

Generation Peace Academy Overseas Arrives In Lusaka Zambia

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Lusaka, Zambia

We made it to Africa!

After a whole 35 hours of travel, twenty-three members of GPA were able to arrive safely in Zambia today! We flew from Dallas to Qatar, to South Africa, and finally, to Lusaka!

Zambia Nation first arriving in Zambia:

Even though everyone had a fully packed 35 hours, our spirits were never broken and we were always ready for any kind of adventure since arriving. Because it's the rainy season, things tend to not go to plan. Once it rains, everything here shuts down. It definitely was a bit of a culture shock, but we're all so excited to get to know all the people.

Seeing how things work here on the streets are so different to how it is back home. While walking through the city, there were hundreds of vendors on the sidewalk who sell things all day. Even while you're driving, they come up to you in your car in the middle of moving traffic. The hustle is so real here. I think it's safe to say a lot of my concepts about Africa have been broken.

Upon arriving, we got to meet with the head of the church here, Reverend Phiri, as well as Reverend Farber, the first missionary Father Moon has ever sent to Zambia, way back in the 70s! After getting to know the community a little more and meeting with our CIG Missionaries, we explored Lusaka for a while and got to learn more about their culture and eat their staple food called shima. It's basically cornmeal mixed with water, and it was so yummy and super filling. It's also very normal to eat with your hands here, so trust that GPA dove straight into meals with our hands!

This is what one of our members, A. Gemino, a first year participant of GPA, felt when walking through the streets of Lusaka:

"Walking around, it was really cool - Personally I found it exciting. I think jaywalking was the highlight, having the buses and cars so close to you while walking. It's definitely a different vibe. Despite it being a city, it was actually very lush and green. As for the shima, being their version of rice, it was very comforting to eat. And eating with our hands was very freeing. But basically to sum it all up, it was an exciting new chaos I've never experienced before!"

Overall, we're all super hyped to be here to work on our group goal of committing to understand and inherit Father and Mother Moon's heart to love and serve the world!! YEEHAW!

Xoxo,

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