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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 16, 2024

9 Days Before Christmas This Newsletter Gave to Me...

9 members blitzing

8 captains driving

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5 new guests signiiiing

4 testimonies

3 songs sang

2 Crocs gone

and a bookmark of Peace Starts with Meeee

Pictured above: A parody of "12 Days of Christmas"

First Years, Captains, & CIG Missionaries

GPA and CIG are finishing up their Winter Breakthrough Conditions. Many members experienced major transformations during this condition.

Here are some of their testimonies:

Skyla T. (1st year)

Feeling Worthy of God's Love

"Now, even amidst moments of doubt, I have come to understand that God's love is not contingent upon my actions or performance; it is unconditional and unwavering, independent of my successes or failures. Through sincere prayer, scripture, and the support of my team, I realized that my worth lies not in what I accomplish but in the simple truth that I am God's child."

Luda H. (1st year)

"I concluded that part of trusting God is letting go of what I can't control, and still finding peace and trusting that something good will come out of whatever happens, even if it's different from what I may have previously expected or hoped for."

Will S. (2nd year CIG)

Loving the hardest person

"I was fulfilled knowing I fulfilled my responsibility, worked on my fallen nature, and practiced GIVIN GODS LOVE...

Definitely a top 5 fundraising experience. Just like witnessing, I gotta treat every person as prepared by God; that these interactions is so I can put Gods love into substance."

Josef B. (3rd year CIG)

Challenges turn into Blessings

"God only gives us challenges He knows we can overcome and grow from. The bigger the challenge, the bigger the breakthrough...God needs each one of us to impact our Brothers and sisters on the frontlines, in the van, our nation, GPA, Providence for America. Let's keep going head-on into these challenges to transform ourselves to become bright pure radiating filial Sons and Daughters for God."

Teams will be traveling back to the Morgans' Ranch for their December Workshop starting on the 18th. Please pray for every team to make it back safely with transformed hearts and a determination to impact their surroundings.

Heavenly USA

The HUSA missionaries have split into two! One team is in Harlem, and another in Indiana. Keep reading to hear what's been happening in both locations!

Harlem

My name is Nasaan and I will be reporting to you from the Harlem team.

When we got settled, we watched an amazing movie called Joseph: King of Dreams. Since we've been reading the Bible consistently, it was a nice way to get prepared for what was to come.

Our first full day, December 11, we went over our new schedule for the week and implemented a leader-of-the-day (LOD) rotation. We implemented this LOD rotation to help our members create unity amongst each other and support the LOD, to well, lead the day.



On December 12, we prepared for a big day to go meet Guroogi, an interfaith peace ambassador that our movement has been working with for a while. He invited us to come to his church, which is underneath the establishment of the United Nations. Our

goal was to have the highest attendance we could and support Reverend Guroogi. It was a very impactful day as many different peace ambassadors shared their views on uniting the world based on peace and working with each other.

We as HUSA offered two beautiful songs as a way to give our support and love. We then were invited to a meditation room by Reverend Guroogi and given a small tour of the UN building by Zambian peace ambassador Isiah.

We have a lot to be grateful for. We are working with such amazing people who have similar ideals to building a unified world centered on peace.

On December 15, we were asked by Uncle Francis to visit the Belvedere community youth to help support a mini masterclass workshop. Our goal and intention was to offer as much support as possible and really try and invite the Holy Spirit for the youth!

Indiana

Hello all! This is Lanyoung here reporting from the Indiana team! Our mission while we are here is to support the Indianapolis Family Church in their witnessing activities.

Since arriving on December 9, we've had a witnessing day and a fundraising day! Both days were good opportunities to pass out flyers and invite people to upcoming events. We also had the opportunity to visit and uplift a local community member that was in the hospital. We offered flowers, chocolate, and a song in HUSA fashion bringing down the Holy Spirit. Although the member is bedridden, she still has the energy to knit gifts for the community and tell her family's story of doing mission work overseas.

One of the events we held was a seminar themed "Going Deeper." Two of our members, Erika G. and Jean P., presented lectures on the Principles of Peace, which included content on the Purpose of Creation (Divine Principle), and on the essence of Jesus! We were so proud and touched by the presenters because of how far they've come as lecturers.





To conclude the event, there were talks about mindfulness and the necessity of feeling a sense of absolute belonging within, regardless of position or circumstance. The speaker concluded that the only people that achieved this are Father and Mother Moon and Jesus. We were so fortunate to have four guests come!



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