

ALIVE IN CHRIST



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“By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.” Hebrews 11:8

Here we are friends, finishing another year and entering a new one, 2025. As we look back on the year, we know one thing: Our Heavenly Father and our Lord Jesus reigns. We give Him the thanks and praise for all that He has done and is going to do. *“Not knowing where he was going.”* I love that the Holy Spirit shared this through the writer of Hebrews. Abraham had a word from God and obeyed. A promise that sustained Him as the adventure began. Throughout His life, God would give Abraham a word that keep Him moving forward in the promise. *“Not knowing where he was going.”* This is all about trust, isn't it? We learn to trust, we learn obedience. When we do it God's way, we get God's results. If we mess up, we ask His forgiveness and get back on His track. Thank you, Jesus!

“Not knowing where he was going.” In Acts 7, Stephen, the first martyr for Jesus, gives insight that Abraham was called while in Mesopotamia. This revelation came under persecution. Stephen was full of God's love and reminded the leaders of God's history. Even in persecution the Lord's love went out. God's love was confirmed as Stephen as he prayed for forgiveness for His persecutors. God gave him a vision of the risen Jesus standing at the right hand of God (Read Acts 7). Saul (who later would become Paul) was there as witness to Stephen's death. His encounter with Jesus provides us a majority of the New Testament.

“Not knowing where he was going.” So let us enter this New Year knowing that God is in control. He directs our steps, and our eyes are on Him. Let us continue to rejoice in His truth knowing that we in this world, but not of it. We walk in victory! We are about our Father's business led by the Holy Spirit. Everywhere we go we bring Jesus to every situation and circumstance. Let us not be moved, but hold our peace, and continue to move forward. As our pastor reminds us, *“move ahead with the ongoing adventures of the Holy Spirit.”* We are believing God for another good year, for He is good!

I must share this story that happened the other day. A few months back, I called our mechanic because I had an oil leak coming from the passenger door. He looked at it and couldn't find the leak. Wherever I drove it, I'd leave a trail. I got so bad that I just parked the truck. I looked everywhere in the truck too and could not find it either. So, during Christmas break, I called the mechanic again. We needed to get this fixed. As he began to look through the cab, I asked the Lord to show us where this leak is coming from. As the mechanic was pulling back the panels and carpet, I remembered that I stored a quart of oil in the seat-cubby in the extended cab. I told him, pull down the seat in the cab and check my spare quart of oil. He pulls out the quart and it has two holes in it. We started laughing because that was the issue. God found the issue and the adventure with the Lord continues. Onward!

Campus Ministry

We have come to the end of the year, and the beginning of a new one, and we find ourselves joyful and thankful. We are excited to see the results of God's work in the lives of students in the different schools. We close the year with students testifying on how their faith has been strengthened so far, and how for some of them their eyes were open to find the true meaning of Christmas.

We are thankful for the work of the Holy Spirit and for the lives of our advisors who are ministered to every time we get together as they hear and participate in the sharing of the word as they also see the transformation in the lives of students.

Please help us pray for CV High School, La Familia Continuation High School, Indio High School, Desert Mirage High School, and Amistad Continuation High School, pray that God's will continues to be established not only in the clubs but also in the lives of students and advisers, Ms. Gagnon – Indio High. Mr. Juarez and Mr. Gonzalez CV High, Mr. Espejo Desert Mirage, Ms. Martinez at La Familia, and Mr. Barbosa at Amistad High. Pray for the planning and provision of our yearly trip to "Turn Your Campus" at Biola University, where the students will receive instruction about how to share their faith at their schools and meet many other students from all over Southern California just like them. -Pastor Fernando

Thankful Service

We are thankful to God our Father for your faithfulness to Him and your partnership with us in reaching youth for Jesus. 2 Cor. 9: 10-11:

"Now may He who supplies seed for the Sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruit of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything with all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God"

Alive in Christ,

Damon Juarez

Giving Information

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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