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GPA



## Graduates

This week, the graduation group learned how to connect to their community when they return home. They could also plug into local events and activities in New Jersey, like witnessing and attending Sunday Service. They are preparing to go out in the wilderness next week to connect to God through nature and digest their year.

## Captains in Training

The Captains in Training continue with their LOD condition, where every first year gets the opportunity to be the leader for their fundraising team for a few days. They plan the schedule, give morning service, lead hdh, and give guidance after fundraising runs.



## Missionaries in Training

In the Bay Area, the team continued witnessing at Chabot College, inviting people to the Saturday prayer breakfast. They spent a lot of time with the local CARP members and many former CIG members and helped a lot through their morning services and testimonies. They also attended the Bay Area nightly prayer vigils and community BBQ on Memorial Day. In Los Angeles, the team continued witnessing at Pasadena City College and East LA College, prayed at the Holy Ground, joined for sports and a Divine Principle Education program with the local community, and supported an event celebrating Bishop Noel Jones and First Lady Loretta's 2nd year Blessing anniversary. Then, they received internal guidance from CIG staff Junta Naito on fundraising as preparation for witnessing in LA and from CIG alumni Joseph a'Beckett in the Bay Area, followed by some reflection time. The next day, they joined a powerful Next Gen, Sunday service with a sermon on being reborn by pastor Joshua Holmes and praise and worship led by Shin Heung and the worship team. From there, the team packed their bags and departed for their final fundraising condition of this GPA year!





## Heavenly USA

### **Dallas**

The team visited a pastor's Bible study and performed "Down by the Riverside" for the congregation and answered some of the questions. Seeing how the team jumped out of their comfort zones to share more of God's perspective with people was amazing!

They also attended the Dallas Family Church on Sunday for a Memorial Day service! They helped set up many water activities for the youth, and it was a day full of laughter and joy! They connected with many more young adults in the community through various CARP-led activities!

Going into their final few days, they have some last church visitations and a CARP roller skating outing to look forward to! We'll see you all soon!

### **Chicago**

This week in Chicago was another fantastic one! They participated in a few community events, including two ACLC Women in Ministry events, one of which they even met Rev. Michael Jenkins, President of UPF, and Dr. Luonne Rouse, ACLC co-chair. They attended another event the following Saturday, a Tea Time event to appreciate mothers. They also met with Rev. Kazuo Takami, sharing their experience on GPA. They've also been taking turns sharing Morning Service presentations about the projected pathway to raise up America. Finally, during this time, they have been connecting more to the Heavenly Top Gun missionaries and started planning for something exciting with them at the end of this month, so stay tuned!





### **Bay Area and HUSA Training**

In these past weeks of spring training, the Bay Area team has held a 3-day choir and dance workshop with the church of a close minister, Bishop Joseph Smith, who came to Rome with us! They educated his youth about HyoJeong and praising and connecting to God through song and dance. Their team showcased the fruit of these three days by performing at three churches and one event. One of these performances was at the Third Baptist Church of San Francisco of Pastor Rev. Dr. Amos Brown, a civil rights activist who had the privilege of learning directly from Rev Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Many celebrities have performed at this church, and this is even the church of Vice President Kamala Harris, so it was an honor to have performed at Third Baptist.

Throughout their time, they also dug into life of faith training and Bible education. They started from Genesis in their study sessions and received a beautiful introduction to the Bible from BAFC Senior Pastor Kevin Thompson. Likewise, Steph, a Catholic brother they had met a couple of months ago, joined us in a Bible study this past Monday. They read

through Genesis 1-3 and shared commentary and reflections on it through a Principled perspective. BAFC member and HUSA alumni Yoshi Maeda led the study session. Soon, Steph will begin studying the Divine Principle!

As they continued their Bible education and deepened their relationships with Christian ministers, they attended the Bible study of BASIC Ministries with Pastor Mustafa and First Lady Jenell Muhyee and bonded well with the congregation. To finish their training time, they will be hosting a special dinner for the couple to shower them with love and to begin to educate them about the Blessing with the hopes of them participating in the Cosmic Blessing in Korea next year! Afterward, the new HUSA batch begins driving cross-country to Pennsylvania to meet with the rest of the group before joining all of GPA at graduation!

## Cheon Il Guk Missionaries

### Albania

As mission time comes to a close, Kyungmi gave the CARP Talk on the importance and value of CARP and shared some of the history of how the organization came to be. After the talk, there was an interactive activity where guests could share and express how CARP made an impact on them and why they value coming. A total of 10 guests attended! On Saturday, the team went to bond together through what Vlore is known for: the beach! It was an opportunity to soak in God's love through nature while also having fun together as a team. Later on, the team feasted together on a wonderful and delicious dinner with a donation from Yeon-ah Nim, and they created fond memories with one another. For Sunday Service, the community read together the speech from True Mother at the recent "Bloom!" Pentecost Festival in Germany. From there, Albijona was able to share her takeaways and realizations from the speech, as well as have testimonies from Taiyo and Kyungmi about their experience in Germany and overall mission time.





## Austria

For this week's Peace Talk, the Austria missionaries planned it to be reading and discussion style, but this time, it was focused on practicing active listening. Geoffrey Q. gave the presentation and explained why they need to have listening skills to create authentic relationships. Participants paired up and learned how to listen and understand the meaning of the words and the heart behind the person speaking. They also held a 3-day workshop in Gaflenz, the place where the Austria community hosts a 14-day workshop every year. Josh B., Joy A., and Geoffrey Q. gave presentations on practicing faith and becoming a better person. At the end of the workshop, center leader David W. presented a lecture on True Parents' life course and accomplishments. It was the last workshop for the missionaries, so they put a lot of effort and prepared well. Community members also helped and supported the missionaries. Both the missionaries and participants made unforgettable memories there.



## Poland

On Saturday, the whole center attended a "members' meeting" where NWET and Ukrainian members joined a Zoom call where lectures on Cheondo (witnessing) and Manmeul Bokkui (fundraising) were given, also sharing the results that the movement has so far in terms of witnessing. Later on, Keita led a short sports evening where members and guests played unity ball on a school property. Starting from Sunday to Tuesday, after listening to Rev. Cheong's Sunday service, the GPA team headed to the train station to visit the Czyszczon house in Glanow. The team was amazed by the beauty of the nature, house, and workshop building. The team was fed lots of food, especially meat! On Monday, Uncle Jacek Czyszczon took the team and his daughter Tola out to the old city in Krakow. He gave everyone a ttheir while sharing lots of historical information. Joined by his son Barnaba, and his wife Mielyn, they visited the Wawel Castle and ate lunch at a restaurant that served tasty ribs. After that, they took some time to shop around. They also got to see the entrance of Ojcowski National Park and the rocky natures in Poland. After that, the team helped clean the workshop building in preparation for an event with many other families. After lunch and some ice cream, the team headed back to Warsaw.





## Romania

Upon returning from Germany, the Romania team continued with their witnessing efforts. On May 22nd, they participated in a local YSP event. The event aimed to educate the youth on the rules and expectations in job searching. On Friday, May 24th, they held an open reading and discussion on the topic of "Peace Starts With Me." A total of 16 participants attended and enjoyed the free space to listen and talk with others. The team concluded the week by hosting a family festival at the Peace Embassy. Family Federation and CARP partnered with each other to introduce these organizations to the families of the guests who come to CARP. The event consisted of presentations of FFWPU and CARP, along with entertainment, bingo, and lunch. Everyone who attended enjoyed the beautiful weather and the atmosphere. The team is now preparing to return to the United States as they conclude their final week of mission.



## Sweden

The Sweden team said goodbye to Felix and Nina (the team's caretakers/parental figures) as they were leaving for a trip. It was a bittersweet goodbye and the team just expressed a lot of gratitude for them.

They have been focusing a lot on creating gifts and writing cards for the Swedish community members and guests. They also celebrated Alex's birthday this week by inviting community members and offering songs and gifts! It was lots of fun!



## Zambia

This week, the Zambia team supported the HTG missionaries and HJ Rang for their 7-day workshop. They have been helping with MCing the workshop by facilitating the groups and bringing the spirit to the environment. After the workshop, the team went to Livingstone for 5 days to spend time together as a team one last time before the mission concludes. They went to see the safari, enjoy the historical waterfall Victoria Falls, have a bite to eat, and hold their last team meeting for this mission time. It was a fun time for the team to enjoy and the team looks forward for the last few days here in Zambia before they return back to the States.





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