

## Youth and Young Adult Ministry (YAYAM) held their first trip of the year 2018

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*Brian Head, Utah*

Many blessings to you, Brothers and Sisters! This is a report from the 1st YAYAM Event of the year, the Year of the Loyal Dog!!

January 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>, the Youth and Young Adult Ministry (YAYAM) held their first trip of the year 2018! With guidance, a Safety Prayer from J. Jesper, and detailed planning from our Youth Pastor/Ministry Leader, J. Yanai, the trip went off without a hitch! It was a great success! Around 20 youth ranging in ages 14-35 years attended and all testified to this being "the great start to the rest of the year" and "this is the break my young body needed". This was the YAYAM Ski Trip to Brian Head, Utah. Skiing and/or snowboarding was a first for many of the attendees, nevertheless, they were not deterred; instead, they were even more determined to attend.

January 19<sup>th</sup>, we arrived at the church around 4:30 pm in order to prepare sandwiches and snacks for the trip. At approximately 5 pm, J. Jesper offered a powerful prayer of safety asking God and True Parents to be with not only us but with everyone who will be on the roads with us. After the prayer we began our journey to Utah. We arrived in Utah that night at a property that we used as lodging because the family who owned the property was on vacation and had made arrangements so we could use it for an inexpensive rate.

Early Saturday morning, we arose with the sun to knock the snow off our cars and begin our journey to Brian Head Ski Resort and Lodge. On the way there, the weather was an intense blizzard. There was so much snow blowing in the air and ice on the roads that almost car driving was slipping and sliding. We were worried that it wasn't safe enough to continue to Brian Head so some of us wanted to turn around but, by the grace and protection of God and True Parents all of us made it safely to the summit! We skied and snowboarded until 4:30 pm (that's when the lodge closed) then made the challenging drive back to our lodging outside of Cedar City.

On Sunday morning, we packed up all of our belongings and made our last trip to Brian Head to do some final skiing and snowboarding. Most of us were exhausted from the day before but we still wanted to end the trip with a little bit more snow. We offer our sincerest thanks to Mrs. Mimi Morse, Uncle Herbert and Aunt Takako Brown, Mrs. Marja Davis, Big Brother Thanh Le and all other Las Vegas Family Church members for their donations to help make this trip possible! We also give a massive 'Thank You' to our leader, Joshua Yanai for organizing all of the behind-the-scenes details! Also, we want to give a massive 'Thank You' to all of the drivers: Josh, Kobe, Chungbom, Jonathan and Caleb for keeping us safe on those difficult roads! Last but not least, we thank our Heavenly Parent and True Parents for protecting us and guiding us safely!! Look forward to more exciting trips with YAYAM!