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### New Look, New Newsletter

Welcome back to the Next Gen Mission newsletter. If you haven't heard by now, Generation Peace Academy has been renamed to Next Generation Mission. This name change is targeted to move forward the renewed vision for the young people in the Unification community—to grow into happy, healthy, and public-minded individuals who want to contribute to a greater, higher purpose aligned with our Heavenly Parent and our Holy Mother Han.





**Junior Class** 

## Chicago, Illinois

Third week into the mission community, the team did their first community service. As a team they went out to package food for the organization *Feed My Starving Children*. As they packaged food for children across the country, the missionaries were able to talk to the people around their table and generally have a good time. They also did a group prayer over the food they packaged. The missionaries hope that these food packages will safely make it across the world.

The missionaries went out on their fundraising run and it is inevitable that they will run into people that are hard to love. As easy as it is to feel discouraged or even upset at the other person, they have to remember that as God's children, they all came as representatives of Heavenly Parent and True Parents. It is their responsibility to love and embrace their brothers and sisters not just within the community but outside the community. As Jesus said in Matthew 5:44, "But I say to you, love your

enemies and pray for those who persecute you." Let us pray for them and love them.



Junior Class

# Belvedere, New York

This week was our second full week in the Belvedere!







Junior Class

Dallas, Texas



This past week, the NGM missionaries in Dallas took part in both the International Day of Peace and an Open Mic Night! From helping set up the events to performing in them, they created wonderful memories with members of the church as well as all the guests in attendance.



Junior Class

Atlanta, Georgia

This is the Atlanta team, and it was a jam packed week! The missionaries involved themselves with a Peace Night, Game Night, along with doing some fundraising and witnessing. On the 21st, the missionaries held a peace night, where many important political and religious members came together to discuss peace, while enjoying some entertainment and food. The Junior missionaries were able to perform a Korean song along with so many other performances.

They were also able to enjoy a Game Night, where the missionaries got to invite many people to play some games like Super Smash Bros and Mario Kart, while also playing Basketball. The missionaries were able to really connect with the youth and young adult scene and have a good time. To many more game nights!



Senior Class

Denver, Colorado



Colorado Family Church had their High School Youth Day! They did all sorts of activities and also shared testimonies to inspire the young generation of Colorado. One activity that was done specifically was drawing specific features of our team members' faces and roasted papers for each feature. It was a funny and exciting way to break the ice.



### Indianapolis, Indiana

The Indiana missionary team this week has been super busy with many activities like fundraising, witnessing, participating in many events and plugging into the church community, and all of Indianapolis!

They started off the week with campus witnessing, going to Butler University and Miriam University. There they asked college students about God and life and invited them to church and other events that are held. In the evenings, the missionaries go to the daily Cheon Shim Won night vigils to receive any inspiration and clarity.

And of course we held our weekly free car wash. This time, Maggie Buergi, a 3rd-year senior class missionary from the Bay Area brought in a guest, Ahngeli, who attended and helped with our cash wash! And by the end of the day, Ahngeli signed membership!

Our HTG, junior, and senior class missionaries, also took over the Indianapolis Family Church worship band! We sang three songs and plan to play every Sunday for the church community!



## Kodiak, Alaska

The Kodiak Missionaries have finally arrived in their mission community! Concluding their 7-day fundraising journey with a bang, the team fundraised from morning to evening. Megu fundraised in Wasila, and Kyungwhi in Eagle River. Together the team was victorious throughout their whole condition. Well done!



Before departing to Kodiak, the team spent one final Friday with the Anchorage community, sharing a potluck and many fun experiences. The following afternoon, they departed from Anchorage Garden and were welcomed at the airport by Pastor Tonya of the Kodiak community.

Their new home of North Garden is steeped in True Parents love and history, so stay tuned to see how they add to its next chapter.

Senior Class

#### Las Vegas, Nevada

On Monday and Tuesday, the Las Vegas team dedicated our time to full-day fundraising. Throughout the whole week, we attended prayer vigil every night, and on Wednesday and Friday morning we also joined the national and international morning prayer.

On Wednesday, we met with Pastor Resfred, Pastor Hannah, and Senior Pastor Compton to discuss the team's goals and each member's goals for mission in the Vegas community. The team learned about the events and groups already active in the area, and shared how they would like to contribute.

Thursday was the missionaries first day of witnessing at the UNLV campus with members of CARP, Spiritual Academy, and UPA. It was fun to explore the campus, meet students, and inherit the outgoing spirit of the Spiritual Academy missionaries. That evening, we attended Tribe Talk, a CARP event that creates family spirit and thoughtful discussions—this week introducing True Mother.



On Friday, the team volunteered with New Hope Foundation International at Restoration Recovery, a nonprofit that helps individuals rebuild their lives through holistic support, counseling, and community resources. The

missionaries distributed hygiene packets to the homeless and joined in street cleaning to help beautify the community. That evening, they attended Korean Culture Night, hosted by Spiritual Academy, where they enjoyed traditional dishes and connected with more community members. Saturday marked the launch of their youth ministry for the year, giving them the chance to meet local youth and begin building relationships. They're excited to deepen those relationships in the weeks ahead.

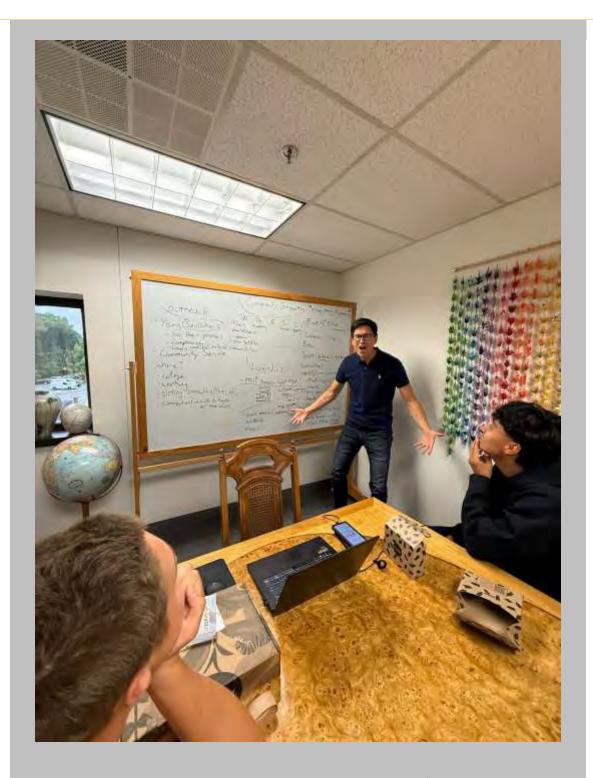
On Sunday, they joined service and met more members of the community, and received an inspiring sermon to prepare us for the week to come.



Senior Class

#### Boston, Massachusetts

This week had the Boston team get deep into the community planning—how we want to grow Boston through outreach and events (evidenced by Pastor Milhan's passion)



The missionaries went out witnessing in various parts of Boston with surveys about peace. This survey allowed them to understand the community's collective thoughts about the possibility of peace while also letting them know about the Peace Starts With Me (PSWM) movement. The missionaries also invited them to a karaoke night and future PSWM events in the Boston Common.

Karaoke night was successful, they met many young adults in the community while singing their hearts out. On Sunday the missionaries met the rest of the church community at a nice Sunday service and attended a council meeting.





That's it for now! The missionaries made an Instagram so please follow that <u>@ bostonfamilychurch</u>, fire content and updates are coming up

Thanks!

Boston Family Church Instagram

This has been the Next Gen Mission newsletter.

Thank you so much for reading!