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Mission Weekly Newsletter



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Senior Class Missionaries

Croatia HR



This week, the Croatia Team witnessed, planned for their upcoming workshop, and participated in the Winter Great Works. Cleaning efforts continued with Hari, a guest the missionaries met during their 1st week, as they picked up garbage together in a city park.

In the following days, the team focused on meeting new guests, even developing a new witnessing strategy: "Zagreb's Notebook of Love." The missionaries approached people with a question, such as, "What does love look like to you?" or "What is your true calling in life? And why?" and asked them to write their responses in a notebook.

This helped the missionaries meet new people, connect them to the new center's Instagram, and create content for the Instagram all in one go! You can watch the missionaries in action on the [@Konekt.Lab](#) Instagram here.

On Friday onward, the missionaries participated in the Winter Special Great Works alongside community members. They enjoyed multiple Chanyang sessions, spent time connecting with one another, and helped prepare for True Parents' Birthday Celebration during Sunday Service. With their 1-day Sprout Divine Principle Workshop on the horizon and their 1st month in Croatia coming to a close, let's see how the missionaries come together to meet the challenges ahead.



Senior Class
Austria AT



On Tuesday, the Austria team met up with David and a second-gen brother, Misha, to go bouldering! It was a fun time for the team to bond, connect with community members, and recharge for a week of witnessing and events. Afterward, the team enjoyed traditional Austrian doughnuts and a delicious dinner prepared by Aunt Nataliia, a loving, motherly figure in the Austrian community.



On Thursday, the team held its second PULSE event, focusing on “True Joy Through True Purpose.” This week, they were able to host more guests and have meaningful conversations. The guests opened up and reflected on their goals and dreams in life, and how they could use them to serve others. They also enjoyed delicious food and dessert prepared by Grandpa Gerhard, along with some fun games.

On Sunday, the team celebrated True Parents’ birthday with the community by offering songs, helping run a True Parents Jeopardy game, playing with the little third-gen kids, and growing closer to the community.



Senior Class
Romania RO





The missionaries have ended their reflection period and are back to witnessing and supporting the 1st Youth and Students for Peace (YSP) event of the year, focusing on a series of mental health topics, beginning with the 5 Love Languages. In the event, participants delved deeper into the 5 languages and how they can better show love to those around them.



During the week, they also got to celebrate Lunar New Year with a Korean brunch and a game of Yuut with each other and the community, and concluded their week by attending the Hyojeong Cheonbo Greatworks and celebrating True Parents' birthday. Finally, they were able to hear a testimony from one of the UPA missionaries about their experience with True Mother and watch a movie together.

As they enter the next week, they'll officially start their next 21 Witnessing Sprint and prepare for events in March.



Junior Class Missionaries

Clifton, New Jersey



Did you wonder what the New Jersey missionaries got up to this week? Here's the answer!

Throughout the week, the team stayed busy with fundraising, witnessing, service projects, and meetings, while growing closer together through each experience. Reaching a new team fundraising record was a big highlight and brought the team a lot of encouragement!

On Wednesday, the team helped load U-Hauls at three different locations for the Next Gen property in Indiana. Seeing so many second-generation volunteers serving together was especially inspiring.



On Thursday, the team celebrated Mi Hye's birthday, and Hironori treated everyone to boba, a memory to really treasure!

On Saturday, the team held a witnessing meeting to reflect on ways to improve and grow on the frontline. Later that night at the youth vigil prayer, Mi Hye Baklanov shared her testimony, "My Journey to the Blessing."



The week ended on Sunday with the team shoveling snow outside the church together, closing the week united in service... and preparing for the busy (yet exciting) schedule of next week!



Junior Class

Denver, Colorado



Denver team here to report!

It was a very fulfilling week; the missionaries have been actively participating in church events and getting involved in projects to support their community.

On Wednesday, the missionaries dedicated the day to helping paint rooms inside the Colorado Family Church. They renovated the Sunday school rooms by repainting the walls and adding murals, expressing creativity and bringing new life into the place.





Saturday was a fun and meaningful night for the sisters in the community, as they participated in a "Ladies Night." Through games, conversations, and shared activities, they grew closer to one another and came to understand more deeply the value of sisterhood.



Lastly, the missionaries bonded further through sports, spending time playing together after Sunday service. It was a joyful way to end the weekend and helped deepen their sense of connection as a family and a community.



The team is thankful for all the memories made this week and looks forward to continuing to grow and serve together.

Little Rock, Arkansas

Time flies by when there's so much fun in Arkansas!

This week, missionaries faced some challenges as they participated in a fundraising challenge day, where they devoted days only to parking lots, and an ownership day, to strengthen their determination to serve the community.

On Wednesday, while the brothers were at the weekly men's night, the missionary sisters, alongside Mission Leader Sarah Naito, hosted the first ever sisters night, also known as "EmpowHER". They made this with the purpose to give empowerment to the people who come and form this concrete bond with one another. With Reverend Jackson's approval, they are allowed to continue this while the brothers have men's night in the other room.



On Saturday, a first-generation brother from the Arkansas community, Manuel, joined the missionaries all day. It all started with him sleeping over at the missionaries' center, joining them as they did HDH, which is a morning reading devotion of our movement's words, and their first-ever community fundraising! After that, the missionaries participated in a Bible study hosted by a brother in the community, Michael White, who is a very close friend of Reverend Jackson.

After the study, the team decided to host a surprise birthday party for Manuel by buying him gifts and bringing food. Manuel felt the love as he walked into the room the team had made for the party, and he got emotional. He later told the team that this was the best birthday party he had ever been to, and this brought a bright smile to the team. The team will continue to bring this type of energy to the community as their time here continues.



Junior Class

Chicago, Illinois

Hello everyone! This is THE Chicago team checking on you once more this week!

This 3rd week has been an eventful one, starting off with a Valentine's Day event for young couples! Tasked with babysitting, the team gladly stepped up to care for the little ones. Lots of tears were shed, but luckily, it wasn't the young adults who did.



The next day, on Sunday, the team helped with the church service through the worship and tech teams! Taking an eye for what goes into making an amazing Sunday Service.

Later, the team was invited to attend the Rekindle workshop, where they learned something new from Pastor Hebangja.





Then, in the evening, the team went out for their first team dinner, sharing their reflections of the first 2 weeks with Aunt Nadya while enjoying amazing Vietnamese food.

And throughout the week, a few highlights were the team going out for boba with an amazing older sister to celebrate her birthday, and a surprise visit from Aliza's father.

That's all from the Chicago team! Catch you next week for more!



Junior Class

Minneapolis, Minnesota



Greetings from the Minnesota community, where this brother team spent a week of service and meaningful engagement.

On Monday, the brothers went to the Mall of America for team bonding activities and had a great time. Tuesday, the team spent the first half of the day witnessing, followed by fundraising for the community in the afternoon.

Wednesday was devoted to a full day of fundraising, though activities concluded early because of inclement weather.

On Thursday, the team assisted with cleaning the church and shoveling snow outside, offering their time in service to the community. Friday was spent attending a Seonghwa ceremony for a close sister of the community, Judy Jager.

The week concluded on Saturday with a Peace and Harmony Table gathering, where the team reflected on the theme of gratitude and prepared onigiri together, fostering fellowship and appreciation.



Junior Class
Bay Area, California



Bay Area team checking in! This was another busy week, filled with fundraising, witnessing, and event planning for the upcoming Peace Starts with Me (PSWM) potluck.

At the beginning of the week, former GPA alum Yuki A'Beckett and Josef Buergi, captained the team on their fundraising days while Hikari was gone for her commitment ceremony!

They spent Wednesday and Thursday morning witnessing for their first CARP meeting on Thursday, and spent the afternoons in community witnessing, inviting those who lived close to the church to the PSWM event they were organizing the following week. The team welcomed Hikari the following day, continued event planning, and ended the night with an amazing worship service led by the BAFC Youth Ministry!

On Saturday, the team attended the Winter Peace Cup Pickleball Tournament, where they not only experienced friendly competition but also the power of sports to unite people beyond boundaries.

The following day, the missionaries welcomed people to Sunday Service, then listened to an inspiring sermon by Pastor Kouki, who spoke about the importance of spreading True Parents' love to others. They then visited another Christian Church to join in heartfelt worship and fellowship.

The team is excited to see what's in store this week!



Junior Class
DMV





This week, the DMV team was able to continue contributing to the community.

On Thursday, the team had a team meeting about creating a Peace Start with Me event with three of the HTG missionaries. The next day, the team joined a youth group event called The Lab. They were able to listen to one of the community members, Matthew. Then, after that, there were Q&As for young adults where the youths would ask them.



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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