



RE-CHRIST

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Pray for students as they may encounter difficult situations at home.

Pray for students to strive for excellence in their school work.

Pray for the students to come to know Jesus in a real relationship where He is all they need for their worth.

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Dear RE-CHRIST Supporters

2 John 4 says, "I rejoiced greatly to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as we were commanded by the Father." This week we are closing out year 10 of our after school programs. For the past ten years we have been working with students and families in a cross cultural and lower income setting. We have been blessed to work with hundreds of different students, witnessing many of them make professions of faith in Christ Jesus, and for many more firm seeds of the Gospel have been planted. We have witnessed little boys and girls grow up from elementary school and graduate high school. Four of our students will graduate high school this year. Looking back we greatly rejoice in the numbers of students who continued to return to Christ while learning to overcome the world.

It is unfortunate we witnessed students join gangs, become teenage Mom's, veer into drugs, become caught up in other crimes, drop out of school, and simply fall away from the teachings of God for a period of their youth. Even some we minister today continue to not have proper grounding in the Gospel. However, for almost every student that has lost their way, those individuals have returned to the Lord. Yes, these teens still need much maturing and development in Christ but to watch them flee, make mistakes (life altering mistakes), and then return to the teaching of the Lord has been a great joy! Thank you for being part of their eternal stories through your prayers, giving, and serving. Here are some ministry stories from the past couple of months.

My greatest joy is watching Noah grow in the Lord, and soon to be our daughter Eden as she becomes able to process who is Jesus Christ. Yes, Noah too has not come to the true understanding of the saving grace of Jesus Christ, but he most definitely exhibits what he is taught. As a four year old I saw the after school students be amazed by his participation in our Bible stories and even being bold and praying for the other students. In recent days I have continued to witness his boldness for prayer grow as he will sometime pray for people in public, spontaneous and on his own. Noah will often bring things to my attention about giving to others or wanting to serve others, and currently on Sunday mornings he has become an excellent greeter to all the saints and others who gather for corporate worship.

Noah is developing a good foundation in the Word of God and now that he has learn to read it is a joy to witness and hear him

PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1) PRAY FOR ALL OF THE STUDENTS AS THEY BEGIN TO STUDY FOR FINALS AND WIND DOWN THIS SCHOOL YEAR.**
- 2) PRAY FOR STUDENTS AS THEY CONTINUE TO HEAR THE GOSPEL THAT IT WILL PENETRATE THEIR HEART.**
- 3) PRAY FOR MATT AND HIS TRIP TO SOUTH DAKOTA AT THE END OF MAY/ BEGINNING OF JUNE. PRAY THAT MANY LIVES WILL BE CHANGED AND ENCOURAGEMENT WILL BE RECEIVED!**

“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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read some of the Bible stories. This will be a powerful next phase in his growth over the coming year(s).

However, since I returned from India, Ashley and I have noticed two things. One, Noah needed some correction in his behavior because the broken routine from



my travels gave the enemy a foothold into rebellion. Two, the correction brought about a greater depth of love. Over the past month Noah has displayed affection and tender loving care for his sister, watching over her as a big brother should. Noah has also been doing more random acts of kindness in the household and desiring to become a diligent and proven worker. Wow, what a blessing from the Lord! Thank you Jesus! I bless you Lord for my family! I give thanks for Ashley, Noah, and Eden and all who pour into our lives through prayers, teachings, gifts, and love. What power there is in your family oh Lord!

Do you know what's funny? Have you ever boarded a plane for India and landed in Qatar without knowing prior you would be traveling through Qatar? Yup, me neither until a few weeks ago. It's crazy how preoccupied we can become and overlook important details in life. There is a spiritual lesson in there on how we should not pass our neighbor by when they are in need.

The trip to India was amazing, amazingly warm! It was 105 degrees, or greater, each day and that was not even the hottest part of the year. Now is the hottest part of the year and temperatures have been known to reach 115 degrees or more, so I hear. Pray for those living and serving in this area. The temperature is not the only thing that is deadly. The worship of false idols and belief in false doctrines are far more deadly. India is a bazaar land warped in cultural history, culinary mysteries, and religious practices that leave one mourning over the massive darkness in this land.

However, there is hope in Jesus. Although we did not see any souls surrender to the message of Christ we were faithful to plant some seeds, display some love, and witness God align a ministry for the days, months, and years ahead. God answered your prayers and provided many divine appointments, reveled the truth about how to best evangelize the city I visited, and boosted the confidence and spirit of the host family to do the work of God. Although, my heart longed for more (I have already asked Daddy if he would send me again), I know I completed the job He sent me



to do. Personally, this trip has energized my soul even more towards the power of prayer.

Upon returning from my trip to India I was blessed to engage in local evangelism. Easter week we saw five college students make professions of faith on a local college campus as I worked with students on campus to share our faith. In about three hours a group of Christ followers shared Jesus with about 75 students and witnessed five people pray to receive Christ. It was awesome to see the great ease students on campus entered into our spiritual survey which basically presented the Gospel through a simple Q&A. To be honest, I was only there for three hours and others continued to labor for longer. I think 18 people made a profession of faith that day, but I am not 100%.

Then on Saturday before Easter we hosted a family fun event in a local park so that we might build relationships with the community concerning GracePointe Community Church. One lady, CaRita, at the event prayed to receive Christ and then attended our Sunday worship. Praise the Lord! Also pray for Donte and Jenna. These are some young people who I helped on the side of the road one day. Our conversation started because Donte, a young man lost in his sexual identity, said he liked the message I had on my steering wheel. The message says, "Lord help me to be an answer to somebody else's prayers today." Finally say a prayer for the men of Victory Home. I have continued to drive to North Georgia each month and give back to the ministry that helped to set me from my life of sin. The men typically rally around a former Victory Home son who comes to preach the Gospel to them.

Much will be happening over the summer months so we covet your prayers and support as we continue to press forward towards the goal in Christ Jesus, amen! At the end of May I will travel to South Dakota and work with the Lakota, Native American Tribe. Thanks

In Christ,

Matt Johns







