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## Senior Class Missionaries

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## Austria AT



The Austria team: Maggie Buergi, Luda Herbers, Rosemary Bardales, Kwansung Carrera, Ahnjun Ilustrisimo, safely arrived in Graz on January 27th. They received a warm welcome from David, their country leader, who has become like a father to them.

During the first week, they adjusted to the time change, settled into their new apartment, got to know some of the branches in Austria, and toured the beautiful Graz. They also visited Vienna to attend the World Interfaith Harmony Week event and the Unity Volleyball Games, which brought Blessed Children together from across Europe.



On the first Sunday, the team officially introduced themselves and had

fellowship with members of the community. That week, they began witnessing in the city center and the university. They also planned and prepared for their first event on Friday, an American Culture Night. It was a lively event with American food, games, and dancing. The missionaries were also able to share about their culture and communities in the United States.



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**Croatia HR**



Having settled into their new home away from home, the Croatia team with FFWP National President of Croatia, Jisuk Baek, as their Central Figure, kicked their missionary efforts into high gear.

Together, they spent hours cleaning the streets of Zagreb, witnessed to people on the streets of the city, staffed a one-day Cheonbo workshop (not on the streets!), and helped prepare Sunday Service.

Looking ahead, the missionaries are taking care of guests and planning to develop events to invite them to. Let's see how this next week goes for Team Croatia.



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## Romania RO



*Buna ziua!* The Romania team arrived safely to the country after their 2 day workshop in Indiana.

The team was warmly welcomed by the Bucharest community, starting off the week with some sightseeing, and later going into more witnessing activities.

The missionaries also had the opportunity to work closely with the Empower team and the UPA team when they arrived, having a total of 3 different teams in the community. Throughout the week they went out witnessing on university campuses, helping with Friday evening events with CARP, and fundraising!

This past Friday they also had a special celebration commemorating the

60th anniversary of CARP's establishment, where they explained more in detail what CARP is, the history behind it, and group discussion with both CARP members and guests from the missionaries' witnessing efforts.



As the next week rolls in, it'll be the first full week with all of the missionary teams in Bucharest as they continue to invest in their witnessing efforts.

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## Junior Class Missionaries

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### Bay Area, California

**Feb 2**

The missionaries were warmly welcomed into the Bay Area community through a meaningful meeting with Pastor Kouki and the Rev. Thompson couple. Their guidance laid a hopeful, grounded foundation for this condition.



### Feb 3

Visiting the Holy Ground and the Golden Gate Bridge, the team reflected on the Bay Area's history through TP's providence. The day deepened their gratitude for being called to this place.



### Feb 5

Their first witnessing experience in the Bay Area; through the newly launched community witnessing, they encountered many emotions, making it a time of deep learning and reflection.



**Feb 6**

At the community meeting led by Pastor Kouki, the team connected with many young BC members and gained a clearer understanding of the church's reality—and their responsibility as the next generation.

*Junior Class*

**Denver, Colorado**



Reporting live from the Denver community! It's the first week here, and the team is fitting right in. As one of the few missionary teams taking on leadership training, they're learning how to take ownership of their own life of faith.

Throughout this time, the missionaries have been on-campus witnessing and inviting new guests to events. They are thinking of new ways to contribute to the community as much as possible while also working on their passion projects.

To conclude the week, they were invited over to a member's house for dinner and attended a Super Bowl party at the church. They were able to bond with everyone and connect well with the community. The team is excited to see what else God has in store for them!



*Junior Class*

## DMV

Hello! This is Shiori's team in the DMV Community! It was a busy week.

After being introduced to the community and meeting the HTG missionaries and DMV CARP, the NGM missionaries attended their first Sunday service at the Washington Times building. Continental Director Damien Dunkley showed up to share an inspirational message to all of the church members of the DMV. After that, NGM sang "Let It Be" by the Beatles to welcome President Dunkley into the community.



On Wednesday, the NGM missionaries, with the HTGs, went to the University of Maryland to receive guidance on and get a little taste of what witnessing is like in the DMV. Afterwards, the missionaries attended their first youth group, where they read True Father's Autobiography and got to know more of the youth and young adults of the DMV.



The next day, the NGM missionaries and HTGs went on an outing together to Washington D.C.. They toured around the Washington Monument, White House, Capitol Building, and even visited the Holy Ground there. Along the way, they visited a couple of famous museums as well.



It has been a very fun week, and they hope to continue to invest into this community to make it a brighter place for all!

*Junior Class*

**Chicago, Illinois**



This has been a great first week for the Chicago team!

They started off the week by meeting the Pastor and assistant pastors of Chicago! They were able to introduce themselves at Sunday Service and talk about their greatest takeaways from NGM so far.

They went witnessing for the first time at Harper College and received guidance from different members. There they spent time with the young adults and shared more testimonies!

In a nutshell, there was fundraising, witnessing, Sunday Service, prayer vigils, team bonding, a goodbye party for the HTG members, and mochi event!



*Junior Class*

## Little Rock, Arkansas



Even though it's only been one week in Arkansas for the Junior Class Missionaries, they have already made a significant impact within the Arkansas community.

The team devoted days of fundraising and witnessing to support the vision that Reverend Jackson gave to them during the first couple of days, and they have shown high spirits to help that vision become a reality within this week alone. They also had the motivation to carry on the legacy that HUSA members last year brought to the community and to start off from where they left.

On Wednesday, the church hosted a game night for the community to have fun playing games with one another. The Next Gen Missionaries were not only able to bring in their youthful, energetic spirits, but also a

couple of new and returning guests to join as well. This day stands as one of the team's favorite days so far, as it allowed them to see a community come close to one another and see the love of God being spread throughout the community in the brightest way.



On Saturday, the team started with a morning pickleball session to allow themselves to have fun and be unified to celebrate a good first week. After that, they headed over to True Brew to prepare for the weekly bible study session.

During this time of preparation, a guest that Junior Class Missionaries Marcell Bendsza and Kenko Morikawa approached on their witnessing run came to visit and during that time, he signed the membership form to become a part of the community. This was a brother that was actually approached last year by a HUSA member and these two were able to rekindle his determination to support the community.

After this moment, the team as a whole recognized the power of the spirit world roaming in Arkansas and the importance of their actions for the future, leaving them with excitement to see what the future holds for the team.



*Junior Class*

**Minneapolis, Minnesota**



After 10 days of fundraising, full of ups and downs, the team finally arrived in Minnesota this Sunday. It was definitely a journey with a lot of challenges and victories along the way, and they're grateful for all of it. Now that they're here, the missionaries are excited to kick off their new activities and see what's next!

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