



RE-CHRIST

September/October 2012

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Pray for our after school Christmas celebrations in December.

Pray that the students would continue to understand the real meaning of Christmas!

Pray that they would embrace the season as a time to celebrate Jesus and what his birth means for us!

PRAY!!!

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Dear RE-CHRIST Supporters

Thank you for your loving kindness and support. Another two months have passed and again I find myself with a great deal of information to communicate. Our last transmission was in August and we were getting ready for our fall activities. In September we began our after school programs and our ESL classes. Initially our after school program classes were full with 78 total students, but, typically is the case, some students have moved to new communities. We currently have 65 students we are mentoring through the Word of God each week. I will say our middle school participation on Wednesday night as increased. I have to make two trips with the van to get all the students from three locations. If they all came on the same day we would probably have 17 students, but we average 12-14 each week. In all the confusion of transporting students I have only left one student behind – oops! I consider this a great batting average; some would say a Hall of Fame batting average. No worries, Chris is just fine and forgives me for my short coming and one of the youth workers did take him home.

In the middle of September I went on a mission trip to work with Persian or Iranian people in Turkey. God is doing amazing things around the world. If you will read Jeremiah 49: 34-39 you will see God's prophecy concerning the Persian people. When the Word of God talks about Elam, substitute Iran; these are the same places, but now the name has be changed. The things that are happening in Iran right now are one in the same from the book of Acts. Each believer we talked with had an amazing story about how the Lord did something miraculous in their life. This can be said of any born again believer, amen! However, Christianity and the church are now, first, being established in Iran. On in the last couple of years as Iran see about a million believers come to Christ. The Church in Iran is under heavy persecution and we were blessed to share testimonies with many of these believers. I went with Pastor Bryce from my church, along with Jerry and Ruth.

During our trip to Turkey we visited three Persian churches and taught the Bible for three days each in two of the churches. We were also blessed to visit places like Cappadocia and Ephesus. Not to mention we were in Istanbul or Constantinople for several days. These lands are rich in Christian tradition, but now are Muslim strongholds. While in Ephesus, standing where the Apostle Paul stood in the main amphitheater, I attempted to sing a song to the Lord for all the visitors. Let us just say I think God was well pleased and not all the visitors. However, I did have one

PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1) Pray for our servant volunteers. They are doing an incredible job this year. I am so proud of them.
- 2) We are helping with a big community event in Lawrenceville on Nov. 17th. I will share a public testimony and be stationed in the prayer tent.
- 3) We are working on helping a specific family with holiday items for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Please pray for the organization of this outreach.
- 4) My sermon prep for Nov. 25th
- 5) End of the year Ministry Team meeting. Next year's vision

“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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stranger tell me what a good job I did. I am certain this was God's angel and confirmation He was well pleased. The natural acoustics were amazing in this place and it is a shame I did not choose to preach a message rather than sing a song.

The week after I returned from Turkey our church did a cardboard testimony service. People were selected from our congregation to share their testimony by writing a phrase that described them before their relationship with Christ and then they flipped the cardboard sign to reveal what God has done in their life after salvation. For instance; the front of my sign said, Addicted to Drugs as a child, then I turned the sign, and it said Addicted to Jesus as an Adult on the other side. Twelve people from our congregation were selected and we revealed our signs to music during our worship service. It was powerful. My reason for sharing this was because one of our students, Adrian, was able to share his testimony about how he came to Christ this year through our ministry. Here is the link to our church website, www.pcbchurch.org, if you want to view this awesome act or worship. It takes about 3-4 minutes. It is called Pay it Forward Testimonies. God has done some amazing things in the lives of people in our church.

October has been filled with both good times and bad times. I will start with the bad first. Two weeks ago one of our volunteers, Mrs. Sarah, was accidentally knocked down the steps at one of our apartment missions. She broke her shoulder in two places. However, God protected her in a powerful way. Several years ago she had brain cancer so she is missing the majority of the left side of her skull and as she fell she was able to rotate to fall on her right side. The kindergarten student who knocked Sarah down the steps was simply trying to get a hug, but acted with a sudden impulse and blindsided her. Sarah is doing well, but your prayers for her recovery are requested. Pray for healing and provisions as we sort through these details. I want to publicly commend Sarah for her servant heart through this whole ordeal. I have been



amazed by the power of God in her to take everything in stride and have such a loving heart towards all through the process.

On a lighter note, we had a great time at the Simpsonwood United Methodist fall festival with our students from Valencia. Check out the ministry photo of myself eating a swinging donut. Ministry has its fun moments as well. Praise God for these moments! The other exciting news is that I have taken on two additional ministry opportunities for next year which should bring additional fruit to God's kingdom and more exposure for RE-

CHRIST. One role is with the Gwinnett Metro Baptist Association. I will be working with the 140 associational churches to help them develop a local mission strategy and the second role is a Bible teacher at Norcross High School during first period. Among other things, I will be getting ordained into the Ministry on December 16th and I have also been given the opportunity to preach the Sunday morning message on November 25th at my local church. Who says they do not believe in miracles? God is continuing to move us down his pathway and for this I am blessed. God is good and His blessings are endless to all of those who surrender to His will. I have lived in God's will and outside of God's will, and nothing compares to the riches of God's will as His son. Please enjoy some ministry photos and thank you for supporting RE-CHRIST MINISTRIES.



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