

Generation Peace Academy: So much is happening, I don't know what to title this

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Pictured above: CIG Missionaries in Indiana looking out into the distance, reflecting... or daydreaming?

Cheon Il Guk Missionaries

Spring Mission for the CIGs has officially kicked off! It has now been a full week since the CIGs bid each other their farewells, so let's have a sneak peek into what the CIG missionaries have been up to!

D.C., Maryland, Virginia (DMV)

The CIG DMV team arrived in the DMV community this past week. The team started their time in the community having breakfast with Pastor Achille Acolatse and his wife and attended Sunday Service at the Washington Times building.

Throughout the week, they had multiple meetings with Robert Abendroth to discuss goals and future plans for the DMV community. They went witnessing at Prince George's Community College (PGCC) where they met many students and invited them to meetups or upcoming events.

After witnessing on Friday, the team participated in a youth gathering, playing sports with the youth of the community at New Hope Academy.

On Saturday, they attended a 1-Day "Peace Starts with Me" Seminar. The speakers, Pastor Achille and Henri Schauffler, gave two lectures: one explaining the meaning of peace starting within and the other introducing True Mother and her role as the Only Begotten Daughter.



Chicago

On their first full day in Chicago, they were introduced to the community and given a tour around town. The local senior pastor, Reverend Takami, took them, along with the UPA missionaries, around downtown Chicago and treated them to some local specialties like deep dish pizza. It was a wonderful way to bond through conversation and admiring the magnificent architecture. The team could also familiarize themselves with the sceneries of Chicago before fully immersing into the community.

On Sunday, they gave an official introduction to the community at Sunday service. Singing on stage, as well as helping out with various other things, they made a first impression. They also enjoyed a board game night where young BC's gathered at the youth house and spend time with each other. The house was filled with hearty laughter, and it was a wonderful way to get to know the community better.



This week they also began witnessing at Harper College, a local community college. Although there is not an established CARP chapter here, this gave the CIG missionaries space to experiment with witnessing styles. They were able to meet a variety of people on campus, some who were very interested in what our movement does. They also attended a PWSM introductory program that the Chicago community held, where they introduced the core principles of Peace Starts With Me, as well as Mother's efforts to bring peace to the world. It was very insightful and talked about how if you want change, then you can't wait for others but you have to take that initiative to make that change yourself. Josef Buergi,

third year CIG, brought along a new friend named Jack and he thoroughly enjoyed the program as well.

Indiana

The CIG Indiana Team arrived in Indiana on the 24th day of January, and their time in Indiana has been incredible this past week! They first settled in and toured the city with one of the uncles from the community, seeing the Indiana University campus, the holy grounds in the heart of Indianapolis, a museum, and were even treated to a restaurant owned by one of the members of the Indianapolis Family Church.

In the coming days they met the community, sang for service, and bonded playing different board games and sports together with the youth for a weekly event called Youth Night. On Wednesday there was Japanese Culture Night, an event held only once a month where people of all backgrounds could come together and experience Japanese culture with different food, games, and activities.



On Saturday they helped do a service project for the Horizon House where

they helped prepare hundreds of sandwiches to feed those in need. And the week ended off strong with a service celebrating the birthdays of our True Parents!



Bay Area

This week, we kicked off the first 21 day witnessing conditions in the Bay Area. One of our members, Will Smith, was one of the members that left for Korea as part of the choir competition. We witnessed at Chabot campus along with CARP and HTG members.

We had our first CARP club meeting on Wednesday with a total of 17 people, where we made vision boards.

On Friday, we had an evening seminar, where we sang a few songs to prepare for the talk from Kouki Tamura, introducing Peace Starts with Me.

On Saturday, we had both the introduction and 12 session seminars. One new guest joined for the introduction. Kazuya Morita talked about Jesus' purpose as well as forgiveness and repentance. We had a total of 22 people join us on Saturday.





After spending a week in the community, the CIGs are excited on how they can invest into the community and exercise their creativity, so check back in next week to see what they're up to!

Heavenly USA

Hello, hello! It's Heavenly USA reporting once again!

This week was about completing our final offering in fundraising before returning back to Little Rock, Arkansas. Some struggled in their respective areas, but many could break through internally. As fulfilling our responsibility to become true sons and daughters of God, a small part of our group was busy practicing to compete in a praise competition in Korea. The team also discovered that Bre, a new spiritual child from their past efforts in Arkansas, decided to join the competition.

After ending the fundraising condition, the separate teams gathered in an Airbnb and offered all their experiences to each other as a whole. The last couple of days were spent reflecting, rejoicing in being in the Little Rock community again and watching the rest of the team perform in Korea.

With the help of God and Holy Mother Han, Heavenly USA was able to win the silver prize!

First Years & Captains

On January 21st, teams headed towards their communities they will be investing into for the next 5 weeks. Located in New Jersey, Georgia, Texas, Las Vegas, and Los Angeles. Each group has been communicating with the local leadership and creating ways for engagement and creativity.

Members go out fundraising on the weekdays and participate in events/programs on the weekends. The members are focused on practicing and developing their Individual Educational Plan (IEP). This is to help them take ownership in their growth by creating and following the plan they have set for themselves.

We are excited to hear of what each group experiences.

New Jersey

New Jersey teams, led by Julia Montes and Tobias Rissanen, are focused on engaging with the second generation and plugging into the community's activities. This week they attended a board game night, friends' night program, and Up and Coming in NY. On Saturday, Luda Herbers and Ann Jun Ilustrismo shared about their experience on GPA at the Next Gen Prayer Vigil. The main focus for this first week is to connect, plug in, and plan for future events.

Georgia

Georgia teams, led by Winny Kelalu and Kousei Taguchi, focused on connecting to community leaders and understanding the hope/vision for their time there. The first week the main effort for communities was witnessing and planning for future events that GPA can host. On Saturday evening, they prepared for a bake sale in their cafe. This was in hopes to support projects they are planning to create such as youth events.

Las Vegas

Las Vegas has one team led by Rebeka Bijukovic. Her team had a

bittersweet start of the condition, their van breaking down and being in the repair shop, but his allowed them to immediately plug in and helped CARP with witnessing and their club fair. They joined the Peace Starts With Me witnessing events, and the team was able to support the youth group by planning activities. GPA members are excited to invest into the Las Vegas community.

Texas

Texas teams led by Jakob Bijukovic and Nòra Granc, immediately plugged into events. They connected to community leaders to understand their vision, invested into the Family Festival this past Sunday, participated in an ACLC event where they sang and gave testimonies, and joined the YAM (Young Adult Ministry) Service. On Thursdays, they witness and do outreach activities. They will have another community meeting on Saturday for the members to debrief and share their ideas or the community.

Los Angeles

Los Angeles teams, led by Timmy Ojeda and JinMi Sagisaka, are on a fast track to their witnessing experience. Pastor Josh Holmes plans to teach Chambumoron to GPA in hopes that they can teach as they go witnessing. The teams invest into service projects around Camp Mozumdar. They hope to have events for the community, new members, and distant members by the end of the mission.



GPA is excited to work side-by-side with communities to support True Mother's hopes and vision.

If you or someone you know is interested in participating in next year's program, applications are currently open! Early bird rate is **\$0**, apply before it goes up.

Send them the application link, or have them go to generationpeaceacademy.org/apply.



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We're past making new year's resolutions, but the GPA newsletter aims to grow and become better for you, our dear reader and supporter.

So if could spare a minute or two to fill out this feedback form, that would be greatly appreciated.

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