

Generation Peace Academy (GPA) Fall Mission Testimonies: Daniel

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My experience and time here in Georgia [USA] has been incredible. Mainly, I've been blessed to meet and make many new friends. This testimony is a simple thanks to the love I was able to give and receive from God, friends, and the community alongside my team here in Georgia.

My journey here has been a roller coaster of emotions. I remember at conclusion workshop last year, I set the determination to establish deeper and truer relationships with everyone. Coming here to Georgia, I was blessed with the opportunity to work in this goal. I've met so many beautiful-hearted people here in the church and on college campus, and built sincere, loving relationships and friendships that will hopefully last for eternity. God has given me the opportunity to give His love to those around me and it was all my choice whether I would take that opportunity or not. I can talk so much about each and every individual I met here, and was sent here with; instead, I'll talk specifically about Scar, my first true guest and friend I've made on campus here in Georgia.

Investing into guests was an incredible experience. Scar is an atheist I met the first week witnessing in Georgia. I love talking to people while witnessing and value establishing relationships while doing so instead of doing short approaches, but for an upcoming big event, the Peace Weekend, the pastors suggested we invite people with short approaches and go solo to reach as many people as possible. I had a concept that students wouldn't attend from short approaches because we haven't established a firm relationship, but decided to have faith in this direction. Scar came to the event and when she did, I didn't even remember what she looked like. Inviting many new people made me overwhelmed because of my terrible memory and inability to remember everyone I talked to, but despite this, she was understanding and patient. Since the Peace Weekend, she came to basically every single event we've held, and built a relationship with each and every one of us missionaries. I talked to her deeply about her relationship with God, why she's an atheist, her relationship with family, and how open she is to God.

Nearing the end of mission, our field leader Junta encouraged us to begin sharing with our new friends about True Mother. Scar has shared how she doesn't mind religion, but doesn't like people who push it onto her. I was so stressed and nervous preparing to share with her because I valued her so much as a friend and a child of God. I knew God so desperately desired this relationship with her and was scared this would push her away. When we were talking to each other, her family situation sounded difficult, but I knew she was a key member of her family God sent to help heal their relationships. In the end, because she left campus for the week, our last week of witnessing, I didn't get the chance to meet up and share with her.

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