

Leadership Task Force

IST PHASE REPORT

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Dear FPA USA Community,

Happy New Year everyone! We hope all of you are having a great start to this new and hopeful year of 2017. To all the families (parents, students, and children), thank you so much for giving us inspiration through your hard work and efforts.

As the three representatives from America for LTF 3rd Class, we are so grateful and humbled for this opportunity given by Heavenly Father to not only grow our parent-child relationship with Him and expand our heart of loving all of humankind, but to also be able to represent the entire country of the United States for the sake of God's providence.



We have just finished our first out of three phases for this Ist year of LTF in the beginning of this month of January. The theme of our Ist Phase was "Let us Substantiate the Culture of Heart by Embodying the Core Values in Our Daily Lives!" By first creating this culture within our LTF team through offering jungsung, project planning, and fundraising, we visited Nepal to spread that culture through service, giving Core Values education, and initiating several activities that were able to help unite our global family.

Even though all three of us are the youngest members of LTF 3rd Class and we do not have much experience, we know that Heavenly Father has so many expectations out of all of His children. Hence, rather than looking at ourselves as young, inexperienced people, we want to use our youthful spirit in order to invest and pour out all the energy and potential Heavenly Father has blessed us with.

LTF has offered this opportunity to do exactly that, and through all the experiences and realizations we've had during this Ist Phase, we can truly feel ourselves transforming in our hearts and having a clearer understanding of what our identity and responsibility holds for us.

We want to truly thank Heavenly Father, True Parents, and True Family, as well as to all our families and loved ones in the community for your investment and constant support and love. We would like to take this time to share our best practices and experiences of this phase in a representative report from the three LTF members from USA.

As Hyun Jin Nim has emphasized how significant this year of 2017 is and what kind of expectations he has for this year, we will strive for that same level of standard for the upcoming 2nd Phase here in LTF and for the entire year. Thank you so much and let us all continuously offer jungsung through our investment for the sake of Providence so that we can successfully offer a victorious year to our Heavenly Father, True Parents, and True Family. Aju!

-With love and sincerity, Kensu Bates, Namsik Yoo, and Takae Goto

IST PHASE GOAL

"Let Us Substantiate the Culture of Heart by Embodying the Core Values in Our Daily Lives!"

SCHEDULE

11/07: Goal Setting and Jungsung Setting

11/08 – 11/12: Project Planning

11/14 - 12/03: Fundraising in Seoul

12/07: Support GPLC

12/12 - 01/04: Schedule in Nepal (SFP, FPA, GPF)

01/07 – 01/09: Overall Evaluation, Wrap up 1st Phase

PREPARATION IN KOREA

KICKOFF JUNGSUNG









After the Ist phase education and being informed that LTF 3rd class will be investing in Nepal, we kicked off the phase by offering a jungsung to Heavenly Father.

We were informed in the morning that we will be hiking but due to unexpected circumstances, our jungsung activity was to complete a 500 puzzle piece within 3 hours.

We need to learn how we can create a culture that God can live in and it is a place that we are working as a team. We need to learn how to create this within our team first and when we create this culture we can bring this culture of heart to Nepal and spread it there. Then we set our jeong seong challenge of piecing a puzzle with our teams. This taught me to be able to work as a team and to focus on every piece as a piece that will contribute into realizing God's dream.

-Kensu Bates

PROJECT PLANNING







For Ist Phase, LTF worked with Service for Peace Korea, which is a providential organization Hyun Jin Nim founded in 2001. SFP aims to create enjoyable service, allow one to grow their heart, and build a bridge of peace through service.

During the 1st day of receiving lecture, Mr. Kang Sam Sang explained how there's a huge difference of an impact a volunteer can make based upon one's attitude: doing it because you are told to, or doing it because you really care for others. I realize that we as an LTF team must really take on this responsibility of investing in Nepal not with the mindset of doing it because it is part of the schedule of LTF or because SFP is setting it up for us, but because we want to make an heartistic impact on our brothers and sisters in Nepal. I am not doing this solely for my own overseas volunteering experience, but I am doing this to create God's culture there with my team members so that together, including myself, my LTF family, and my family members in Nepal can all grow together through culture.

FUNDRAISING



To first build the culture of heart within the team, we first had to practice and live the Core Values within our daily life, and especially during the fundraising period. And so, we set daily goals based on the 17 Core Values sub-points and put all our focus throughout the day.

LTF went person-to-person fundraising throughout these 18 days in the Seoul Metropolitan area. The results were for the sake of the children in the Lower Paropakar School in Dhading, Nepal. However, at the end of the day, everything was an offering to Heavenly Father.



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Before joining the program, I still had a lot of ego, and arrogance, wondering why I needed to join this program and go fundraising. But what made me decide to join in the end was to see how I reacted. I realized my attitude and character needs to grow so much more beyond myself and my own feelings.

Being in the position to invest in 3rd class as a captain too was the perfect opportunity God has prepared for me to look beyond my own problems and emotions I've created for myself and to start living for something greater than myself, for the development of young future leaders, as I grow a motherly and nurturing heart towards the team...I was grateful to go back fundraising again, enjoying the interaction I had with the people I've met in various places, and also starting to see very clearly how I am understanding God's heart through this process of investing in others with a heart of true love...

-Ami Mowris (Uruguay) Team Captain

GPLC KOREA 2016



Before leaving to Nepal, LTF had came to support the Global Peace Leadership Conference. It was most of our first time joining in a GPF event. To see first hand what Hyun Jin nim has been doing and the impact he is making around the global was a good experience for all of us.

From this GPF event what I realized is the importance of the youth's role and responsibility, especially in this era as a great turning point for Korea. Even though there are currently many different perspectives from political, economical, and social fields, I felt that if we focus on the common vision to why Korea must be united, we can mobilize the youth - not just through the minds but through the hearts. If we feel that love and care for their global family members, then we can make this dream of Korean unification into a reality. Just like how Terry Lewis wants to heal people through music, I believe this new song can be a catalyst to open people's heart, especially the youth people's spirits. I want to also find out my role in God's providence so I can connect people's hearts together.

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

CORE LEADERS PROGRAM

Before LTF came to Nepal, we organized a workshop for 5 top Core Members of FPA Nepal to join all our scheduled activities in Nepal. From the day we arrived to Nepal until the last day, these 5 members invested in all the activities by practicing the Core Values and building the culture of heart together as one team.



Santosh Shrestha (19) Bal-Prasa



Bal-Prasad Acharya (20)



Chandra Crux (20)



Deepak BK (20)



Birendra GC (20)

SCHEDULE IN NEPAL

12/13 - 12/19: SFP Activities in Dhading and Parapokar Elementary

12/21 – 12/22: FPA Core Values Workshop

12/23 – 12/24: GPF/SFP Core Values Workshop + Service Project

12/25: FPA/GPF/SFP Christmas Party

12/26: FPA Sports Competition

12/27 – 12/29: FPA/UC Cosmic Struggle + Blessing Workshop

01/01 – 01/03: Poon Hill Jungsung Trekking



VOLUNTEERISM WORKSHOP



Teamwork activities to practice Core Values



Group discussions about how to embody the Core Values in our daily lives



Opening speech about how change happens with a daily mentality of volunteering



Volunteering professionals were invited to share their experience on impacting their communities

In the morning, LTF and Core Members met with the Dhading Volunteers, and together, everyone received volunteering education from professional volunteers.

In the afternoon, LTF members gave

Core Values education to the Dhading

Volunteers, with the CM as translators.

BAZAAR

LTF, CM, and Dhading Volunteers held a "Happy School Campaign" Bazaar as SFP volunteers in the local city. From 3 - 6 PM, Our goal was to raise the Dhading volunteers to take responsibility over their extended community in Parapokar by developing a heart of service. We collected donations, sold items, food, played music, and danced.







OPENING



The next morning, we went up to Paropakar to begin the official service activities. LTF, Core Members, and Dhading Volunteers began by building the camp ground.



In the afternoon, the village welcomed us with a dance and song performed by the students of the school.



Overall view of the camp ground where we slept, ate and had meetings together with the volunteers and locals.



Six Dhadhing SFP Volunteers were chosen to help LTF with the service project and education at Parapokar.



Group photo with the CMs and the Dhading SFP Volunteers, covered in red powder (tikka), and flower necklaces (mala).

LABOR WORK



LTF, Core Members, and Dhading
Volunteers worked together to flatten
the land in front of the new school.

Every night, everybody would gather around the campfire to warm up and share our reflections based on the Core Values.





Being in Dhading I was able to see that if I really put all my heart in everything that I do, being a real owner of every single thing, that mindset, will become my actions, and my actions is something that the people will see and I will be able to transform people's hearts. I wasn't able to talk so much with the volunteers during the programs but as days passed by, I was able to see how they were getting inspired by the fact that people from different country came to support the country. I was so surprised for one guy came to me and tell me that he really wants to impact other people. He really wants to share with the people all that he was able to learn during the time volunteering and that he really wants to make a change. Those words are so precious for me because the small actions that we start can make a change for God.

-Isul Jimenez (Columbia)

WOMEN'S EDUCATION

Over 50 women, teenagers to middle age, from different villages met together to discuss about their health and tips for family care to improve sanitation within their communities.



After hearing their reflections, they wanted to continue supporting each other as community members but the next time gathering to involve their husbands.



Everyone opened their hearts to share best practices and create a mindset that their health and cleanliness is for the sake of a healthy home.



CORE VALUES EDUCATION

By dividing into three main age groups (Grades 1,2,3 & Grades 4,5,6 & Grades 7, 8), three Core Values were taught in three different activities. Our first target were the students and teachers so they can implement the Core Values in their curriculum. Our second target were the Dhading volunteers - to teach the Core Values they learned from the One Day Volunteerism Workshop.







Living for the greater good in Character Education

Ownership in Hygiene Education

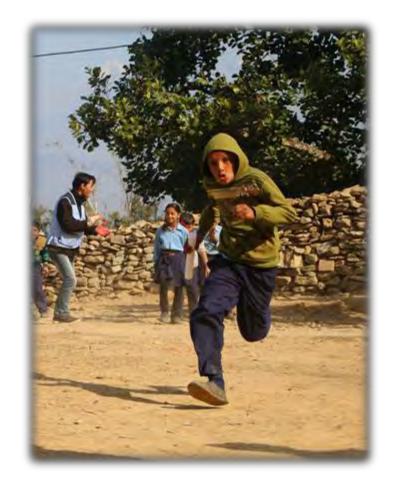
Dream Big in Goal Setting Education

SPORTS FESTIVAL





Before closing and departing Parapokar, one last Core Value education (teamwork) was organized through the Sports Festival. By closing with the Core Value, teamwork, we reminded the students to work together within the school and community by continuing to energize each other.



CLOSING



Before leaving Dhading, the school prepared a
Closing Ceremony, offering their heartfelt gratitude
to each of us. All the volunteers received a lot of
love from the Nepali locals and we shared
determinations to continue giving back to our
community with a volunteer mentality.







FPA CORE VALUES WORKSHOP



Vertical Tradition by Ami Mowris



Living for the Greater Good by Isul Jimenez



Ownership by Namsik Yoo



Teamwork by Kensu Bates



Dream Big by Terumoto Fukuda



LTF gave Core Values education to FPA Nepal members and center leaders, with an age group of 16 ~ 20s. The audience in the end shared their goals and action steps to how they wanted to practice the Core Values in their daily lives.



SARLAHI FUNDRAISING









The previous LTF classes volunteered at a child care center in Sarlahi. However, this year 5 children graduated from the center and were encouraged to support their younger brothers and sisters in the center by fundraising with the FPA core members.

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In my team, there was one Sarlahi graduate and a Core Member. Through my example I tried to teach them about taking ownership. By the end of the day, we weren't close to our external goal and both of my partners were in some doubt whether we could achieve our goal or not with the given time left. But we kept going and went inside another store to fundraise. At first the cashier didn't look very interested yet he donated. He started to take out body size bags and boxes of clothes, toy and school supplies. He even payed for our taxi and donated 500 rupees. On the ride back, I realized how important it is to never give up, especially when it's for something greater than yourself.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Following LTF 2nd class's tradition, LTF 3rd class also organized a Christmas party for FPA and GPF as well as SFP to offer our gratitude to Jesus. LTF 3rd class's goal to organizing this event with FPA was so they can take initiative to make future Christmas events.







CORE VALUES SPORTS

LTF organized a Sports Festival for the FPA Members. Divided into two teams (Number I and Soldiers of God), around 40 members joined the competition. Soldiers of God were winners after scoring the last penalty-kick for soccer. However, each team, rather than playing just for fun, competed hard by practicing the Core Values and giving their #I effort for God.















ALIGNMENT WORKSHOP



Vice President Yoo came from Korea and gave an Alignment Workshop to the Nepali community to understand the cosmic struggle. Unification church members joined and later we received news that from hearing the truth, they have joined FPA to support Hyun Jin nim.









CORE VALUES WORKSHOP

The Core Members had the chance to give the Core Values education to GPF volunteers/interns. as well as to the graduates of the Sarlahi Child Center after translating LTF while giving education to FPA members. This was a great opportunity to develop their education skills in order to prepare themselves in becoming future leaders of their centers and for the sake of providence in Nepal.



Living for the Greater Good by Deepak BK



Teamwork by Birendra GC



Ownership by Santosh Shrestha



Dream Big by Chandra Crux

During our last closing with the Core Members, I remember each CM talking about how they learned the importance of practicing the Core Values during their time with LTF. At that time, knowing that the decision was made for a CVA to officially start in Nepal with the CM being the educators for the program, I could feel so much hope and potential for providence in this country of Nepal. For the CM to be with LTF during our entire time in Nepal, and for them to also have the Core Values as the focus, they were able to truly grasp the importance of why they need to practice these values, which is for the sake of creating the right culture (God's culture).

BAGMATI RIVER CLEAN UP



The Bagmati River runs through the Kathmandu Valley of Nepal and is considered holy river. Hindus are cremated on the banks of this holy river but many residents empty personal garbage and waste into the river.

LTF, CM, GPF, and Sarlahi graduates implemented the education of the Core Values into action by cleaning up the Bagmati River, organized by the government.





WRAP UP

NEW YEAR JUNGSUNG



On the morning of January Ist, we departed from Pokhara to begin our jungsung challenge. We went trekking from Nayapul to Ghorepani on the first day. Early morning the next day, we went up to Poon Hill (3210 m) to offer our sincerity to God in bringing about a victorious year of 2017. We went down the same trail the rest of the day.

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Trekking Poon Hill gave me the opportunity to check what kind of attitude I had and what I wanted to offer to Heavenly Father. To be honest, Poon Hill was challenging. I persevered stomach aches, headaches and even lack of air, knowing that I will finish this hike with the promise I set to Heavenly Father. Overall from offering my yearly goals to Heavenly Father, I learned what kind of actions and jungsungs can always change but your mindset and attitude that drives you should always be a sincere offering to Heavenly Father. So even though the yearly jungsung hike is a preparation for the year, our daily mindset and attitude are also jungsung for a greater purpose bigger than ourselves. ??

2ND PHASE GOAL

"Let Us Set the Right Precedent of Moral and Innovative Leadership"

Thank you Heavenly Father, True Parents, True Family, and all the blessed families!



