

Mission Weekly Newsletter

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Junior Class Missionaries

The junior class has officially parted ways after the “Crossroads” June workshop on the Spiceland youth campus.



The seniors in training completed their first full week in Alaska! They began with a 3-day fundraising intensive at their pitstop in Anchorage, before joining the Ocean Challenge program in Kodiak! They received training on boat safety, knot tying, and rod handling. Then they hiked through the beautiful Alaskan mountains and embarked on the waters. Participants created team flags and chants, heard moving testimonies from elders, and toured a commercial fishing ship called the Sea Fisher.



The graduating group split into two groups.

In the first group, a few juniors joined Midwest Orenda, supporting the seniors in leading a workshop and fundraising, with many youths from surrounding regions attending! [\(See more under "Senior Class Missionaries"\)](#)



The rest of the graduating group had 3 days of fundraising before they arrived in Columbus for their Ohio adulting series workshop. First, they received a message from newly appointed pastor, Yasutaka Ozawa, about how they will be going back into new communities rather than the ones they left before Mission, especially in regard to working much more closely with Christianity. The participants were excited to see how they could play a part in

continuing to support the direction of the province.

Then they heard testimonies and best practices about how to continue the life of faith into their academics and career from Generation Peace Academy (GPA) alumni David Lee and Lisa Regidor. The following day, they visited the Japan Marketplace, a cluster of 8 local businesses owned by Takashi Takenaka, an older first-generation Unificationist and successful business owner. Venue manager Asako Kim gave an introduction to the businesses in the plaza, followed by Takenaka-san, who shared how his experiences with True Parents and his mission have led him to succeed in business and contribute to several charity projects. Afterward, the missionaries were treated to Tensuke Ramen and Belle's Bread.



In the evening, they received two presentations, one from youth pastor Precious Laurent, on integrating faith into her social media and content creation work, and another from Mission leader Sarah Naito on how they can begin their Matching journeys. The following day, they joined a community 4th of July parade with the local Women's Federation for World Peace chapter, and in the evening, celebrated the holiday at a local Independence Day festival.



Afterward, they departed for the East Coast, where they are currently enjoying a New York pilgrimage before heading to the Seattle workshop.



Senior Class Missionaries

Project Orenda is in full swing! From July 1st, participants from the Midwest and East Coast flew or drove to the Spiceland Campus, where the senior class missionaries and selected junior class missionaries welcomed them, and kicked off Project Orenda.



This year, Project Orenda is fully run by the missionaries, from educational talks to cooking. They took full ownership of the summer program as part of their leadership experience and growth.

The kick-off workshop was two full days, for participants to bond with each other before they prepare to go out fundraising and adventuring. Talks were given by senior class missionaries Ahn Shi Gemino, Kai Kellett, Luda Herbers, and Ryuichi Tanemori. The content covered what Orenda means, who God is, and what it means to be “pure water.”



For some classic summer fun, participants played various activities led by Jacob a'Beckett, including an obstacle course, water-balloon dodgeball, and camp-wide capture the flag.

And now they are off! Dispersed across the states of Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota, five teams are out on their fundraising/adventuring portion of Project Orenda.

During this time, they'll experience the outdoors through camping, learn to take responsibility, like cooking and cleaning, and be able to bond with brothers and sisters unplugged (*Project Orenda is an unplugged program, where participants' phones are taken away for the majority of the time*).

Please pray for their safety, health, and happiness.





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