



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

Summer is over and football is here. School started back this week and Ashley and I sent our little man off on the big yellow bus for the first time yesterday. Noah is so excited about school, especially riding the bus. However, he did come home yesterday and say the playground was “useless”. I can’t say that we have ever heard him use this term before, but it was comical. The thing I love most is that Noah and I have a brief devotional each morning before he goes to school. We are circling back through the commandments, but this time around we are discussing them in more detail. For instance yesterday I asked Noah what he knows about God, since there is only one God. He said, God is helpful, a protector, loving, He listens to our prayers, and is all powerful. This morning as we talked about false idols and we remembered yesterday that God was a protector, we asked God through prayer to protect our hearts from the false idols of this world. This truly is a new extreme joy of being a Dad to spend time each morning in the Word with Noah before entrusting him to God as we send him into the world. Pray for Noah to develop into a mighty witness for Jesus throughout his years of schooling and beyond.

In other discipleship news many things have happened since the beginning of May. In May we hosted two year end parties for our students and families of the after school programs. We also hosted two outreach events in a local park. Noah and I were blessed to meet a lady named Janet in CVS and declare healing upon her in Jesus name! Noah shares the story like this, “and she got healed right there in the store!” Noah and I were also used to be salt and light to a mother and her son at the car wash. Earlier in the day Noah and I found \$10 on the ground. We prayed for God to show us how to use the money and then later in the day God showed me two young boys working hard to help clean out their parents vehicles. As Noah and Treveon were vacuuming their parents cars God said that I should reward the boys, so I pulled them together and talked about honoring and obeying their parents and things will go well for them. I then gave the boys each five dollars.

Also in May, a young lady, Jessica, whom we have ministered off and on for the past couple of years was baptized. God provided me an opportunity to preach a message at a Catholic funeral, in the Catholic Church, during the month of May. That was a unique experience. One lady came up to me at the end of the service and said, “I watched the Priests while you were speaking and they were eye balling you, ready to correct you if you were to say something improper”. But, she went on to say, “that in the end I saw their faces change to delight as I think you impressed them”. Nothing

PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1) PRAY FOR ALL OF THE STUDENTS AS THEY BEGAN A NEW SCHOOL YEAR THIS WEEK. PRAY THAT THEY WILL MAKE GOOD CHOICES. PRAY THAT HEARTS WILL CONTINUE TO OPEN TO THE WORD OF THE LORD.**
- 2) PRAY AS THE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS BEGIN AT THE END OF AUGUST.**
- 3) PRAY FOR THE SERVANT VOLUNTEERS AS THEY RETURN TO SHOW THE LOVE OF JESUS TO THE STUDENTS AND HELP THEM WITH HOMEWORK.**

“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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can impress people more than the truth of God's love if they will allow it, amen! And finally in May we held a Krispy Kreme fundraiser with our middle and high school students that was more fun than raiser. However, the kids worked hard and this was the point of doing the event.

Over the summer we took 14 of our students to Beach Camp with a local church partner. While we were there two students, Ruby and Sophia, were baptized. Also, Hilario and Adrian went with me one afternoon to the peer to share our faith with the beach community of Myrtle Beach, SC. The boys did a great job sharing their testimonies with strangers. They were nervous but overcame their fear by the blood of the Lamb, amen! In addition to beach camp we hosted four different Vacation Bible Schools in local apartment communities with the help four different church partners. We also transported students to a fifth VBS held at a local church campus. Due to these events hundreds of students and adults listened to the Gospel message being proclaimed and the Body of Christ revealed the message delivered to the community through personal interaction, free food, and free games. The one thing I have come to realize in our ministry is how impactful these large events are for disciple making. We normally do not see a lot of response at the event, but the amount of one on one ministry opportunities that God creates from these events is amazing. Here is one testimony: a first grade student who is part of one of the after school programs went to the VBS at a local church partner's campus. There the students were raising money to help buy beds for orphans in Africa. Jesus (child's name) was broken for the need of these kids and he went around to each of his neighbors asking for donations. Jesus raised \$140 on his own! Praise the Lord!

Another unique story from this summer came from our middle and high school students. In late June I took the students on a hike in North Georgia, but before going on the hike we stopped by Victory Home so I could preach at the noon Chapel service. It was a blessing to show the students first hand where I began my relationship with Jesus. It was also a blessing to preach a message that my students could hear. We operate in a teaching capacity with our discipleship so this was a first for them to hear me preach. I even incorporated our youth in the service. Adrian shared his testimony and I had the students circle around the men of Victory Home and declare for their hearts to be turned to the children they had left behind because of substance abuse. Powerful! The students and I also went tubing down the Chattahoochee River this summer. The water was a booming 53 degrees but many of the students talked about how quiet and peaceful it was on the river. I love seeing these students being exposed to new adventures like hiking and tubing. The tranquility and beauty of nature declares the glory of God amen! Thanks for giving to the ministry to help make all of this possible.



On the home front; Eden will be arriving next month. There is a planned C-section for her on September 12th at 7AM unless God decides to bring her forth before. In preparation of her arrival I worked diligently all summer painting the interior of our home. I reckon after 12 years it is time for a fresh coat of paint. I am just glad to be done with that project.

God also provided Ashley and me an opportunity to get away for a long weekend in late July. We went to Washington DC for the Together 2016 Reset Gathering. This was a free event on the Washington Mall where believers from all over the country gathered to bow before our Creator, repent as individuals and as a nation, and seek His blessings and favor again. Personally, it was a powerful time of worship. To be able to see the White House, the Lincoln Memorial, the Capital, and stand next to the Washington Monument as we prayed, worshiped, and fellowshiped with thousands of believers from around the country; this was a worship venue I will never forget! It was also a blessing to find two other people wearing Brother Gary's Jesus shirt. A quote from one of the speakers at the event was this: "Fear is easy but unity is hard." How do you respond to adversity? The time in DC gave Ashley and me the reset we needed to embrace the next season of our journey in the Lord! I love my Little Boo! Please enjoy the pictures that coincide with these testimonies and ask yourself, how did we not sell more donuts with faces like this; look at Noah and Jorge. There should have been a traffic jam! God love them!

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