

FFWPU USA Next Gen Mission Weekly Newsletter

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Junior Class Missionaries

Clifton, New Jersey

This past week, the NJ team had its last 3 days in Clifton, New Jersey.

On the first day, the New Jersey team had their final rest day there. On the second day, the youth center had a big cleaning day, and the team had their last board game night with the community. And on the last day, the New Jersey community and the team had a victory celebration with the new HTGs. The New Jersey team and the community said their goodbyes and enjoyed a nice barbecue with kebabs and fruit.

On Thursday, the New Jersey team said goodbye to the HTGs and the center family and launched a one-week fundraising campaign. So far, the New Jersey team is having a good time fundraising and meeting the people of Pennsylvania.

We hope the New Jersey team does well, and Aju and Mansei!!!!

Denver, Colorado

This week, the Denver NGM team returned to their community for a short but meaningful experience, reconnecting with the people they have been preparing to support and making an impact before moving into their next mission.



The week began with the team departing from One Heart Camp, a week-long workshop where they had the opportunity to connect with and touch the hearts of middle and high school participants. After the camp concluded, the team began their journey back to Colorado, making stops in Utah, including Zion National Park and the small town of Castle Dale, before safely returning to their community.

Once settled in Denver, the team continued their witnessing efforts alongside the Kodan moms and their new witnessing leader, Akina Kakiuchi, a graduate of Universal Peace Academy (UPA). Through these experiences, the missionaries continued building relationships and supporting the community's growth.



The week concluded with Brothers’ Night and a skit performance during their final Sunday service, creating opportunities for fellowship, joy, and connection with the community.

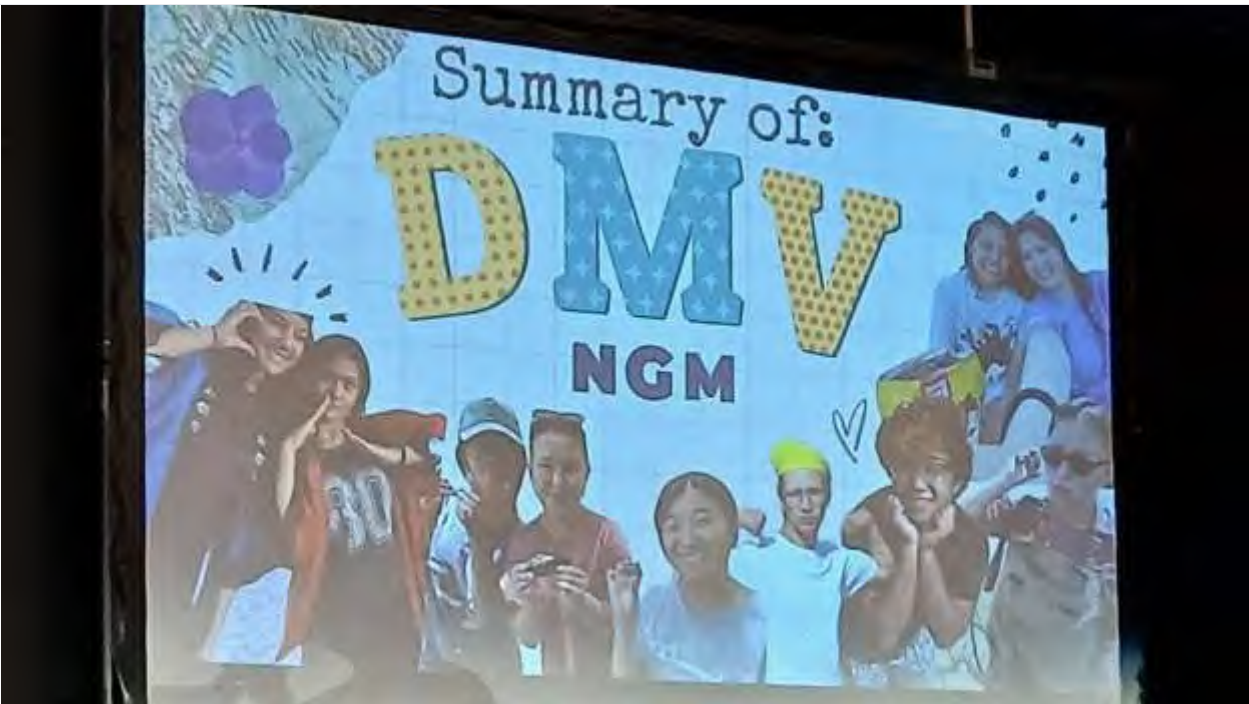
Overall, this week was a short yet impactful chapter for the Denver team. As the missionaries prepare for their departure next week, they hope to carry forward the experiences, relationships, and lessons from this mission, continuing to strengthen their own lives of faith while leaving a positive impact wherever they go.

DMV

This week in DMV, the team had an exciting and exhausting final week, filled to the brim with final preparations and Goodbyes.



One of which was a Peace Starts with Culture Event, creating an environment where many people could come and enjoy the food. New friends learned how to help make takoyaki, a Japanese octopus ball treat, as well as various other cultural dishes. This event paired well with multiple watch parties hosting the World Cup games.





After such excitement from the games and friends, they went to prepare for a UPF (Universal Peace Federation) Event titled "Ambassadors for Peace Assembly", gathering people from all over who make efforts towards creating a united world.

On their Final Sunday, they made their final Goodbyes to their friends while also celebrating Father's Day. The team feels so blessed to have participated in and shared so many memories within this community, and is sure to never forget their time here.



Junior Class

Columbus, Ohio

This week in the Ohio community, the boys worked hard and enjoyed moments of fellowship and cultural experiences.



On Monday, the team spent the day fundraising alongside Junta, a mission leader, working together with unity and determination. Tuesday was a more relaxed, joyful time as the team enjoyed sports and fellowship with Junta before his departure back to Arkansas, creating memories and strengthening bonds.





The week concluded with a vibrant Sunday centered on community and celebration. The team participated in a Japanese cultural festival, experiencing and appreciating various traditions together. Later, they shared dinner with Pastor Yasu at Akai Hana, located within the Kenny Centre, providing a meaningful opportunity for connection and fellowship. The day served as a joyful conclusion to the week, filled with gratitude, culture, and community.



Junior Class

Little Rock, Arkansas

Arkansas back at it again!!

As the final week of Arkansas came to a close, the missionaries took this week to invest heavily in the upcoming workshop they have been preparing for. This had been planned for two weeks, and the missionaries set many conditions to ensure it went smoothly for all the guests they wanted to bring. They also tried their best to connect with as many members as possible through all the events.



On Thursday, the team celebrated a member's birthday at the Jackson's house, and he was moved to tears as he realized the love that the community has to offer. The day after, on Friday, the missionaries had the opportunity to sing on stage at a Juneteenth event organized by another church. The missionaries were very proud to be able to sing up on stage with members and enjoy the ceremony afterward.





On Saturday, the mission woke up bright and early to meet with other members and guests at True Brew to officially open the workshop. With the workshop theme being “Share God’s Dream”, the missionaries wanted to ignite the hearts of the members to share God’s Dream once the missionaries leave. The workshop began with fun activities, followed by amazing lectures from mission leaders Sarah and Junta Naito alongside Rev. Jackson, and a powerful worship night. This workshop was something that all the missionaries felt proud of, as it was something that they worked on themselves, from the location to the content. As they put their trust in God throughout the process, the workshop's conclusion was very inspiring to them.

Chicago, Illinois



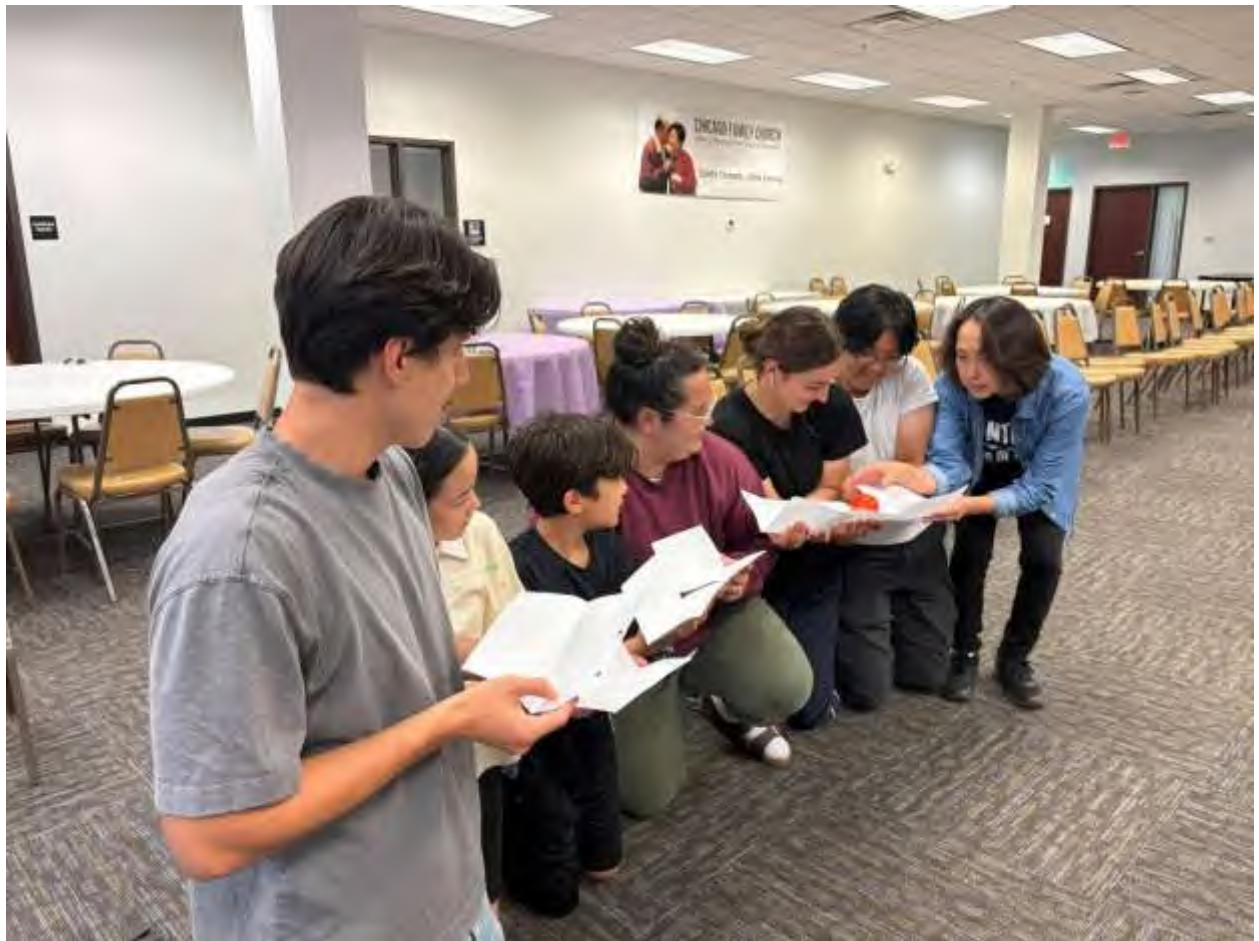
This week the Chicago team started off with helping out a Sunday school teacher appreciation celebration, by babysitting. After Sunday Service, they had dinner with Sarah Naito and Aunt Nadya, and on Wednesday, they held their second home group with the new HTG members!



On Saturday, the members were treated to lunch by the Takami family, during which they shared many highlights from community time and their intentions and goals moving forward. The team also offered a song during the weekly Night Vigil.

To end the week, the community will celebrate the team with a community dinner. The members will share testimonies and experiences!





Applications for the Next Gen Mission year 2026-2027 are now open! If you know someone who will be a high school graduate or equivalent, or who is looking to deepen their character, life of faith, and relationship with God and True Parents, encourage them to look here.



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