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NGM Weekly Newsletter

With the first week of October completed, see what the missionaries at their communities have reported in.



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Junior Class Missionaries	
Junior Class	

Atlanta, Georgia



Group Photo at Sports for Peace Event

Hello!!! This week the Atlanta team was able to host a Sports for Peace event where they were able to engage with the youth community. They were able to play games such as soccer, football, frisbee, and volleyball. The team also branched out to other people in the park, allowing them to share the experience even more.

After some fundraising and witnessing, the missionaries were also able to host some witnessing events such as Peace Night on Zoom. Their guests from GSU were invited to discuss what peace meant and how they could implement it.

A very good week, and we're looking forward to Praise and Worship this Sunday.

Junior Class

Bay Area, California

CARP Gathering

On October 1st, the third CARP gathering was held at Chabot College. After about an hour of outreach activities on campus, there was fellowship with guests and students. Under the Peace Starts with Me Movement, the missionaries could naturally introduce Heavenly Parent and True Parents through meaningful conversations. They also learned the importance of understanding ourselves as a first step toward realizing a peaceful world.



CARP Gathering at Chabot College Group Photo

Youth Vigil Prayer

The first Youth Vigil Prayer was held with deep grace and inspiration. Led by a member who recently participated in the 40-day workshop, there was a spiritually uplifting atmosphere. Together, the missionaries prayed sincerely for True Mother in Korea, reflected on our personal responsibilities, and discussed what we can do during this time. It was a

precious opportunity for the youth to align their hearts with Heavenly Parent and True Parents, and it inspired us to continue offering devotion for the revival of the church and unity with the spiritual world.



First Youth Vigil Prayer Group Photo

Blessing Workshop

From the afternoon of October 3rd to the morning of October 5th, we participated in the “Glimpse of a Blessed Life 2025” workshop. Around 50 participants, including those who came from afar, gathered to deeply learn about the value of the Blessing and reflect on their future. Through discussions and sharing with brothers and sisters under the theme of Blessing, we were able to rediscover our own value and make new determinations for our future lives of faith.



“Glimpse of a Blessed Life 2025” Workshop Group Photo

Junior Class

Belvedere, New York



Missionaries Making Cards for Chuseok



Missionaries Showing Cards for Chuseok

This was the team's third week in the Belvedere community. As the Belvedere team are getting used to the community's rhythm, this week was full of new and meaningful activities. They attended a Christian church service on Sunday, Home Base in the New Jersey community and celebrated Chuseok (추석), a Korean holy day that True Parents also cherish and celebrate every year.

After a presentation about the meaning and history of Chuseok, the missionaries spent time making cards for their families, decorating with a Chuseok theme, and cooking some traditional Chuseok foods together. Through these activities, they could feel and experience the jeong (정) of Korean culture — the warm heart and love that fill this holiday and makes them more connected as a team and their families and True Parents as well. It is a day to reconnect and give thanks and prayers for all the blessings received.

This week, they also had Korean classes based on the song Ommaya Nunaya. The missionaries learned the meaning of the lyrics, new letters and their pronunciation and usage together with a challenge to memorize how to say the opening and ending of prayers in Korean. 😊

Thank you so much, Heavenly Parent and True Parents, for this amazing week. They will continue to do their best to support the community and bring hope to True Mother. ❤️



Belevedere Team in Korean Classes

Junior Class

Clifton, New Jersey



New Jersey Team Celebrating HTG Missionary Hironori's Birthday

The New Jersey team is finally here with an update!

These past few weeks have been packed with lots of great activities and experiences, and the Junior class missionaries have managed to settle into their schedule, starting to make a real impact in the community.

Witnessing and fundraising have been deeply impactful, and the members have been able to achieve new goals, break out of their comfort zone by giving lectures, and reach out to new guests.

Two missionaries, Kana Kobayashi and Polina Vilchitskaya, were able to bring new friends to the events that they planned. Kana's guest came to a Korean culture night that was held in September, and Polina's two guests were able to attend a PSWM seminar held last Saturday. They are excited to continue getting to know their new friends and hopefully build deeper connections with them as they introduce them to more of the community.

The New Jersey team is super excited to continue making waves in their community, so stay tuned for more updates!



Peace Starts With Me Seminar Group Photo

Junior Class

Chicago, Illinois

The Chicago Team went apple picking with the community, and although it wasn't quite sweater weather, the team still had a lot of fun picking apples regardless. The team are all excited to see what kind of baked apple food we can make!



Apple Picking Outing Group Photo

Thank you to Sarah Jackson, for being with us during our fundraising days on October 2nd and 3rd. As a team, we learned a lot about unity and the importance of gratitude. The team is so grateful to have her guide us throughout the day. Also, another thank you to both Sarah and Nadya Kamiyama for providing us dinner. The team had a wonderful time and felt a lot of love from the two of them.



Chicago Team with Next Gen Missions Staff, Sarah Jackson

Junior Class

DMV



CARP Club at Montgomery College Group Photo

This week, the DMV family had their first Sunday service at the Capital Family Church location! On Wednesday, the missionaries and some CARP members went out witnessing at Montgomery College, as well as organizing the CARP club there. On Friday, the DMV family celebrated all the work done so far by going out for brunch!



Advance Leader Reimi with Junior Missionaries Aliza & Mi Hye at REVIVE Night

Later that evening, the Capital Family Church hosted Revive– a praise and worship night. The goal of the event was to raise spirits, as well as to bring motivation to True Mother. Mi Hye, Aliza, and Shiori recorded for the Cheon Shim Won prayer vigil, while Andrew and Matthew recorded for the church Instagram. At dinner, Andrew and Aliza went around to interview participants to hear their thoughts.



Team Dinner Photo



After Team Dinner Photo

Over the weekend, the missionaries stayed over at the CARP house, where Aliza, Shiori, and Matthew were able to make crepes for breakfast!

Junior Class

Dallas, Texas



Dallas Missionary Team Together

This past Thursday, the Dallas team went to the University of Texas at Arlington, where they had their first official witnessing experience. The team partnered with other HTG missionaries and members of the Dallas-Fort Worth family to have inspiring conversations with young students and share about the Peace Starts With Me movement and how it can (and will) change the world.

The Dallas team also had their first organized sit-down with Senior Pastor Jinil on Friday to discuss how they can help the community grow, what events to organize, and how they can make a lasting impact in the hearts of the Dallas-Fort Worth community. Many ideas were proposed and discussed and are now in the works such as the Fall Festival this October, so the missionaries are preparing to give their all for this upcoming month.

This has been Dallas! Till next week.



Dallas Team Singing Songs



*Junior Missionary Kenko with Advance
Leader Yasutaka's baby*

Senior Class Missionaries

Senior Class

Boston, Massachusetts

This is the Boston Team reporting, welcome to October! The team this week focused on committing to their goals, so after their team meeting, the missionaries drilled in on doing some outreach and witnessing.

This week, they went out with Pastor Miilhan, bringing along a ping pong table! This was to invite people to their game night on Saturday.



Boston Senior Missionaries Bringing out the Ping Pong Table

Though they didn't go out as much as they wanted to, the Senior Captain of the team, Kai Kellett, had a great experience. One approach he did lasted 50 minutes of just straight conversation and curiosity.

The team resonated with a quote from Pastor Miilhan, which is "God will meet you where you're at, but especially, God will meet you where you act." So they have determined to go out much more to bring victory to Boston, Heavenly Parent and True Parents.

They concluded the week with their first event, a game night where people could bond over boardgames, ping pong, Smash Bros with the overall goal to relax and meet the community.

The Sunday ended with a joint apple picking day together with the Worcester and Boston Community, having fun and competing in some apple-related competitions.



Boston & Worcester Community Apple Picking Group Photo

Thank you for taking the time to read this, and see you next week!

Senior Class

Denver, Colorado



Japanese Culture Festival Group Photo

In Colorado Family Church, the Senior missionary team hosted a Japanese culture festival, with many traditional Japanese activities for their guests. They did many activities, like the watermelon breaking game, Kanji writing, and many kids games too. They had a lot of fun and it was an amazing time for not only the Colorado Family Church members, but the guests as well.

Senior & Junior Class

Indianapolis, Indiana



Indianapolis Team Photo



Campfire

This week in Indiana was another week of missionary work, through fundraising, witnessing, and finding new ways to plug into the community.

The team went to Indiana University where the missionaries went to witness with a few of the local Aunties, in which they talked to the college students, building relationships.

Throughout the week, they also had several meetups with guests, where they studied with guests and testified about the Only Begotten Daughter. In addition they of course, fundraised for 2 days.

This week for the newsletter, the team wanted to highlight an event that they are planning for the future! It is the Trunk of Treat/Fall Festival! The idea of this event is to bring new guests in, but they also wanted to host something fun for the Indianapolis community. Trunk or treat is for the families to come together and enjoy their time decorating the trunks of their cars, along with having a haunted house that the missionary group is going to plan and organize.

This event is the missionary group's big finale for their stay there in the Indianapolis community! They are here to support the Indianapolis community, and to support True Mother.

Senior Class

Kodiak, Alaska



Senior Missionary Team with a Large Halibut

“Inheriting the Alaskan Spirit”

The Kodiak team was welcomed to the island by cool winds, a mountainous terrain, and boats bobbing at harbor. Settling into North Garden, True Parents’ Kodiak home, the team steadily learned and experienced what True Parents had in the past.

The day after their arrival, the team was introduced to Chiniak, a bay where True Parents would fish and often set up camp. The missionaries offered prayers together with Pastor Tonya and her husband, Pastor Vas. On the drive back home, they even got to see a family of feeding black bears!

After a warm Sunday greeting the Kodiak community, they spent time getting to know the community throughout the week, serving the members and learning more about them. They took care of member Sarah’s dog and did yardwork for the Cooper Couple (and took care of their dog too).

They also received testimonies from Uncle Chris and Auntie Jainan about their experiences with True Parents, which primed the missionaries to see the historic 3rd floor of North Garden where True Parents used to sleep.

Two days later, Uncle Chris even offered to take them out fishing on the Harvest Moon, a fishing boat designed by Father himself! It was Nana’s 2nd and Kyungwhi’s 1st time fishing in the open sea. Together, the boat reeled in 6 halibut and a king salmon among many other fish.

Lastly, on Sunday the missionaries organized a youth gathering for the community where they played games. Megu shared her testimony of leading a life of faith and inviting God into her daily life.

As the missionaries prepare for the days ahead with their newfound understanding of True Parents and the people of Kodiak, they anticipate many exciting adventures ahead. Stay tuned to see what they accomplish together this next week, as they continue inheriting the Alaskan Spirit.

Las Vegas, Nevada

Throughout the week, the Senior missionaries joined the nightly vigils as well as the national and international morning prayers, offering devotion for True Mother’s situation.

On Wednesday, they visited New Hope, a nonprofit focused on community service. Later, they joined Light House, which is a young adult ministry where they connected with more members and received updates about True Mother.

The next day, they attended a leaders’ meeting with Continental Vice Director Kachikuri, who shared his testimony and experiences with True Parents before going to witness on a college campus.

On Friday, the team met with Pastor Resfred to reflect on their progress and discuss ways to make a lasting impact in the community, with that evening, the team spending time babysitting.

Saturday, while some continued helping with babysitting, others supported the kitchen team. They ended the day with youth ministry.

This Sunday, the team traveled to the LA Family Church to attend the national service, supporting Reverend Dunkley and to receive updates on True Mother’s current situation.

Afterwards they went out for team bonding at the Santa Monica Beach with the Vegas HTG team and Koichi, a GPA friend from their first year!



Senior Missionaries with Vegas HTG Team and Koichi at Santa Monica Beach

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