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# Mission Weekly Newsletter



# NEXT GEN MISSION

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## Senior Class Missionaries

**Austria AT**



The team began the week by meeting to prepare education for their weekly PULSE, discussing guest care and follow-up, and organizing their schedule for the week ahead. On Tuesday, most of the team went out witnessing, while Rosemary and Maggie met a guest for lunch in the city center and enjoyed getting to know her better. On Thursday morning, the sisters visited one of Graz's botanical gardens, enjoying the blooming spring flowers and warm weather, before the team gathered later to finalize preparations for PULSE.

This week's PULSE topic was "Becoming a Person of Integrity," and the team was excited to welcome two new guests, who both had a great time!

On Friday, the team continued witnessing and joined the Korean prayer meeting, praying for Mother's safety and health. Over the weekend, the team attended a Peace Designer Training workshop led by YSP. They learned how to organize and pitch ideas and how to turn them into projects that can positively impact the community in Graz and beyond. It was a meaningful time connecting with community members and guests.

A special thank you to YSP for hosting the workshop, and a special shoutout to Grandpa Gerhard for once again preparing delicious food and dessert!





Senior Class

**Croatia HR**



The Croatia team had a busy week.

The team met with multiple guests to go deeper in thought and conversation, and helped clean the new Konekt Lab center, which is undergoing continuous renovation. Standing on the foundation of meeting new people in the weeks prior, this week the team met many guests and formed deeper connections.

On Saturday, the Croatian community came together to clean the new Konekt Lab center, with guests participating as well. Keep up to date by following the team's efforts @konekt.lab on Instagram!

Soon, the center will be up and running, so stay tuned to see how the team kicks into high gear this next week.



Senior Class

**Romania RO**



This week, the missionaries focused on preparing for their Innov8Peace event held on Saturday, the biggest event they've held since their time here in Romania.

In the event, CARP shared different projects and activities they did throughout the past year, including a student European program called Erasmus+, a panel talk with 2 CARP members sharing their experiences, a lottery, and performances of dances and songs they've invested a lot in practicing.

They ended the program, allowing everyone time to talk, hang out, and share with one another, with snacks to enjoy.



## Junior Class Missionaries

### Little Rock, Arkansas

What a week it has been for the Arkansas Community!

The final full week in Arkansas was filled with a lot of love and grace from God. Suzuki-San came to visit the team to teach them about the heart behind the wheel and allowed Ariana, Hiromi, and Kenko to drive the van around, picking up and dropping off participants for fundraising.



This week was a time for the members to really invest, as on Saturday, Reverend Jackson hosted a 1-day seminar on the Divine Principle for guests. To make this experience the best, the team really put their hearts into fundraising or prayer to lay a proper foundation for the day. They started a daily prayer condition for the guests and even dedicated days to them. The event was amazing as many members, guests, and even the missionaries themselves gained a new understanding of the Divine Principle, Jesus, and the heart of God. The day ended with Hector and Maquenzie, the two guests who came to sign up for membership, feeling inspired to join the Peace Starts With Me journey!



On Friday, the team and the community had the opportunity to attend an Iftar event to understand and celebrate the breaking of the fast during Ramadan. The event was filled with education and fun as they heard a brief lesson on Ramadan, played a fun game of

Jeopardy, and even offered a song for them to sing as a sign of appreciation. This day was filled with a lot of fun as they learned their perspective on God and how they desire the same peace that we are striving for. The night was filled with the community coming together and having fun as a team, with Kenko and Marcell winning Jeopardy.



Junior Class  
**Chicago, Illinois**



This was a busy week for the Chicago team!

Last Saturday, they helped with babysitting while Rev. Dunkley met with some community members. Afterwards, they had a potluck dinner with a Q&A session with the whole Chicago community.



On Tuesday, Aunt Nadya invited the team to the gym. They had some team bonding. After witnessing, some of the young adult brothers came over and cooked us a delicious dinner and played games.

On Friday, one of Mi Sun's guests invited the team to their praise and worship night at their church. Then they ended the week with babysitting and youth night!



Junior Class

## Minneapolis, Minnesota



This week in the Minnesota community was filled with fellowship, encouragement, and time spent strengthening relationships both within the team and with members of the wider church family.

The week began on Monday with a team-bonding outing at the gym, where the boys exercised. Tuesday evening brought a meaningful opportunity for fellowship as the team enjoyed dinner together with Pastor Ben, sharing conversation, encouragement, and guidance.

Later in the week, on Friday, the team was warmly welcomed to dinner by members of the community, Michielu and Samina Menning, which created a connection with the church family. The week concluded on Saturday with a fun youth group outing to The Fun Lab, where the youth and young adults enjoyed laser tag and explored a variety of other games. The day provided a joyful opportunity to relax and spend time with the kids.



Junior Class

## Montreal, Canada

Salut tout le monde! Ça va?

The Montreal team had a jam-packed week full of new experiences, meaningful connections, and moments that helped the team grow together in faith. With the theme of the week being consistency, the team emphasized small yet daily actions, such as prayer, acts of service, and outreach, to steadily build a stronger relationship with God and True Parents.



The week began with a visit to a nearby African church, where the team experienced a lively, joyful worship service! The room was filled with powerful singing and contagious energy, making it impossible not to enjoy. Experiencing such passionate worship reminded the team that faith can be expressed in many beautiful ways.



Later in the week, the team explored Old Montreal on a special historical tour led by Pastor Dr. Franco. He shared stories from the 1990s, when True Mother visited the city, and guided the team to several places she had seen during her time in Montreal. One of the highlights was visiting the stunning Notre-Dame Basilica of Montreal and other historic landmarks that are central to the city's foundation.





A final highlight of the week was having a special witnessing moment. Sisters Polina and Ayoung invited a guest named Renuka to spend time with the community and tried a creative new idea for guest care—baking cookies together! What started as a simple activity turned into a meaningful time of friendship, showing that sometimes consistency in faith is lived out through small acts of kindness and hospitality. 🍪



Junior Class

## Bay Area, California

Reporting from the Bay Area! This team had another jam-packed week as they near the end of this community condition. As usual, Monday and Tuesday were spent fundraising while the team focused on achieving its internal goals.



Wednesday morning was spent planning for the upcoming game night and youth prayer vigil. Later that day, the team went community witnessing in downtown San Leandro, and invited people to the Japanese Spring Festival that the Bay Area Family Church (BAFC) was hosting that Saturday! The team then celebrated their captain, Hikari, 's birthday with a delicious homemade dinner and dessert!



On Friday, the team got to see the sunrise and experience God's love through nature. They then spent most of the day finalizing the details of the events they were hosting. Thanks to strong team unity and spirit, they successfully pulled off a game night that brought the community together. NGM missionary Yujin Taira also brought a guest to game night and to the youth prayer vigil, which was held right after.



The team got to experience a taste of Japanese culture at the BAFC on Saturday morning! They got to test their chopstick skills, experience a tea ceremony, and understand what it means to bring people together through culture. NGM missionary Jaylin King was able to bring a guest to this event as well!



The team is tired after a busy couple of days, but it won't stop them from investing in this final week!

## DMV



This past week, the DMV team organized a movie night event with the following guests on Thursday at the NGM house. Then the next day, the NGM and HTGS met a DMV church member in Virginia. She invited us to a Japanese/Korean buffet before our community mission ended.



On Sunday, the DMV team held an NGM Sunday service at Upshur House, a community Sunday service. Also, it was their last Sunday service. They led the song team, and each team member shared a testimony about their personal experience during DMV. They also prepared a surprise dance performance for the DMV community.



Junior Class

## Denver, Colorado



Greetings everyone, this is Denver reporting!

The junior class missionaries had a very successful week and truly felt they made a meaningful, lasting impact through their efforts. While fundraising, the team reached a new team record by the end of the day! It was an exciting and encouraging accomplishment for everyone.

On Saturday, the NGM missionaries helped organize a youth event that included games, activities, and a worship night for high schoolers. The event created a welcoming

environment where the younger generation could come together, have fun, and deepen their faith.

To end off the week, NGM hosted a BBQ gathering for YAMI members and their guests. The event brought many members of the community together to enjoy good food, great conversations, and a relaxed atmosphere.

As this marks the final week here, the missionaries are incredibly grateful for all the love, support, and experiences they have received along the way, and they will carry these memories and lessons with them as they move forward.



*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.*

**Note:** *The Earlybird deadline, March 31st, is quickly approaching!*



### Application — Mission

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