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Senior Class Missionaries

Romania RO



This week the NGM, Empower, and UPA missionaries spent their first full week together witnessing and continuing to support Romania CARP and the community. They had the opportunity to create a gift for True Parents' birthday, crafting together a letter consisting of everyone's messages and birthday wishes. They also had a Friday CARP event with the topic "Accepting others for who they are." They concluded their week with a Prayer Night hosted by the UPA Team, getting to share with one another and offer devotion for their mission.





Now that they finished their 21 Day Witnessing Sprint this past Friday, they'll now be going into a reflection and refreshing period, to recharge and prepare for their next sprint.



Croatia HR

This week, the Croatia team continued cleaning the streets of Zagreb, helped paint test colors for a new center opening up for the community, and paid a special visit to a 2nd Gen brother who is leaving to go abroad soon.

The cleaning effort continued strong, with two guests joining the effort. The team also began approaching passersby, creating new relationships and inviting them to a one-day workshop the team has planned for the 28th of this month.



An important project the team contributed to is the opening of *Konekt Lab*: a new center that hopes to bring together the wider Zagreb community. The missionaries painted test colors on the walls of the center to help National Leader Jisuk Baek find which are best.

Lastly, the Croatia team visited the neighboring city of Varaždin with 3 other youth to spend the day with a 2nd Gen brother soon going to Lithuania for his studies. The brother guided the group through the city and explained some of the sights.



That's all for this week. Let's see how the Croatia team continues to carry out God's work next week in the NGM newsletter!

Austria AT



This week the team mainly focused on witnessing and preparing for future events. On Thursday, the team held their first PULSE event. The team did a new take of "Peace Starts with Me" with the first topic being "My value, changing or eternal." Ahnjun was MC, Luda gave a testimony on her experience with understanding where value comes from, Kwansung was the tech person, Maggie led ice-breakers, and Rosemary took care of the media.







Shout-out to Grandpa Gerhard for making mouthwatering food for the event and lunch for the team on their witnessing days.

On Friday, the team attended the 1500 Korean prayer vigil with some community members, and they heard inspiring testimonies from brothers and sisters across the globe.

Junior Class Missionaries

Chicago, Illinois



The second week in the windy city was pretty eventful!

The team started the week with some fundraising and witnessing as usual. Then, they started meticulously planning on how they will contribute to the community in terms of volunteering and being more involved...So they thought of being more involved in the church service! They have people on the worship team, tech—you name it!

After that, their captain got some driving lessons from Suzuki-san! Not only was he a driving instructor, but also a great lecturer. The team learned a lot about exercising the third blessing: "Have dominion over creation!" That means cleanliness!

After they finished their runs on Thursday, the missionaries were invited over to Auntie Nadya's house to eat dinner! They ended that day with full stomachs and sore throat (from karaoke 🎤). Then the team gave a goodbye dinner to the awesome Suzuki-san with some apple pie!! The missionaries were very grateful but also sad to see him leaving. But his impact on their team stays as this condition goes by! They are very excited about what's to come in the next week!





Junior Class
DMV



The DMV team entered their second full week continuing to build meaningful connections in the community.

They welcomed one of the newest community members, David, by sharing dinner together. They also participated in brother and sister Valentine events, which were filled with fun activities like a category thrift challenge, cupcake decorating, and heartfelt conversations about brotherhood and sisterhood.



To wrap up the week, the missionaries served at the Upshur House in Washington, D.C., offering some songs and connecting with the youth through a lively Mario Kart tournament.

It was a joyful week full of fellowship, service, and growing relationships.



Junior Class

Little Rock, Arkansas

Welcome back to another weekly update from the Arkansas team!





The week started off very strong with a worship night session after church service on Sunday that allowed the missionaries to lay new foundations for the coming week. The worship night was filled with powerful singing, alongside a small sermon from Reverend Jackson right after talking about our importance in understanding our position from God's view.

On Wednesday, Reverend Jackson hosted his long awaited Men's Night, where he brought the brothers within the community together. He gave a talk about the importance of making an impact and instilled new motivation to help each other within the community. On Saturday, the team started with a morning Bible study session with Reverend Jackson about the beginning of the Bible. Within this Bible study, the team was able to invite two guests, thanks to Agathe Likeng and Arianna Hess, and allowed for a positive mindset to form for the team in the morning. Right after, the team was nonstop moving to set up for a Cheonbo Victory Ceremony for a couple within the community. The team worked vigorously to set up the room, brought the food, and mainly their bright energy to this event.

Finally, on Sunday, a returning guest that Kenko Morikawa and Agathe Likeng brought before whose name is Emanuel Strong, signed membership to symbolize his new beginning with HPTP.



Junior Class

Clifton, New Jersey



Just in, reporting from the New Jersey team over the past few weeks. It's the team's second week here, and they've been actively supporting both spiritual events and outreach efforts while continuing to grow through hands-on experience.

During this time, the team helped organize and support a CheonBo event and attended Homebase, a young-adult gathering, strengthening their connection to the community. The missionaries also took part in witnessing practice on Friday morning, which led to a successful witnessing time that afternoon (many contacts...)!



On Saturday, the team followed up with guests through a Valentine's-themed witnessing event, "Peace Starts With Me." Although a few members were sick earlier in the weeks, most have fully recovered and are now actively participating. Additionally, Marco Sanfrancesco shared a testimony on "Choosing God" at the Vigil night prayer, offering encouragement and reflection!

The team is grateful for the growth and can't wait for the new week!



Junior Class

Minneapolis, Minnesota



This week, reporting from the heart of the Minnesota community, this brothers team experienced a full schedule of outreach and fellowship activities, team bonding, and personal growth.

The team began the week by getting settled and establishing daily structure, followed by fundraising efforts on Tuesday that encouraged teamwork and responsible engagement with the local community.



On Wednesday, the team visited the University of Minnesota campus for a guided tour and reflection on future academic goals. Outreach activities continued on Thursday with witnessing at a local mall and on Friday through door-to-door witnessing. The week concluded with a board game night, youth group participation, and a volleyball night on Saturday, providing meaningful fellowship and recreation.



Junior Class
Denver, Colorado



The Junior Class Missionaries in Denver had an awesome week!

To start off, on Tuesday, the team had celebrated Amy Lee's birthday, one of the missionaries of the team. Many people in the community gathered to host a surprise party for her. That night, close bonds were formed, creating memories that will last a lifetime. Throughout the week, the team had invested heavily into their guests and the people they approached while witnessing. Through this, they had grown their heart to experience God's parental love on the frontline.

On Valentine's day, the team was invited to see the sights of the Colorado mountains, and eat dinner with the YAMI members. The view was unbelievably beautiful, and the missionaries took many photos.

The team cannot wait for what lies ahead of them!







Junior Class

Bay Area, California



The Bay Area team had a jam-packed week full of activities as they got settled into their new community! They started the week by fundraising for the first two days to continue practicing, developing, and growing in their internal goals while in communities. On Wednesday, the missionaries received guidance from Reverend Thompson, who talked about the importance of education outside of school, like living a life of faith. This guidance helped prepare the missionaries for witnessing at Chabot College, where they helped advertise CARP during the club rush.



They ended the day by saying goodbye to Hikari as she flew to Boston for her commitment ceremony! They also welcomed Mission Leader Junta, who is going to be the team lead for the next few days while Hikari is gone.

Thursday was another full day of witnessing, as the missionaries started inviting Chabot students to CARP's first meeting the following week. They also did some community witnessing, raising awareness for the upcoming Peace Starts With Me event they were hosting at Bay Area Family Church. Junta then took them to the closing with a scenic view.



On Friday, Junta treated the team at a nearby café, where they planned for the Lunar New Year PSWM event. Thanks, Junta!

The missionaries ended their week by starting their morning bright and early to watch Hikari's commitment ceremony (congratulations!!!). They then did a little bit of community fundraising to support the event they were planning, and then went on a fun outing by hiking on a nearby trail. Afterwards, they visited UC Berkeley, where Junta gave a short tour. They ended the day with a delicious team dinner!

The Bay Area team had a busy but fulfilling week, but is excited to see what the following week holds!



Applications for the Next Gen Mission year 2026-2027 are now open! If you know someone who will be a high school graduate or equivalent, or who is looking to deepen their character, life of faith, and relationship with God and True Parents, encourage them to look here.



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