



# Class AGAPE

밀알 사랑의교실

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### Orange County Class AGAPE on "Autism Awareness Day"

Ms. Jisoo Kim (Orange County Class AGAPE Teacher)

매년 4월 2일은 UN 총회에서 지정한 Autism Awareness Day (세계 자폐증 인식의 날)입니다. 자폐증에 대한 이해와 인식을 높이기 위한 날로써, 세계적으로 다양한 행사 및 캠페인이 열립니다. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC, 질병예방센터)에 의하면 2000년도에는 150명 중 1명이 자폐가 진단이 되었다면, 2015년에는 68명중 1명이 진단되었다고 합니다. 많은 자폐성 장애인들이 세상 속에서 소외되지 않고 비장애인과 더불어 살아가는 삶을 위해, 더 많은 사람들에게 자폐성장애를 더 알기 위해, 작게나마 우리 OC 사랑의교실 참가자들과 봉사자들과 의미있는 4월 2일 토요일을 보냈습니다.

참가자들과 봉사자들, 선생님들 모두 손을 모아, 'OC Milal - GROW YOUR AUTISM AWARENESS'라는 문구가 적힌 큰 도화지에 자신이 원하는 색을 고르고, 원하는 위치에, 원하는 손모양으로, 앉아서 또는 허리를 굽혀서 손도장을 찍었고, 또 다른 activity로는 준비된 퍼즐 모양 중, 자신이 원하는 모양의 퍼즐에 원하는 색, 방향, 굵기, 진함등을 선택하여, 뿔어있는 많은 가지 중 자신이 원하는 곳에 그 완성된 퍼즐을 붙여 한 나무를 만드는 시간을 가졌습니다. 완성되기까지, 각 개인의 기본적인 의견을 존중하였고, 결국 **함께 한 나무를 완성해가는, 함께 더불어가는 삶의 아름다움**을 우리 참가자들과 봉사자들에게 보여주기위해, OC 사랑의교실 안에서 작지만 큰 프로젝트를 했습니다.



April 2<sup>nd</sup> is the annual World Awareness Day. Every year, autism organizations around the world celebrate the day with unique fundraising and awareness-raising events. According the The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in 2000, 1 in 150 were diagnosed with Autism. In 2015, 1 in 68 children has been identified with autism spectrum disorder. In an effort to raise awareness, OC Class AGAPE spent Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, to do our part!

We, participants, volunteers, and teachers, all put our hands together to make 'OC Milal - Grow Your Autism Awareness' banner. Individuals chose a color, a specific location, free to stamp their hands however they wished. The next thing we did was again, coming together as a group. Each individual got a pre-printed puzzle piece, decorated using their choice of color of paper, markers, thickness, and put together and made a tree. In order for the tree to be completed, each individual's choice was respected and in the end, **TOGETHER we made ONE tree.** OC Class AGAPE, together with our participants, volunteers, and teachers, helped our participants see the beauty of living in union - **hand in hand.**





### "My Favorite Memory"

Ivy Kim (Torrance Class AGAPE Volunteer)

I've been volunteering at Milal for nearly two years now, and I have no plans in stopping. Milal is a commitment – I can't say that it's easy but I think the payoff is definitely worth it. At Milal, I got the chance to create new friendships and unforgettable memories.

I spent the majority of my two years with a very special participant, Grace Lee. Grace is one of the older participants at Milal, and has been attending Milal for years. Anyone would probably recognize her. She is the spirited participant at majority of Milal events, and her enthusiasm is contagious. Along with her cheerful spirit, she is also very sweet, affectionate, and caring. I see every class as an opportunity to strengthen our bond and create new memories.

One of my favorite memories that I share with her is during our morning walk at the nearby park. One particular week, I hurt my back; therefore, I was not in a state where I could offer that much help to Grace. Nevertheless, we linked arms and went on the walk together. Usually, I am the one who supports Grace because of the brace on her leg, but this week was different. This time, Grace led the way and supported me. I was beyond impressed and touched by her actions. She even checked up on me to make sure I was okay.



Initially, I thought Milal was a place where only the volunteer cares for the participant, but I was wrong - Milal is a place where both volunteers and participants give and receive **love**. At Milal, memories of **happiness**, **hard work**, and **love** are created. I hope to create more lasting memories with Grace in the following years.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Please mark your calendars!

**May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**LOVE FESTIVAL**  
**10:00 AM – 03:00 PM**  
 @ Whittier Narrows Regional Park  
 "The Meadows" Area

**May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**NO CLASS**  
**Memorial Day Weekend**

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 (Friday)**  
**June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 (Friday)**  
**NEW Volunteer Training**

**June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**NO CLASS for Participants**  
**2016 Camp AGAPE**  
**Volunteer Workshop**  
**@ Good Stewards Church**

**June 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**2016 Camp AGAPE**  
**@ UC Santa Barbara**

### Class AGAPE is grateful to those who continue to support us in various ways!

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- (1) Lunch
- (2) Snacks
- (3) Monetary Offering



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May 1st	OC:	Madison Cho	May 17th	OC:	Linda Elyossri
May 6th	LA:	David Cho	May 22nd	OC:	John Park
	IRV:	Alice Park	May 23rd	OC:	Chris Lee
	IRV:	Ms. Sandie Hong	May 26th	ELA:	Seungwook Lee
May 13th	IRV:	Angela Kim		IRV:	Earnest Lee
May 14th	OC:	Chelsey Yim	May 28th	IRV:	Yeonu Choi

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

<p><b>Orange County</b>        (2000년 8월 6일)        감사한인교회        Thanksgiving Church        담임목사: 김영길        6959 Knott Ave. Buena Park        교사: 양고운 650.388.6918        간사: 박은애 562.217.1324</p>	<p><b>Los Angeles</b>        (2002년 4월 20일)        충현선교교회        Choong Hyun Mission Church        담임목사: 민종기        5005 Edenhurst Ave. LA        교사: 오은영 323.360.8952        간사: 000 000000000</p>	<p><b>East Los Angeles</b>        (2003년 4월 5일)        선한청지기교회        Good Stewards Church        담임목사: 송병주        2701 Woodgate Dr. W. Covina        교사: 변미선 626.246.5439        간사: 박민수 626.665.9556</p>	<p><b>Irvine</b>        (2007년 4월 28일)        베델한인교회        Bethel Korean Church        담임목사: 김한요        18700 Harvard Ave. Irvine        교사: 이보라 213.604.1550        간사: 홍혜정 949.232.7936</p>	<p><b>Torrance</b>        (2008년 9월 13일)        토랜스제일장로교회        Torrance First Presb. Church        담임목사: 고창현        1880 Crenshaw Blvd. Torrance        교사: 강보라 310.400.9610        간사: 000 000000000</p>
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