

Generation Peace Academy Newsletter: Bringing People Together Through Songs, Seminars, and Symposium

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Pictured above: A glimpse of the Peace Starts with Me Music Masterclass that happened on the east coast at New Jersey Family Church

Heavenly USA - Bringing True Mother to Little Rock

Hello all! We're continuing to invest in our mission here in Little Rock, Arkansas with our weekly board game nights, preparing meals for the homeless, and Principles of Peace seminars. But this time, we will share more about our Sunday Peace Starts with Me praise and worship night.

Every Sunday for the past 3 weeks, we've been having a Peace Starts with Me praise and worship service, featuring well-known Christian gospel singer Pastor Wess Morgan and was initiated by ACLC chairman Reverend John Jackson. It's a very Holy Spirit-filled environment, and incredible to witness.



However, we don't just want people to experience the Spirit, but also get them closer to receiving True Mother as the Only Begotten Daughter. Our goal is to convey True Parent's love to our guests.

We have a small testimony from Jason Marsal, a second year member on this program. He had a special experience from the first praise and worship

night on October 6th.

"Last night, the whole time I was thinking about True Mother. I was just thinking about how this is the type of spirit she wants us to have. This is what True Mother is longing for in our church. Thinking of this made me feel a deep heart of hyojeong towards True Mother. I felt like, although it felt uncomfortable, I wanted to push myself out of my comfort zone and inherit the Christian spirit to make True Mother joyful and proud. I tried to push myself to express praise to God and Jesus or maybe do a little awkward dancing, but whatever I did, I did with a heart of wanting to attend Mother. During the prayer at the end, I felt the Holy Spirit come down, and I had a very deep prayer connecting to True Mother. I felt her eagerness for us to inherit the Christian foundation and spirit, and I felt a deep appreciation for True Mother and her devotion for Heavenly Parent. After this event I experienced a need to continue to grow in this aspect."



There's a lot more testimonies we have, as God is creating experiences catered specifically to each of us, and we hope to share many more with you!

First Years & Captains - Center Myself on God and True Parents' Love

On October 11th, GPA headed out to six different communities. This second condition the members will be based in local church communities. There are teams in New Jersey, Maryland, Indiana, Illinois, Georgia, and Texas.

The theme during this condition is “Center Myself on God and True Parents’ Love.” Being placed in centers, the hope is to proactively grow in their faith by taking ownership and contributing to their respective communities.

In the past week, the members have joined various events, including youth nights, welcoming dinners for guests, interfaith meetings, and connecting to other churches with service projects. Everyone supports the Sunday Service and does their best to lend a hand. Members in Midwest participate in witnessing activities.

The members are finding value in the interactions while fundraising, as well. They hand out flyers to show the different ways to plug into the communities. It has been inspiring to hear the depth in conversation and seeing an interaction become a potential guest to invest into.

The members are catching the heart of witnessing.

Cheon Il Guk Missionaries - First Week of Activation

New Jersey

To start off the week, the New Jersey CARP house went on a short hike to experience God's love in a unique way.

Throughout the week they witnessed at different campuses and held a sports and board game day on Thursday with guests.

From Friday afternoon to Saturday they joined the community in the Peace Starts with Me Music Masterclass directed by Uncle Farrow Curtis. After the masterclass the missionaries concluded the week in the Cheon Shim

Won prayer vigil with President Demian Dunkley and his wife Yumiko.



Indiana

The missionaries of Indiana continue their pursuit to reach out to the mass on campus for success in impacting lives and growing the community.

During the week, many events were hosted as well like the Sunday community apple picking event, the Wednesday community dinner, the Saturday morning seminar, and the Saturday Youth Night event.



Appointments were also being integrated into their schedule for

opportunities to give small lectures or study sessions to guide the students on campus. More appointments have been scheduled for next week, in hopes to guide more students on this path towards our Heavenly Parent.

Bay Area

This past week, the Bay Area had their 3rd annual Halloween Festival! The CIG team, alongside CARP members and UPA missionaries, volunteered to help organize this event. Over 600 people gathered, making the Halloween Festival a whopping success for the Bay Area community.

Also, the CIG Bay Area team has one more membership signed by Angel S. He expressed his immense gratitude for being able to be truly embraced by the community. This is what he texted to one of the missionaries:

"These past few days inside the community and CARP, I've felt very happy and at peace, and I am thankful to have met you all, I feel like I'm in a group, a family, it makes me forget about my past since there was too much negativity and I felt appreciated in my efforts, I've felt like everything I've done was never enough and with this community giving me all these nice comments and being able to talk to you guys I've felt more at peace and I am thankful for you guys because you guys make me so happy, I wish to be with you guys for so long and I hope our friendship as a group lasts and I hope we stay as friends and I hope to help each other and be there for each other I'm thankful for you guys and I don't know how to show my gratitude towards you guys but I admire you all".



The Bay Area CIG are working hard to testify about True Mother as the Only Begotten Daughter, thanks for reading and have a blessed week!

Los Angeles

This week they held the long-awaited North and South Korea Unity Symposium that they held a promotion for last week.

Takanari, Pasadena City College (PCC) CARP President, and Rie, PCC Vice President, gave a presentation on the importance of unity to Americans and why they strive for a unified Korea. It was a successful event, and many new members came.



Overall, it has been a very victorious witnessing week, with the team bringing over five guests to readings and events, and several appointments for next week. They also participated in a barbecue, inviting guests and friends. It was a great time to strengthen bonds with one another and have a fun time.

Two CIG missionaries, Will Smith and Josef Buergi gave a talk on Interdependence for Vision Night. Several guests also attended this, and although they were nervous to give it, they did a wonderful job presenting.

This week they also started Chambumo-Ron lecture practice, or True Parents' Theology. Their aim is to master the content so that they can teach it to their guests. They also attended an ACLC event, where they interacted with Christian pastors.

This is only the first week of this 21 period of activation, so check back in next week to see what they're up to!

Georgia

The Atlanta missionaries spent another week invested into witnessing and many different community events. There was the Winner Dinner, a dinner event full of fun, peace talks, and worship.

This week, they were blessed to have many GPA members come join the events. The Winner Dinner was very successful, guests the CIG missionaries and the Atlanta community members brought in shared of having a great experience, one even sharing their inspiration to study the Bible.



They had another dinner event the night after, where the pastor of the Atlanta Family Church shared about peace, and had a fun karaoke night to wrap up the event.

They also helped with the Kings Table service project once again

distributing food and other items to the people of Atlanta.

Lastly, they had a sports event playing volleyball, basketball, badminton, football, and frisbee to bring love and joy to guests and the members of Atlanta, the missionaries had another victorious week.

This newsletter is for you, if you have a suggestion or something you'd like to see, respond to this email and we'll see what we can do.

Thank you for reading! We'll see you again in next week's newsletter
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