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“밀알은 달랐다.”

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LA 사랑의교실의 주임교사로 참여하기로 결정된 후 앞으로 해야 할 일에 대한 기대와 희망으로 설레는 하루하루를 보냈습니다. 2015년 1월의 첫 번째 일정은 교사 워크샵에 참석하는 일이었는데, 모르는 곳에서 낯선 사람들과 1박 2일을 보내야 한다고 생각하니 약간 긴장도 되었습니다. 그러나 막상 도착해보니 서로 반갑게 인사하고 맞아주고, 마치 오래 전 헤어진 옛친구를 다시 만난 것처럼 푸근하고 화기애애하며, 말로 표현 못할 가족 같은 편안함을 느낄 수 있는 분위기였습니다. 회의는 진지하고 세심하게 진행되었으며, 지난 1년을 돌아보고 올해의 계획을 나누는 시간에는 각 브랜치 모든 선생님들의 학생들을 향한 애정과 헌신, 그리고 넘치는 에너지를 확인할 수 있었습니다. 수업에 대한 아이디어를 공유하고 학교 운영에 더 나은 발전 방향을 모색하며 늦은 밤 시간가는 줄도 모르고 서로의 생각과 계획을 나누게 된 것 같습니다. 나이가 많은 적든, 사는 곳이 어디던 '밀알'이라는 이름의 울타리 안에서 한가족이 이루어지고, 나도 이제 그 일원이 되었다는 것만으로도 굉장히 감사하며 감격스러운 시간이었습니다. 마지막 날 저녁 식사 후 헤어질 때는 감사함과 함께 아쉬움이 배가 되었는데, 앞으로 2015년을 보낸 후 내년 워크샵에서는 더 깊고 풍성한 이야기와 경험을 나눌 수 있기를 기대합니다.

일주일 후 열린 자원봉사자 워크샵 역시 기대를 넘어선 것이었습니다. 짝 짜여진 프로그램은 꼭 필요한 순서와 내용으로 진행되었고, 각 브랜치 별로 모인 어리지만 어리지 않은, 순수한 열정으로 무장한 자원봉사자들을 보며, 이들이 바로 '밀알'의 과거와 현재와 미래를 보여준다고 생각하였습니다. 때문지 않은 순수한 열정이야말로 밀알과 각 사랑의교실을 이끌어가는 원동력이며, 또한 그들에 비추어 나는 하나님 앞에 더욱 겸손해져야겠다고 다짐했습니다. 나는 이렇게 많은 사람들이 함께 걷는 이 길이 하나님께서 나에게 예비하신 길이라 믿습니다. 또한 이렇게 많은 이들이 함께 하기에 든든하고 외롭지도 않을 것입니다.

밀알 사랑의교실에 더 큰 축복과 희망이 함께하길 기도하며, 앞으로 저희 LA 사랑의교실은 참가자들과 봉사자들이 서로 사랑하고 화합하며, 더 많은 것을 경험하고 즐거운 시간을 보낼 수 있도록 노력할 것입니다.



“Milal, a New Experience.”

Written by Ms. Eunyoung Yoo (LA Head Teacher)

Once it was decided that I would be the new head teacher of LA Class AGAPE, I spent days of excitement looking forward to what the future will hold. The first event of January was 2015 Class AGAPE Staff Workshop scheduled for overnight in Big Bear. To be honest, I was a little nervous thinking about spending 1 night with people that I would meet for the first time and would feel uncomfortable with. However, once I arrived, everyone greeted me as if we were old friends being reunited. It really felt like a family gathering with extended cousins! The meetings began and we evaluated 2014 and each branch shared their goals for 2015. During this time of sharing, the teachers' passion and commitment



to our participants was apparent. As we shared how we could better serve Class AGAPE, we were all surprised to realize the clock was well past midnight. It didn't matter how young or old, which branch of Class AGAPE one served, of even where one lived, this group of people had become a family in the name of 'Milal' and I was so thankful to have become a part of this Milal Family. The workshop ended as we looked forward to the next time we meet and I personally looked forward to sharing my experiences in 2015 at the 2016 Staff Workshop.

One week later was the 2015 Volunteers Workshop; and this day, too, was a pleasant surprise. The workshop consisted of much-needed programs and seeing that these high school volunteers were so passionate and determined to serve, they truly seemed to reflect the past, present, and future of Milal; the volunteers' passion, leadership, and love humbled me. I believe that God truly prepared this time in life to serve with Milal Family and serving together with this group, I know I would feel a strong support and never feel alone.

I pray that God pour our His blessings upon Milal Class AGAPE and pray that the participants and volunteers continue to love one another. Lastly, I promise that I will try my best to make wonderful memories with our participants and volunteers at LA Class AGAPE.

All 5 locations have diverse group of high school volunteers serving individuals with disabilities, our participants, and the love that they show our participants amazes me every time. With such passionate young volunteers, we decided that it was time to let the volunteers speak their minds and share with us, the teachers, how they feel about Class AGAPE and what they wished to do with our participants on a weekly basis. This decision was made at the Staff Workshop on the 10th of January and presented to them on the 17th of January at our annual Class AGAPE Volunteer Workshop held at Nachimban Church in Brea, CA.

The workshop began with a short time of praise led by leaders from All Nations Church and members of Passionate People of God (PPOG). It was always good seeing how the leaders that help prepare for our annual summer camp have become just an extended family of Class AGAPE. Their support and participation is really an energy boost!

A short message was presented to our volunteers by our newly inaugurated President, Reverend Jong Hee Lee. After the message was a time for the newly appointed Mayor of City of La Palma, Mr. Peter Kim to speak words of encouragement.

Mayor Peter Kim, newly appointed, and very young graciously accepted our invitation and came to encourage our volunteers of their service and share what wonderful job our young volunteers were doing by serving the community and individuals with disabilities. Seeing how adults in our community are amazed and challenged by our young volunteers of their serving attitudes really makes all of us, Class AGAPE teachers, so proud. It was great having Mayor Peter Kim join us and had us looking forward to the next time we would meet because his passion to reach out to the younger generation had him already planning for a 'closer' bonding time with our Class AGAPE volunteers!



After a brief overview of Camp AGAPE presented by Mr. James Kim (PPOG) was an overview of Class AGAPE presented by myself, as the Education Director. During this time, I shared what all five locations of Class AGAPE would work toward: collecting data, and keeping records. 2015 marks our 15th Anniversary since the first Class AGAPE opened and I personally believe that it is now time to really start 'keeping' history. With the data that we collect and as we gather and organize all the records that we have already, we will put a database together for a more systematic operation and organization. Lastly, during this time, we introduced all the teachers and staff at the five locations of Class AGAPE. It was an honor and felt great being able to recognize our hard-working passionate teachers.

[Introducing all teachers and staff members at all five locations of Class AGAPE.]



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With this in mind, we also wanted to help our young volunteers grow and challenge them. The afternoon of the 2015 Volunteers Workshop proceeded with a time of 'Profile Development'; the volunteers sat around and discussed what their thoughts are of their Class AGAPE branch. The volunteers were given a chance to share what activities they liked/disliked in 2014 and along with their teachers, present new ideas for 2015. The purpose of this activity was to really allow our young volunteers to feel a sense of 'belonging' and 'ownership' of their Class AGAPE branch. Class AGAPE would be impossible without our young volunteers and we wished for them to know the importance of their sense of responsibility. Furthermore, by allowing our volunteers to take more responsibility of *planning* for 2015, we hoped that the volunteers would *enjoy* their time spend with our participants than to think of Class AGAPE as simply a time of community service. Each branch chose their presenters and the branch Profiles were presented by the representatives. The winning branch, Irvine Class AGAPE, received \$100 cash to be used toward class material fee, and/or for volunteer gathering.

Profile Development meetings underway for all five locations of Class AGAPE in their assigned rooms.



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"2015 Volunteers Workshop" (Cont.)

Completed with the presentations, the branches went back into their groups and it was now the teachers' turn. Having heard what the volunteers shared, it was now time for the teachers to respond. Together as a group, the branches evaluated 2014 and planned for 2015. All five locations of Class AGAPE all had a chance to hear what the volunteers thought and hoped for in 2015 and also the teachers were able to share what their thoughts were on what the volunteers had presented and give a little feedback on why certain activities were in place with what purpose and goals.

As the volunteers presented, our teachers and staff listened; and there was one more person who really listened to hear how amazing our volunteers were: Elder John Lee. Elder John Lee is a member of the Board of Directors and he continuously sponsors Class AGAPE because he truly believes that our volunteers are the future of Milal Mission. He shared that he continues to be amazed and challenged by our volunteers who spend their weekend serving the community and promised that he would continue to pray and support us in all ways possible. Thank you, Elder John Lee!



2015 Class AGAPE Volunteers Workshop came to an end and I hoped that we were all on the same page. Knowing what the goals of Class AGAPE is for our participants and how the volunteers and teachers would play a part in meeting those goals with our participants was important for us to clarify. Furthermore, with new group of high school volunteers who recently joined Class AGAPE, we were excited to welcome all of them and I truly hope to see each and every one of them grow throughout their time at Milal Mission.

Our annual Volunteers Workshop held at the beginning of every year had come to an end with approximately 180 individuals present and was more thankful than before seeing how our volunteers have grown and with anticipation to see how all of our Class AGAPE branches will continue to change and grow during the year of 2015. Special thanks to all of our volunteers, teachers, staff, guest speakers, and of course, our sponsors, who continue to encourage and support Milal Mission Class AGAPE.

2015 Milal Mission Class AGAPE Volunteer Workshop



SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSOR: KOH CHARITABLE FOUNDATION!

thank you!

As we all know, Milal Mission Class AGAPE is a free Saturday school for individuals with developmental disabilities. There are currently five branches here in Southern California: Orange County (City of Fullerton), Los Angeles, E. Los Angeles (City of West Covina), Irvine, and Torrance. The five branches of Class AGAPE have various groups of

individuals with developmental disabilities (participants), volunteers, teachers, and staff.

However, consisting of approximately 125 individuals with disabilities, 150 high school volunteers, and 60 teachers, interns, and staff, we are always in need of sponsors to fund for programs, outdoor activities, lunch, teachers, and staff members. We are very grateful for the donations and helping hands on a weekly basis. This month, we would like to recognize **Kohn Charitable**

Foundation! We will continue to work towards learning the needs of our participants and planning to meeting those needs and supporting the individuals with disabilities and their families.

Koh Charitable Foundation has been a sponsor of Milal Mission Class AGAPE and in 2015, we have been awarded a grant in the amount of **\$10,000!**

If you would like to become a sponsor of Milal Mission Class AGAPE, please feel free to contact Sarah Lee at 657.400.9570. We are always in need of sponsors as we prepare to expand Class AGAPE in the Southern California region. For more information, you may also reach the Education Director via email at ClassAGAPE@MilalMission.com. We appreciate your love and support!



As the New Year begins and the start of Class AGAPE approaches, I feel a rush of emotions as the new head teacher of Torrance Class AGAPE. Countless thoughts ran through my head as I was asked to become the head teacher. I didn't know if I was or would be good enough and I was too afraid to think about the more responsibilities that would come along with it. Responsibilities of our participants, volunteers, parents, lunch schedules, preparing activities, and any mishaps that might occur were only a burden. Even before the start of this year's class, I found myself reluctant and wanting to step away from this heavy position.

Although a part of me is still reluctant and hesitant for the start of class, I have now grown to be excited to see what God has in store for me and Torrance Class AGAPE. With all the support and prayers from our Torrance Class AGAPE staff and teachers from the other branches, I hope to accomplish and continue to grow as a head teacher.

Teachers and staff at Torrance Class AGAPE have high hopes for the upcoming year and I hope to share the memories of all the good times with you all! Please continue to pray and support all five Class AGAPE branches!

Upcoming Activities for Torrance Class AGAPE:

- Planting & Recording
- Organized 'Running Man' Game
- Monthly field trips using the public transportation system: (1) Movies, (2) Library, (3) Beach, (4) Department stores, and (5) Sky Zone

Happy Birthday to our Participants, Volunteers, and Staff!

Jan 3rd	IRV: Brian Kim	Jan 15th	OC: Mr. Jong Soo Kim
Jan 4th	TOR: Nick Oh	Jan 16th	OC: Joseph Kim
Jan 5th	OC: Ji Hoon Jeong	Jan 18th	ELA: Hangwon Choi
Jan 6th	Samuel Sim	Jan 21st	OC: Kiyoung Bang
Jan 8th	LA: Elisa Nam		IRV: Grace Cha
	TOR: David Kang	Jan 23rd	LA: Michelle Kim
Jan 14th	LA: David Kang	Jan 24th	LA: Ino Chough
Feb 4th	IRV: Michelle Kim	Feb 20th	OC: Dawn Kim
	ELA: Marison Lee	Feb 21st	LA: Yun Seo (Christine) Choi
Feb 5th	LA: Amy Dinh	Feb 22nd	OC: Sean Kim
Feb 6th	IRV: Panhee Park		IRV: Joseph Kim
	TOR: John Choi	Feb 23rd	ELA: Jonathan Kim
Feb 8th	IRV: Eric Yoo		TOR: Ms. Sooji Chung
	IRV: Esther Kim	Feb 24th	TOR: Monica Kim
Feb 9th	ELA: Ryan Park	Feb 25th	LA: Yejin Kim
Feb 15th	ELA: James Myung	Feb 26th	OC: Joseph Park
Feb 16th	OC: Sarah Rhee	Feb 27th	ELA: Randy Kim
	ELA: Phil Kim		



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)
남가주동신교회	충현선교교회	선한청지기교회	베델한인교회	토랜스제일장로교회
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