

Generation Peace Academy: Heart of A Missionary

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Pictured above: This year's Cheon Il Guk Romania team!

Heavenly USA

Hello HUSA family and friends! The week is anew, and the HUSA members just concluded a 5-day fundraising condition in their respective areas of Long Island, Maryland, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. Physically, the members are still recovering from the Korea trip, so this next week they will be taking more rest.

Bringing it back to Korea for a minute, HUSA’s main mission in Korea—outside of participating in the pilgrimage with GPA and Cheon Il Guk missionaries— was supporting the World Christian Leadership Conference (WCLC), which brought together hundreds of clergymen from around the world for the entrance ceremony of the Cheon Won Gung. Heavenly USA was tasked with creating the right spiritual environment for these leaders through leading the praise and worship with Pastor Hannah Arthur and sister Deborah Harris. They were also honored to work with Dr. Walt Whitman and Pastor Wess Morgan during this time, performed the new song HUSA created with Wess Morgan for the clergy at the Interfaith Leadership

Conference. Many people came up to the members expressing how inspired and moved they were by the Spirit in the room, and hoped to have Heavenly USA come to their church. The mission was victorious.



Bringing it back to now, last Monday in New York the missionaries attended the 34th anniversary service of Gospel New Life Church. There they offered the song "Big God," to the congregation, the type of song to get everyone out of their seats and dancing. Everyone was glad to celebrate together this heavenly accomplishment and blessing God has bestowed among this church and pastor.

Thank you for reading and have a great week!



First Years & Captains

The first years and captains put their hearts and minds to the test as they were dropped off in small towns of Texas in pairs and trios to go pioneering!

Pioneering – Where members are dropped off in a small town and take full ownership. Ownership over their life of faith, funding, and service.

During this time, the members had four days to invest into their assigned towns– where they fundraised on their own and created their own budget to cover practical expenses like food and lodging. They were then meant to find a way to plug into the community through service and/or witnessing, leaning into their own creativity on how to do so.

The intention of this time is to experience the heart of a missionary. Understanding our roots and experiencing the path that many of our parents and early members of our movement have walked. The members’ goals in their respective towns was to serve. Whether it is helping out with local businesses, or meeting the mayor, everyone was encouraged to walk on their own two feet and leave their mark in these towns.

Cheon Il Guk Missionaries

Korea

The Korea team headed to Seoul where they would be staying for the next month and a half. Dubbed the Gwanghwamun Center, it is a ritzy four story high building located in a section of Seoul.

Getting right to work, the missionaries attended their first event the very day they arrived. A Korean missionary in the Gwanghwamun area taught a baking class, where those attending learned how to make egg tarts. With the addition of the American team, the center had a bright atmosphere filled with laughter and fun.



Wednesday was their first day of witnessing, and it was fair enough to say that they experienced a bit of culture shock from how different witnessing looks in Korea. Going out with paper surveys and clipboards, the team did their best to talk to those walking along the streets. With the intention of inviting them to American Culture Night, the survey consisted of questions such as “Who is your favorite American actor?” or “If you were to visit America, which part would you like to visit?” Despite being in unfamiliar environments, the missionaries quickly adjusted and invested wholeheartedly into their evangelical efforts.

On Saturday, they hosted their first event in Korea, “American Culture Night.” Taking full advantage of their American identity, the missionaries introduced different aspects of America through icebreakers, presentations, and a game of Jeopardy. They were able to create a loving and welcoming

environment for their guests, and overall was a wonderful way to end off their first week in mission.

This has been a very busy week for the team as they threw themselves into the rhythm of life in Korea. Check out the newsletter next week to see what else they'll be up to!

Romania

Ya-hooo!!

After being stuck in the Turkey Airport for a day, the Cheon Il Guk Romania team safely landed in Bucharest, Romania for their 47-day Witnessing Mission. They were welcomed warmly by the Predescu family and enjoyed a wonderful 3-course Easter meal.

The team alongside a few CARP members explored Bucharest and took a house tour to get used to their new home. In the latter half of the week, things started gearing up as the team went out witnessing out in the streets and participated in the Romania CARP's Friday evening program, even bringing a new guest and another one back from last year.

Lastly on Saturday, the CIG's helped clean up the Peace Embassy front yard in preparation for constructing a neighborhood park.



Before



After

Albania



Beginning mission in Albania, the center leader Alfred and his wife Nikki welcomed the Cheon Il Guk missionaries. Fier is a small town, so there aren't many college-aged people, mainly younger students to witness to. Thankfully, the center is already a place where many young people gather to spend time with each other.

On Thursday, the CIG missionaries supported the weekly CARP meeting, where 2nd-year missionary Mihyang was the MC, while third-year missionary Yuki a'Beckett led the games. Before the meeting started, the national leader of Albania Manjola Vasmatics, and UPF leader Gani Rroshi visited to have a quick meeting with the missionaries. They expressed some words regarding witnessing, to connect it to Heavenly Parent and True Parents, and realize the new era that we are currently in.

On Friday, we closed the center early to attend the Korean night vigil live, which was in the afternoon in Albania. Saturday was supposed to be a free day where the plan was to visit Vlorë, but due to rain, we ended up lecture practicing the beginning of the Divine Principle. Overall, Fier is a nice town to be a part of, and we look forward to investing into the next week!



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