



RE-CHRIST

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Continue to pray for our students as they hear the Word of God each week.

Pray that the Word is hidden in their hearts.

Pray for our students as they try to shine the light of Christ in their schools!

Pray for our middle school students who have given their lives to Christ. That they will understand more and more each week!

PRAY!!!

Pray for wisdom, guidance, and like mindedness for all those involved in

RE-CHRIST MINISTRIES.

Pray for God to continue to complete the work He started in us as fulfillment of His word!

Jan/Feb 2012

Dear RE-CHRIST Supporters

Praise the Lord for another one who has given his life over to God's grace by accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. The first two months of the year have been filled with many praises of life transformation. During the first few weeks of the year, one night as I was taking our middle school students to church one young man made these comments.

"Mr. Matt I am so grateful for 24K, the place of worship and gathering for the youth at our local church, and for all the people who helped to build it. And those people, adults, who give of their time to help us learn about God, they don't get paid, do they, do they? I am so grateful people are willing to provide a safe place for me and my friends to come and hang out and learn about God. I am also grateful for the big guy, the youth pastor, who shares the Bible stories each night. I am just so thankful Mr. Matt."

These statements came from the mouth of a sixth grader who has been touched by the hand of Jesus. When we met this young man he was alone and listening to rap music but now his heart shouts for joy over the blessings of God. I was utterly delighted and filled with joy as this young man spontaneously erupted into a rejoicing sound of thanksgiving. Praise the Lord!

Also during the month of January another young man who is in our middle school program gave his life to Christ. This same young man was kicked out of the program at the end of last year for fighting. However, through his discipline he learned what he was missing and has been faithful ever sense. His faithfulness led to his decision for Christ. One Saturday night the youth were gathering at 24K, but this young man did not have a ride to church (Ashley and I were busy that night). However, his challenge was overcome by determination. The young man literally ran the three miles to church and participated in the youth event. At the end of the event, the Gospel was presented, and the young man in question gave his life to Jesus. He did not know anybody at the youth event, yet, was the first one to get up from his seat in the back of the room to make his way to the front of the room where the pastor stood waiting for anybody to respond. As he stood before his peers with the pastor's arm around him several other

PRAYER REQUESTS

**1) PRAY FOR ONE OF OUR
ESL VOLUNTEERS AS SHE
IS DEALING WITH HEALTH
ISSUES.**

**2) PRAY FOR EASTER
CELEBRATIONS THAT ARE
PLANNED FOR MANY
APARTMENT COMPLEXES.
THAT MANY RESIDENTS
WILL HEAR THE GOOD
NEWS OF JESUS AND BE
CHANGED ETERNALLY!**

**3) PRAY FOR OBEDIENCE
AND WISDOM TO SHARE THE
GOSPEL WITH OTHERS!**

students were also led to come forward. There were six in all who gave their lives to Christ that night. Praise the Lord!

To continue to add to the testimony of this young man, and his potential to become a great leader for Christ, the following Sunday, the next day after he became a follower of Christ, he accepted the invitation to attend Sunday worship service. Through his willingness to begin attending Sunday morning services several other middle school students have started coming to church on Sunday morning as well. This past Sunday two of our middle school students completed the new believers' class at our local church and are now preparing to enter into a youth Sunday school class. Praise the Lord! Christ is contagious and influential amen! Please pray several of our students who need to get baptized. I want the Holy Spirit to convict them of what they need to do and not to feel pressured by us or anybody else in the church. This is often difficult because there is not much encouragement in the home and to be a trend setter or a generational curse buster in middle school takes courage. However, God is faithful and will complete the GREAT work HE has begun.

Mid January we were blessed to bring on our first, part time employee, Eric Humphries. Eric has been working with us over the past six weeks, supervising one of the elementary after school programs, and helping with our middle school outreach. I met Eric through my job with Apartment Life; he is one of the missionaries serving on my team at a nearby apartment community. Eric and his wife Kayla served in Israel for a couple of years before moving to Atlanta to begin working with Apartment Life. I have also seen great potential in Eric as a young missionary and it was a tremendous blessing to be able to offer him a job at the beginning of the year. He is young and energetic with a thirsting knowledge for God. Every day he sits on the floor with the kids and teaches them about God's Word and then after they complete their homework Eric loves to play games with the children on the black top area in the apartment community. Eric's appointment to our ministry is another sign of growth and I am so thankful God placed him in our pathway and provided us an additional way to help raise support for RE-CHRIST MINISTRIES via my job with Apartment Life. It is very challenging working two jobs, but this is the way God has made for us to expand our territory and for that we are blessed to walk in these challenges. As supporters of RE-CHRIST, please jump for joy at what the Lord is doing in the work we are all a part!

In other related news. I have been sharing my faith with a man at a local sub shop and he is seeking answers. Pray for Tim as he looks to see how science can help prove the existence of God. Ashley has also had opportunities to share her faith in the baby

**“And my God will
meet all your needs
according to his
glorious riches in
Christ Jesus”
Philippians 4:19**

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food aisle at the super market in recent days. This past Sunday after church Ashley and I celebrated the boys' graduation from the new believers' class by taking the boys out for lunch (thank you for making these opportunities possible through your giving). Unsuspectingly this led into a powerful conversation about sexual relationships. The young men wanted to know at what age it was acceptable to make out with girls. Ashley and I both were blessed to teach these young men truth about relationships and emotions which young men and woman experience in sexual relationship. We asked them challenging questions to encourage a godly thought processes in their decision making process and more importantly provided them a safe outlet to talk about a real concern they are facing. None of these three young men have a male father figure in their homes. Pray for them as they are looking for understanding in this area of life.



As a supporter of RE-CHRIST MINISTRIES this is your investment. You enable us to lead, guide, and direct the lives of at-risk children. And through your prayers, finances, and co-labor we are seeing God transform lives. We are witnessing God build this ministry by His own hands. We are thankful and blessed for all you do and we continue to encourage you in your contributions to our ministry. Thank you.



One last note of mention; Little Noah Richard Johns celebrated his one year birthday on 2/22/12! As friends and family gathered to celebrate him we prayed over his life and asked God to do a special work in his life. Please join us in these prayers. Bless you all and thank you, thank you, thank you for investing in RE-CHRIST MINISTRIES.

Brother in Christ

Matt Johns

Pictures of several of our middle school guys!