

ALIVE IN CHRIST



AUGUST 2024 UPWARD CALL

"I press towards the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:14

Upward Call

Paul's calling was filled with joy as his life found true purpose in Jesus our Lord. Despite the persecutions and trials, he pressed forward to the heavenly calling, and looked on those moments as *"light affliction, which is but for a moment"* (2 Cor. 4:17). Paul was in a prison cell when he encouraged us to press towards the goal. God turned what was intended for evil, his imprisonment to shut down the mission. To good, Paul was a witness to those prisoners in that Philippi jail and to us today. God is so good and is not moved by circumstances or situations. When we remain in Him, we will not be moved either. Thank you, Jesus! There is no corner to dark that our Lord Jesus cannot reach. Through it all the goal remained the same; share the love of God to the people. His love will cause us to repent, turn to God, work the works of repentance (Acts 26:20). God's purpose and plan will get His results always.

Years ago, I attended a Catechism class for my niece's baptism (a dedication to the Lord). In the class, the teacher told a story about a man who was carry a large sack as he followed Jesus. One day, the Lord Jesus comes to him and opens the sack. He reaches in, pulls out a small pebble, and says this is what I asked you to carry. The point, the pebble is the seed that landed on good soil (Matt. 13:23). It is going to produce 30, 60, 100, so let Him work. What we carry will burden us and we cannot be effective for our Father. Let it go, ask God's forgiveness, and trust Jesus to get us back on task. Don't get

distracted by what's going on around us, remain faithful to what God has given you to do and let everything else go. We know this world is fallen and that god of this age is seeking to destroy. However, we serve a mighty God who loves us. He given us His Son, His Spirit, and His heavenly calling to share with those He has placed around us. Be faithful! Trust in Him to guide and direct you in all things (Prov. 3:5-6). That's how the biblical men and women of faith lived. Be encouraged and move forward in the love of God. His love that transformed your life, does not fail. Walk in His love and let His love be a witness to those around you. Just as Stephen, witnessed in word and deed, to those who persecuted him for the faith. In that moment, God was glorified as His presence shone through Stephen's physical body (Acts 6:15) and He saw a heavenly vision of Jesus welcoming him into His kingdom. Who was there in the crowd holding the coats of the persecutors? Saul, who will later become Paul (Acts 7:55-60).

Be encouraged friends, we are living in the right time frame just as God the Father has ordered. Don't be distracted, just keep your eyes on Jesus. As Jesus instructed,

"Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven"
(Matt. 5:16).

We love you and together we move forward in Jesus' name.

A New Website

After a few months of working on the website, the site is now up and running to the praise and glory of God. This is another avenue to proclaim God's good work on the high school campuses through Bible Clubs. The website is **cvparsonage.org**. We are thankful to God for putting Ferny Pastor (Fernando's son) in our path to get this started and has agreed to continue to oversee the website. We are glad to have him onboard as our technical/website support guy.

"I am truly blessed and honored to be part of the CV parsonage team. While creating the website was no easy task, witnessing the profound impact Bible Clubs have on student's lives motivates me to give my best and support the incredible work being accomplished." Ferny C.

Please check out the website!

Campus Ministry

This past month we received an update from Shayla, who joined us this past year. She reported that two of the girls who attended the Bible club at La Familia have started coming to church and have become active in the youth group. This fulfills the vision given to work with churches in each area, so that students can grow in their faith. Thank you, Jesus! Please pray for our schools as the school year begins this month. Pray for the administration, teachers, advisors, and the students that God will touch with His love.

Thankful Service

We are thankful for all of you. Thankful your faithfulness to God and partnering with us in reaching youth for Jesus. It's a pleasure to serve the Lord Jesus alongside of you. We are thankful to God, who has placed faithful people to help establish and further His Word in the East Valley.

Alive in Christ,

Damon Juarez

Giving Information

CV parsonage is a 501(c)(3). Our tax ID number is 93-2518222. Thank you for giving to the Lord and His ministry. Below is the giving information to support the ministry. Please make out checks to CV Parsonage and mail to the following address:

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P.O. 432
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Mission:

A Christian based organization that teaches and shares the gospel of Jesus Christ, which promotes spiritual guidance and educational resources to community families in the East Coachella Valley.

Vision:

To be a witness of Jesus Christ on local high schools and to equip high school students to be witnesses on their campuses.

East Valley Bible Clubs *During lunch**

Tuesday

Amistad HS Rm. 206 (Christ in Action)

Advisor: Mrs. Barboza

Wednesday

La Familia Rm. 15

Advisor: Mrs. Martinez

Thursday*

Coachella Valley HS (Key2Life)

Afterschool: **Rm. T7**

Advisor: Mr. Juarez

Desert Mirage HS (J316)

1st & 2nd lunch: **Library /H7-107**

Advisor: Mr. Espejo

Indio HS. Rm. 3225 (Jesus loves U)

Wed.- Leadership

Thursday- Club meeting

Advisor: Mrs. Gagnon