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## Mission Weekly Newsletter

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### Senior Class Missionaries

#### Romania RO



This week, the missionaries were busy with a variety of activities: from witnessing and meeting with guests, helping with the weekly CARP open discussion events, preparing for their Innov8Peace Conference organized by the UPA Missionaries, and planning for their 2 Day Workshop organized by the NGM Missionaries.



They ended the week with another Prayer Night on the topic of Gratitude, with 2 missionaries (Jacob and Angela) giving inspiring testimonies about their experiences with gratitude towards God and the challenges they've faced.

During Sunday Service, the brothers also had a surprise for all the sisters in the community, presenting each of them with flowers and gifts to celebrate International Women's Day.



Senior Class

## Austria AT



On Monday, the team met to plan their weekly PULSE event, assign roles, discuss guest care, and reflect on their investments in witnessing. This week, they also tried a new witnessing schedule, going out in the first half of the day rather than in the afternoon, and found it helped them feel more energized and spirited.

Over the next two days, the team continued investing in witnessing, with Luda meeting and catching up with one of her guests!!

On Thursday, the team hosted PULSE with the theme "The Power of a Growth Mindset." Kwansung served as the MC, Ahn Jun led the icebreakers, Luda shared a testimony, Rosemary prepared the reading and discussion questions, and Maggie served as the internal coordinator. It was another wonderful evening of PULSE, with Rosemary's guest returning and Ahn Jun bringing a new guest! The team hopes to continue encouraging more guests to attend so they can experience the community's loving atmosphere and grow in their faith!



On Friday, the team went out to witness and offer devotion during the Korean Prayer Vigil. Later, they also participated in—and brought guests to—the Austria × Nigeria event organized by community members, which highlighted collaborative projects supporting education, food access, and opportunities in Nigeria.

On Saturday, Maggie and Rosemary met with Maggie’s guest, taking time to get to know her values, culture, and perspectives while enjoying meaningful conversation. They spent time together in Graz, watched the sunset, and shared boba. Both felt deeply grateful for the opportunity to meet her and share love with her.



## Croatia HR



This was an interesting week for the Croatian missionaries. Concluding their 1st workshop the previous weekend, the witnessing effort continued, with the team cleaning a park and finding new guests on the street or around. However, the team also had the opportunity to help clean and continually upgrade the Konekt Lab Peace Embassy with guest Hari, as well as to visit another art exhibition featuring a piece by their Central Figure, Jessy Tomas. An exciting Friday brought the team into meetups with 3 guests in a single day, showing that Spirit World may be clearing the way for the missionaries' success.

On Saturday, the team made a bouquet of flower chocolates, further developed the Konekt Lab website, and worked on the @ Konekt.lab social media. The bouquet was for the following day, when the team traveled to neighboring Slovenia to attend a Commitment

Ceremony in person. The team also toured the Slovenian capital, Ljubljana, with youth from the Croatian community.

With more meetups and interesting opportunities on the horizon, let's keep an eye out for what our Croatian missionaries do next.



## Junior Class Missionaries

Montreal, Canada



Long time no see! The Montreal team has just finished its third week. Throughout the week, they continued to witness and connect with members of the community. They also had the opportunity to learn more about Canadian culture!

That's right, the missionaries have been offering consistent investments in witnessing through going across the street to Vanier College three times a week to meet new students and potential guests! The word of the week was: "conviction." Despite the challenges, the missionaries inspired each other with their morning services about conviction and strove to improve every day!



On Monday, Pastor Franco took the missionaries out for lunch at a traditional maple sugar shack. It's a very popular tradition in Montreal, and the missionaries were excited to experience it for themselves for the first time. It was truly an all-things-maple experience from the food to the trees that gave them a sweet taste of a Canadian tradition. Some exciting news, the brothers met up with Grant, a new guest, for a Korean class! As part of the witnessing, potential guests are invited to study Korean and learn more about Korean culture. Not only was it a good learning experience, but a victory for the Montreal team!

On Thursday, the youth gathered together with the second generation and guests for Youth Night. During the evening, we had fun activities, fellowship, and guidance on the importance of being present in our relationships. See you next week!



Junior Class  
**Chicago, Illinois**



This week was full and action-packed, centered on both fundraising and outreach. Much of the missionaries' time was spent fundraising around the city, meeting many different people, and doing their best to share a positive spirit with everyone they encountered. Alongside that, they also had the opportunity to do witnessing at Harper College, where they spoke with students and shared about faith, purpose, and the heart behind the movement. It was a meaningful time of connecting with young people and planting seeds.

The team concluded the week with a beautiful dinner together with Rev. Dunkley, Rev. Takami, and several members from the church. It was a warm, relaxing gathering where the team could reflect on the week, share stories, play Mafia, and feel a strong sense of community. Spending that time together was encouraging and reminded them of the support and family they have within the church.



Junior Class  
**Little Rock, Arkansas**



Arkansas can report!

This week started off with a tasty team breakfast that Mission Leaders Junta and Sarah offered. This time was special, as everyone was able to sit and talk as a team and reflect on how much had happened in Arkansas. With the hectic schedule the missionaries face each day, a moment of peace and good food is always a time the team cherishes. Alongside this, the team this week started having meetings on social media witnessing, to truly spread the message to people close and far. With many ideas in mind and one already in the works, the team is determined to create more content for the community.

This week was also a breakthrough for fundraising. This was the second week when the leader of the day was responsible for picking the area. Thursday, the team went to Hot Springs, Arkansas, which apparently had a lot of foundation, as it was the mission city for Reverend Jackson's wife. With this in mind, the team went all out, and it ended with Agathe Likeng hitting her new personal record! This was a day that the team will remember, as it felt as if the spirit world was around them all.

Lastly, on Sunday, after the morning service, the team, along with some members of the community, went to a neighboring Baptist Church to attend a worship service. This was a very special worship service, sung by a choir of 100 women to celebrate the empowerment of women under God. On top of this, the pianist for Little Rock Family Church's community worship service was playing, so the team went to support her. Throughout the service, the team was crying alongside their fellow Christian brothers and sisters as we all united our hearts and love for God and Jesus Christ.



**Minneapolis, Minnesota**



It was another meaningful week in the Minnesota community, filled with fellowship, creativity in outreach, and encouraging moments of connection. The team had the opportunity to share both time and conversation with church leaders while continuing to explore new ways to engage the community through witnessing.



Earlier in the week, the team enjoyed a special lunch meeting with Rev. Dunkley and Rev. Takami, which provided a valuable opportunity for encouragement and guidance. On Thursday, the team experimented with new approaches to witnessing by going out in pairs and trying different conversational styles, allowing each member to develop confidence and settle into a new way to witness.



Saturday brought another creative outreach effort as the team opened a small coffee stand in front of the church, offering free coffee to passersby as a way to welcome them and

connect with the church. That same evening, during volleyball night, the team was excited to welcome a guest, someone they had met while witnessing on Thursday.

## DMV



This past week in the DMV Community, the NGM team organized and hosted a "Peace Starts with International Culture" event. They were able to bring friends and guests to learn how to make a Japanese mochi dessert called "Daifuku". Everyone who came had lots of fun, and dinner was provided.





The NGM team also performed as a choir with other church youth at the Capital Family Church. They prepared for three weeks in advance and performed flawlessly, which the team enjoyed. Songs like "Make Room For You" and "You Say" were sung in collaboration with the previously established Capital Family Song Team.



Junior Class

Denver, Colorado



What's up folks, it's the Denver team back at it again with another weekly report. It was a great week for the missionaries, and all of them had invested their hearts into their guests and community.

After many days of planning, the missionaries were able to hold their very own "Japanese Culture Event" and invited many of their guests whom they had gathered throughout their witnessing. Along with the community's Japanese moms, they showcased many of Japan's cuisines to guests and had them make sushi themselves. Everybody had loads of fun while taking home a little bit of Japanese culture.

Shortly after the event, the missionaries and guests went to watch "Demon Slayer: Infinity Castle" in theaters. It was a fun way to continue the day, giving everyone a chance to relax and enjoy the evening together. Moments like this helped deepen friendships and create a more comfortable space for guests to connect with the missionaries and each other. Finally, on Sunday, the missionaries had another opportunity to teach Sunday school for kids aged 8-12 years old. They shared about the missionary program and the different things that they do in their day-to-day lives. Afterwards, they played games to help the kids bond and have fun together. This week was meaningful for the missionaries, and they are excited to finish strong and make waves in their community.



Junior Class

**Bay Area, California**



As the conclusion of Mission 3 approaches, the Bay Area team had another busy week full of activities!

First, they started the week by welcoming a new team member, Sandra! As the newest addition, Sandra will experience life as a missionary for the remainder of this condition. The team is so excited for her to grow her faith alongside them!

Monday and Tuesday were spent fundraising, and Wednesday was spent planning for the upcoming Youth Prayer Vigil they were hosting on Friday.

Thursday was spent witnessing for the CARP meeting they had later that day.



Friday was another planning day, and the team came up with a couple more events they wanted to do before the condition ended. They then held a successful Youth Prayer Vigil! Saturday was a team bonding day! The team started the day with an internal activity and grew closer to each other. They then went to a nearby cafe and beach as a fun outing! The team can't wait to finish this condition strongly over the next two weeks!



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