

Generation Peace Academy Weekly Newsletter - May 5th, 2024

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GPA



First Years and Captains



After safely returning to the States from the Blue Dragon Pilgrimage in Korea, everyone was split off into different training groups based on their plans for the next year. The four groups are Captain's training, Cheon Il Guk Missionary training, Heavenly USA training, and graduation group. Each

group did a road trip from Los Angeles to their different training groups this past week and did some fundraising on the way.

Heavenly USA

This past week on HUSA has been an incredibly blessed one! They started the week by spending time in Korea with the GPA members in their own communities who came for the Blue Dragon pilgrimage. They got to see and experience many amazing things, including the 64th Anniversary of the Holy Marriage Wedding, as well as seeing many young couples join together in the Holy Blessing Ceremony. They were also extremely fortunate and blessed to see our True Mother and be able to sing to her with all of the American youth. After spending some time at the wonderful HJ CheonBo Training Center complex with extended family from all across America (and the world), they had to pack up to return back to the mission life. They then flew back to America and quickly split into our end-of-year communities between Dallas, Chicago, and the Bay Area (with the trainees for the next year of HUSA!) After a short rest (and recovery), they prepared for this final month of GPA and have many exciting things to come as they go into this last month.

Cheon Il Guk Missionaries



After returning from Korea, the MITs and HUSA in training group attended a powerful Sunday service at Los Angeles Family Church and began their studying for their upcoming Divine Principle test through a Jeopardy game! Afterwards, they travelled up to the Bay Area where they immersed in a 4-day lecture training intensive led by Dr. Andrew Compton. Dr. Compton, working closely with Rev. Dunkley, shared the most updated Divine Principle content, and gave the participants ample time for lecture practice and question and answer sessions. They spent the afternoons

doing a clean-up project at the Bay Area Family Church and going witnessing at a local park, shopping plaza, and down town. In the evenings, they heard guidances from staff and joined the evening community prayer vigils where many participants shared powerful testimonies and reflections. The week concluded with collaborating for a local Unification Principles seminar with the community. 8 guests attended. Afterwards, the HUSA training group departed to the next part of their mission and the MIT group had one final Q&A session with Dr. Compton and concluded the evening by watching the inspiring film "Harriet."

Albania

In Albania, the team continued their CARP Talks with last week on gratitude presented by Taiyo and this past week on habits presented by Albijona, using the "cue, routine, reward" module to recognize negative habits and understand how to shift them into a positive force in their lives. Korean Class also restarted after a few weeks, hosted by Jongpil and Nori. Switching things up, Nori took the more advanced students to a separate level 2 lesson, while Jongpil took care of the main level 1 group. Utilizing their strengths to cover for each other, the event was a success. A total of 10 guests attended the event. Trying something new, last Sunday, the Vlore community held the first Sunday Service open to the public for guests to come since the team had arrived in January. In tandem with the 64th True Parents' Blessing Anniversary, Lubin gave a sermon on family values and how True Parents are upholding them in this more individualistic modern era. Serving traditional Korean and Albanian cuisine, the community enjoyed fellowship together in harmony. In all, 9 guests were present at the service. This week's *Melodia e Pages* event was held on the beach, with the topic of meditation and the importance of reflection and how beneficial it is to claim victories in our lives and find gratitude even in the most difficult of situations. They were given a set of questions to reflect on and later on share with one another. After the event, there was sports! A total of 9 guests came to the event.



Austria

For their most recent Peace Talk, the Austria missionaries had reading and discussion on "Where does value come from". Three new guests came and enjoyed discussion with other participants. They learned that value comes from God and they set some intentions for the week. This event was internally meaningful and a great opportunity to interact with others who are also interested in character education. They also had a brothers and sisters outings with guests and community members to bond and learn about the city where they are witnessing. Last Thursday, they held a Japanese cultural night where 2nd-year missionary, Joy A, introduced Japanese culture and prepared an activity of making "onigiri" (rice balls). Participants enjoyed the taste of Japan and experiencing a new culture. On Saturday afternoon, they bonded together with church members and guests through sports and conversations.



Poland

In Poland, the GPA team and Warsaw Chondo-so made their personal record in the number of workshops completed: 15 Introductions, 4 First Level/One-Day Workshops, and 3 Second Level/Three-Day Workshops. They also hosted an English Speaking Club, an evening event which includes a Hoon Dok Hwe reading and discussion, allowing guests to read and practice speaking English while also opening up about deep topics and our lives. Last Saturday and Sunday, the team had an actionizing program for guests to experience first hand what it's like to be part of the team. They received guidances on MMBK (fundraising) and Cheondo (witnessing), where they eventually walked out to the streets to approach people. Ju-Young also presented on lecture practice, so that the participants can get an idea of how they can practice giving lectures on principles. They got to have some fun icebreakers, sports, and eventually shared about their experiences at the end. After that, they went to the riverside to enjoy playing games and sports. Two of the participants

moved onto the Peace Embassy where they will begin their 7-day workshop.



Romania

On Friday, April 19th the Romania team held their first Texas culture night. The night consisted of a presentation given by Jonathan D. He shared fun facts about the state of Texas. Mina M. taught the participants how to do a traditional line dance. The team concluded the night by taking pictures in cowboy hats, teaching Texas slang, and eating a cowboy caviar dish with nachos. Here is a testimony from 3rd-year participant Jeong-Sook L.

"Today we had a cultural event and the theme was Texas. It was my first time since being in Romania where I felt so connected to the guests and to the CARP members. It felt like a family where I could be myself, naturally loving them. I am grateful that God gave us this newfound community in Romania."

Saturday, April 20th the CIG went fundraising with the local CARP members to help prepare for their trip to Germany. They all were able to push themselves and support others in the fundraising experience. They concluded the week with Sunday Service where they celebrated the 64th True Parents Holy Wedding Anniversary by reading from Mother and Father's autobiography. They spent the afternoon having a mini soccer competition and then enjoying dinner and dessert. This past week, they also concluded their final 21-day witnessing condition. They spent the week preparing for the 2-Day workshop that was held on April 27-28th. A total of 12 participants received lectures on Principles of Creation, The Human Fall, and Introduction to Restoration from CIGYM participants Natalia T., Mina M., and Arabel V. Throughout the workshop, they had group discussions, activities, and internal guidance in the morning. The workshop had a bright atmosphere filled with singing, laughter, and spirit. It was beautiful to see the investments flourish through the unity of the Romania team.



Sweden

The Sweden team hosted an amazing 2-day Divine Principle workshop. By Monday the previous week, they only had 3 people signed up to attend but through a lot of jeong-seong and perseverance, the team brought 7 guests! The lectures covered topics from Restoration up to the Second Coming by David Hanna. They felt so much love and support in creating and hosting this workshop from the local Swedish community. Many guests expressed how they felt so much love through the bonding time and activities. They had song sessions, sports, lectures and a campfire at the end to share gratitude for the workshop and for each other. This past week, the team was invited to participate in a Swedish tradition, Walpurgis Night, where Swedish people welcome/kickoff the spring with a big bonfire. There were games, songs, and fun conversations with the community members who came with the team. Since the 2-day workshop, guests have been excited and the team has been making plans for them to continue studying and connect with the members here.



Zambia

In Zambia, the team participated in a worship night, inviting guests to sing worship songs and hear some testimonies. The next day, the 2nd year CIG missionaries, Yoomi and Reina supported a trash pick-up service project in Lusaka hosted by HTG and HJ rang. Last Tuesday evening, the community celebrated the recent Blessing Ceremony and took pictures with the newly blessed couples and friends. This week, the HTG missionaries and HJ Rang members recently initiated the Hyojeong Dream center where they invite guests to the center to study the Divine Principle and host events. They are also planning to establish a cafe in a center so the guests can relax and feel at home. Last Saturday, the team participated in a 1-day workshop about Heavenly Parent and True Parents' dream and covered the Divine Principle, proclaiming about the founders of the movement to guests. After the workshop, the CIG and CIG CA enjoyed some football together. Starting this coming month, the CIG CA will start witnessing and the CIG team will guide them on how to witness and take care of the team's guests so that once the CIG team concludes their mission, the CIG CA members can take care of the team's guests. The team has been diligently working to raise up the young CIG CA members to become successful future leaders of the movement.



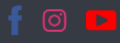
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