
Thanks so much for reading.



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