



# RE-CHRIST

## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Pray for the students as they perform well for their last week of school.

Pray for them over the summer, that they would make wise choices in who to hang out with and what to do over the long break.

Pray they would continue to grow in God's word.

**PRAY!!!**

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Dear RE-CHRIST Supporters,

Thank you for your love and support as we strive to continue sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with our community and throughout the world. Here are a few personal testimonies of our witness as we are working to create followers of Jesus Christ.

A Pastor friend of mine, Samuel, and I attended a conference in March. Each day we made it a point to share Christ with random people in the community where the conference was being held. The first day we met a waitress named Sara (age 21). She was a Pastor's daughter, but did not have a firm grip on the Gospel and was searching for answers in her personal life. We engaged Sara in a spiritual conversation by asking her to help us settle a debate on the existence of God. Sara's response was precious. The question took her by surprise, and to ensure she provided a substantial answer she asked for a minute to gather her thoughts. It seemed to Samuel and me that Sara needed time to process all that she had been taught verses what she truly believed. When she returned Sara described her doubts about Jesus. However, most of her doubts came from how other "so called" Christians lived. It turned out Sara was not giving Jesus full credit for who He was and is. This is common for people to judge the claims of Christ by the lack of transformational evidence they see in other "so called" Christians. Pastor Samuel and I shared several practical and Scriptural based stories with Sara in hope that God would shepherd her heart in righteousness.

Another testimony Pastor Samuel and I shared was an encounter with a server named Victor. One day we went to eat Mexican food and I told Samuel, a native of Puerto Rico, that I was going to tell the server he had a story to share in Spanish. Samuel, the funny guy he is, told the waiter I had a story to tell him and that he would translate. Victor was a Roman Catholic, but God used us to talk about relationship and not works. Victor listened intently, asking questions, and responded that he felt this was a message from God to him. We pray Victor is no longer bound by religions rules; rather he is free to grow in grace and knowledge of Jesus in a personal relationship.

Now, allow me to share a couple of stories from the apartment communities where we minister on an ongoing basis. One day I was forced to discipline two students for a rebellious attitude. These students are siblings and have a shady family life at best. It pains me to have to discipline such kids in need of so much love, but God does use us to supply his loving discipline to the students we minister. Anyway, we had been discussing the

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1) PRAISE FOR THE WORK THE LORD DID THROUGH OUR EASTER EVENT AND OTHER MOVIE NIGHTS!**
- 2) PRAY FOR EVENTS THAT WILL TAKE PLACE OVER THE SUMMER: VBS WITH SEVERAL CHURCHES AT THE APARTMENT COMPLEX.**
- 3) PRAY FOR MATT AS HE TAKES A TRIP WITH DEAR BROTHERS TO DENVER, CO TO SHARE THE WORD OF THE LORD.**
- 4) PRAISE THE LORD FOR ALL THE WORK HE CONTINUES TO DO!**

**“Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.”**  
**Lamentations 3:22-24**

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story of the Good Samaritan that day and as I walked the two students home, we came upon a woman in need. Joanna was a new resident to the community and needed help getting her mattress in her house. I told Joanna that I would return after taking the kids home and on the way home I looked at the rebellious duo and asked them who is my neighbor? They looked at me and said, “That lady.” After dropping off the students I returned with a friend to help Joanna. We proceeded to tell Joanna the story of the Good Samaritan as we lugged her mattress up the stairs and into her apartment. Joanna remarked that she had already asked five other people to help her before asking me. Needless to say Joanna found herself in the midst of a real account of the Good Samaritan story found in the Bible. Sam and I prayed for Joanna and since then she has been attending our local church. I saw Joanna last week at church and she introduced me to her neighbor’s kids that she is now bringing to church with her on Sunday.

One Friday night in April I was picking up pizzas for our middle and high school discipleship meeting when I struck up a conversation with a young lady named Simone. As I shared the Gospel with her, the Spirit of the Lord provoked a positive response in Simone. It was not a response like Thomas, My Lord and My God, but nevertheless it showed she was puzzled and called to action. Our conversation had begun by me telling Simone why I was purchasing so many pizzas. After sharing the Gospel with Simone she proceeded to tell me that I needed drinks for my students and that she wanted to purchase them. It was a blessing to witness Simone, a teenager herself, reach into her pocket and purchase sodas for our students. And yes, you bet I used this real life experience to communicate God loves with our middle and high school students that night.

Let me share one more story. The week before Easter we showed the kids version of the Jesus Film in a local apartment community. There were probably 100-125 people in attendance. I asked an eighth grade student of ours to share his testimony in English and Spanish that night. This was the first time Adrian had shared his testimony before such a large crowd. Not to mention I asked him to do so on the spur of the moment. Adrian shared about how he only met his earthly father one time, and that was by phone. He then went on to share the love his Heavenly Father now provides him through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The mood at the event was quiet and still as Adrian shared. Normally there are distractions and conversations taking place when I share. Adrian’s peers were listening with intent and many adults were also surprised to hear this young man’s ability to share His love for God. Later that night I took Adrian to eat at the Waffle House and we shared Christ with our waitress and left her head and heart spinning with the truth of Christ. Pray for Adrian as God makes him a true and faithful disciple of Christ.

In other news our friends at Peachtree Corners Baptist Church, Pearl Brown, hosted a fundraiser for our ministry. Pearl hosted an event for mothers and daughters to come and create a spiritual painting and learn a lesson from God's Word, while giving the proceeds to benefit RE-CHRIST. Our friends at Simpsonwood United Methodist Church hosted a spring social at their church and invited 30 students and their families to partake. We love providing opportunities for established churches to get to know the people we minister. RE-CHRIST exists to help established churches connect with lost people in the community. Finally, our friends at Rocky Creek Baptist hosted their annual Mission Conference at the end of April. This was a wonderful time of celebration with missionaries all over the world. Over the next year we will be working with two Life Groups from Rocky Creek to help share the Gospel message in Atlanta. The two Life Groups from Rocky Creek have adopted us and will provide love and support for us as we grow in fellowship with them. Praise Jesus for the Body of Christ!

We love you all!

In Christ,

Matt & Ashley Johns & Noah

