

ALIVE IN CHRIST



OCTOBER 2024 · DRAW US NEAR

And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.” John 12:32

Jesus Draws

This scripture is what the Holy Spirit gave to us on how He would bring students to participate in campus ministry, including the campuses He wanted us to be on. When He calls us, we have no idea how He is going to do this. We still don't know how, but we know whatever the Father has asked, He is and will provide the provision to do it. We can take great comfort in Him. Jesus said, *“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing”* (John 15:5). By abiding in Jesus, His fruit comes supernaturally (effortless), without him nothing (striving). We only do what He has given us to do. So, we do not use food, guest speakers, and any type of stimulation to draw students to the room. That's not our responsibility, that belongs to the Holy Spirit. We prepare our hearts through the Word and show up. We are guests on these campuses, available to be a blessing to the campus where God has opened a door. Jesus has been faithful to draw in these students. They are there to see Jesus, working through us. We have the privilege to watch Jesus' work and change hearts towards Him.

At one time when we first started, I thought, *“Alright Lord, I know a lot of church kids and God is going to use them to reach this campus.”* It didn't happen that way at all. Proverbs 3:5-6, *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not to your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your path.”* The students that

God brings into the clubs are those who do not go to church or know much about God or His love. It's amazing how He does this, and He sprinkles in church kids too. We are in the missionary field for Jesus. We are a part of His church in the earth doing what He has given to do. *“And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ...”* (Ephesian 4:11-12). We take great comfort in God and He has been doing this throughout all the generations. This is nothing new and the love of God knows no boundaries. His love will continue to go out until the end of this dispensation has come. Until then we press on and take comfort in His words. *“He who calls you is faithful will also do it”* (1 Thess. 5:24). All glory and honor be to You, Father! We give You all the praise.

Campus Ministry

This past month, a student from my class needed to make up a test. She decided to come during lunch which was the same day as Bible Club. She showed up with a few friends and they sat in the room as she took the test. Well, the next week, those friends came back. The next week again. This past week the student from my class joined them. Same thing happened at Desert Mirage HS. It's such a blessing to watch the Holy spirit draw these students in. No fancy words, just the love of Christ on display through His word. This past week, another CVHS

student stopped by and shared about having trouble sleeping which led to other concerns. This was God working and showing the student His love. This happened during the week outside of club. I am learning that God is using our advisors on campus to be available throughout the week when there is no club.

Many of our students have religious backgrounds and God loves them with no judgment. His desire is for us to know the truth and to know that His truth sets us free (John 8:32). God desires a relationship not a form of religion. All religion is man trying to reach God through works. A relationship was initiated by God through creation and restored by giving Jesus to save us. Now, He invites us into the reconciled relationship through faith in Jesus our Lord. That's what we share: the love of God the Father, given and shown through His Son Jesus, and the power to live a Godly life thorough His Holy Spirit. Who is invited? Everyone. Thank you, Father for your wonderful love and plan to save us. We give You the praise and continue to draw them in!

This month, Lord willing, Stella and I will become grandparents. Our youngest daughter Gloria and her husband Nate are expecting their first child, a boy, little Brooks. Please keep them in your prayers that God would order this delivery, and that Brooks will grow up to be a Godly man. Lord, we commit them all to You, In Jesus name. Amen.

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. We love you and God bless you all.

Alive in Christ,

Damon Juarez

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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

Coachella Valley HS (Key2Life)

1st Lunch: **Rm. T7**

2nd Lunch: **Rm. 131 Mr. Gonzalez**

Advisor: Mr. Juarez

Wednesday

La Familia Rm. 15

Advisor: Mrs. Martinez

Thursday*

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