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"A Leap into Society!"

Written by Ms. Jeniffer Kang (Torrance Teacher)

On October 12th, Torrance Class AGAPE went on a trip to embark on our first bus ride to the Del Amo Fashion Center where we would buy our own lunch and watch "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2" spending time with friends like any other group of typical teenagers would. To prepare ourselves for this journey, however, we practiced how to get onto the bus and went over our dos and don'ts of society couple weeks before going. Although I had the assurance that our participants and volunteers would do great, I could not help but have a strong sense of doubt lingering in the back of my mind. Prior to going, we asked all the parents about their experience going to movie theaters with our participants and made sure we knew what we had to look forward to. Some parents said that their child might not go into the movie theater at all because it was too dark and others did not like loud noise. As for some participants, we were prepared and planned to take them outside the movie theater if needed.



When the day had come to leave, we met at the church, distributed their bus money (in quarters and lunch money) – we wanted to give them a chance to become more independent. The walk to the bus stop was short and well-done. When the bus arrived, just as we practiced, all volunteers and participants stood in somewhat of a line and everyone was loaded and ready to go in a matter of minutes. We passed two bus stops and stopped at the mall; we all got off as fast as we could and made our way to the food court. With all 36 participants and volunteers scattering around to see which food they wanted, they eventually came back into one big group and were able to finish a great lunch! After lunch, we walked towards the AMC Movie Theater across the mall to finally go and watch the movie. When we made our way into the theater, Ms. Sarah and I looked at each other in amazement seeing that all 33 volunteers and participants were comfortably seated and that not one wanted to leave their seat to go outside. As the movie started, even the participants we thought would be too afraid to walk into a movie theater sat still in their seat and watched the movie. To my surprise, all but one participant watched the whole movie without a problem. We then safely got back onto the bus and returned to class.



The experience that day was a lesson to be learned. As embarrassing as it is, I realized how little my trust was for our participants and volunteers. They showed me how well they would be able to do even outside of class and that I had drowned myself in worry over something like this. I also realized that if it weren't for this leap of faith in taking a trip into society, our trip would have never panned out. My doubt and skepticism would have overcome me and we would have spent October 12th doing our routinely Saturday class. I am so thankful for the volunteers that had come to help participate in our movie outing and to our participants for, once again, constantly proving me wrong and showing me what their abilities are. I hope that with the trips we continue to take, I would be able to trust more in our participants and volunteers and be excited to take many leaps into society!

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Happy 10th Birthday to E. Los Angeles Class AGAPE!

April, 2003 marked the beginning of a new location of Class AGAPE at Good Stewards Church in West Covina, CA. The branch began due to a high demand in the Eastern Los Angeles area and ELA Class AGAPE family has been together, grown significantly, and continues to welcome new members with open arms.

We are thankful that the staff members at ELA Class AGAPE are ones that joined us almost at the start of this branch who continue to commit their time, effort, and love to serve our Class AGAPE participants, volunteers, and family. It brings a smile to our face remembering all of our past volunteers that have come and gone – they love they shared with Milal.

During this month of Thanksgiving, we count our blessings as we remember the volunteers who are now teachers at Class AGAPE, serving in other parts of Milal and those who continuously keep visiting and keeping Milal in their prayers. It is wonderful knowing that rebellious high school teenagers learn to love and share that love through their time at Class AGAPE.

10th Year Anniversary Celebration Night is scheduled for **December 14th, 2013 @ 5 PM**. Please feel free to contact ELA Class AGAPE staff members if you are no longer attending Milal but would like to attend.



ELA Class AGAPE Teachers & Staff (left to right): Rachel Lee, Ms. Kyung Joo Lee, Hojung Lim, Sarah Cho, Ms. Misun Byun, Jeewon Lee, Ms. Minsu Park, Yojung Kim

Important Dates to Remember



Please take note of the dates listed below for the remaining of year 2013.

November 30th, 2013 NO CLASS: Thanksgiving Day Weekend

As we take a weekend off to spend time with family, friends, and loved ones, let's count our blessings and look back at how much God has poured down on us. Enjoy your weekend and we will see you in December!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our participants, volunteers, and teachers!

Nov. 3	TOR: Grace Lee	Nov. 17	TOR: Andrew Yu
Nov. 5	ELA: Peter Jeon		TOR: Sophie Kim
Nov. 9	TOR: Janet Jeong	Nov. 18	OC: Don Lee
	TOR: Inki Jeong	Nov. 19	ELA: Mr. Ho Jung Lim
Nov. 10	TOR: Eugene Lee	Nov. 20	ELA: Yena Han
Nov. 11	ELA: Sharon Shin	Nov. 22	ELA: Donghoon Kim
Nov. 12	OC: Seong Kyung Jeong		ELA: Thomas Woo
Nov. 15	LA: Jung Ho Shin	Nov. 24	ELA: Patrick Park
		Nov. 28	TOR: Ricky Rhee



C l a s s A G A P E L o c a t i o n s :

Orange County	Los Angeles	East Los Angeles	Irvine	Torrance
(2000년 8월 6일)	(2002년 4월 20일)	(2003년 4월 5일)	(2007년 4월 28일)	(2008년 9월 13일)
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