

Generation Peace Academy: Early Bird Ends in One Week

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First Years & Captains

The first years and captains are working hard on the frontline, preparing themselves during this Spring Breakthrough Condition for Korea and for the rest of this 2024-2025 year.

It's important to work hard, but it's also important to have fun. Enjoy this meme from @2ndgenmemes on Instagram (Follow them by clicking the icon below the meme).



Cheon Il Guk Missionaries

Chicago



This has been an incredibly packed week for the CIG missionaries in Chicago, so let's take a peek at some of the things they have been up to recently!

The missionaries moved their evening program to Thursday, as they'll be joined by Heavenly USA missionaries during the weekend. This time, several new guests attended the evening program, team leader David Lee gave the main message, and the other members supported the program more by leading the icebreaker and emceeing.

Heavenly USA came to Chicago to host a music masterclass choir workshop which the missionaries participated in. They invited Melvin Amos, a music director from Atlanta Georgia, and the group spent two days learning many different gospel songs while channeling the Holy Spirit. Several youth from the community attended, and one guest came to participate as well.

All who participated enjoyed the new experience of feeling the spiritual energy through singing, and found themselves being able to surrender to God through song. 'Praise is a form of a life of faith habit,' as HUSA member Erica Granc would put it. The weekend concluded as they delivered a powerful performance in front of the congregation on Sunday, a brilliant way to bring life and spirit into the Chicago community.

This has been a packed week for the CIG missionaries, hosting events while supporting the work of the HUSA missionaries. As they continue their time in mission, they are eager to see what more they can do to invigorate the Chicago community. Stay tuned to see what else the missionaries will be up to in this following week!



Indiana

This week was full of life and love. The CIG missionaries helped the paint one of the rooms in the church and created garden beds. Many of the missionaries' guests lended a helping hand, willing to support these projects.

For Youth Night, the CIG's were able to bring four guests, one of them coming for the very first time. The environment was full of laughter and joy! The week ended yet again with Sunday Service, where Mihyang's guest, John, signed membership!





Bay Area



This week was a little different from the usual schedule! On Tuesday, Chabot Community College, where the missionaries normally witness, had a 'Flex Day' (students are off). Instead, they went to petition for *Religious Freedom in Japan* at East Bay for about an hour. They then went to meet up with a couple of guests; Jon and Kaelin met up with Ranulfo, Kaelin's guest while Yoomi and Keita met up with Noah, Yoomi's guest.

The CIG missionaries also led the Wednesday club meeting, and the topic was communication skills: specifically empathic listening given by Uncle Bento Leal, while Keita was the emcee.

Thursday was the typical witnessing day, and then on Friday, the team joined a Japanese culture night! They learned about girls' and boys day, as well as the tea ceremony, and then had some Japanese desserts. To finish, on Saturday, Kaelin and Keita gave the first 2 intro seminars to guests.



DMV (D.C., Maryland, Virginia)



Here’s what the CIG DMV Team has been up to this past week!

The team continued their witnessing efforts, taking advantage of the warmer weather. Together with DMV Next Gen, they hosted two days of sports at a local park near the Next Gen Center, inviting guests to play and get more familiar with the community.

On Wednesday, the team organized a hike at Great Falls in Virginia. The two-hour hike was a wonderful opportunity to connect more deeply with guests and community members.

Then on Saturday, the team—joined by many community members—went out to gather signatures for the petition supporting *Religious Freedom in*

Japan. One of the team's guests also joined in to help go out gather signatures!

With the sunnier weather, the team was able to focus more on witnessing and building relationships. They're determined to push through and finish strong in their final full week ahead!

Heavenly USA



Hello everyone! This is Heavenly USA reporting on their final week in Chicago.

Almost everyday the HUSA, CIG missionaries, and the Chicago Family Church members have been going out petitioning. The *Religious Freedom in Japan* campaign is still going on, and Chicago is ready to make their offering. Heavenly USA set a goal of claiming 1,000 signatures—and thanks to God and everyone's hard work, they were able to hit 991 this past Sunday! The missionaries are determined to hit it within these last two days in Chicago. Additionally, together as HUSA, CIG, and the community nightly devotion is being offered in the Cheon Shim Won, praying for the situation in Japan to improve.



This week, Heavenly USA also held a choir masterclass, in which the choir was directed by Melvin Amos, a longtime HUSA contact and has been directing choir for 65 years! With the community and CIG, within two days the choir learned 8 songs, singing the following Sunday. They offered the songs, "Jesus Promised," "Oh give thanks," and "Glory to God" during the service. Holy Mother Han is asking to sing songs of praise, and so this is Chicago answering the call!

Soon Heavenly USA will be leaving Chicago and entering into a week-long fundraising condition. This is in preparation for the trip to Korea and the entrance ceremony of the Cheon Won Gung, so please pray for the missionaries as they go out on the frontline!

Peace and love 🕊

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