

# ALIVE IN CHRIST



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*“But be doers of the word, not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.” James 1:22*

## ***Upward Call***

A doer of the word. What is that? Growing up, my dad would tell us, “Don’t tell me about it, do it.” He instilled in us the importance of work and action, over words. This is what we find in God’s word too. God wants us to not only be hearers, but doers as well. Otherwise, we deceive ourselves. God doesn’t want us to be deceived. James, through the Holy Spirit, made this clear to the church. He encourages the church to act on their faith and do what God has called them to do. Despite the persecution that was going on around them. Jesus said, *“Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify Your Father in Heaven”* (Matt. 5:16). These good works are our cross, what God has given us to do. I love how the Holy Spirit says, *“Doers of the word...”* doers of what God has told you to do. Jesus said, *“Love your enemies, bless those who curse you... and pray for those who despitefully use you and persecute you.”* (Matt. 5:44). God directs us and gives the ability to do this. This is the working of His Holy Spirit. We were enemies and He loved us. He blessed us. He prayed for us. His way is the only way...doers of the word.

I remember meeting with some youth pastors, and we were talking about how to reach youth in our valley. They were trying to find the right model or event that would work. We soon realized that God was already working through the groups at each location. We were doing what God has given us to do in our area which in turn reaches the valley.

A lot of times, these meetings were really for refreshing and renewing between youth pastors. God brought us together for fellowship and to encourage one another. How important is that?

Jesus told a story about two sons and a father who ask them to go and work in the vineyard. The first son told the father that he would not go but later had a change in heart and went. The second son told the father, he would go but didn’t. Then Jesus asked, *“Which of the two did the will of his father?”* (Matt. 21:28-32). Let us do the Father’s will. Whatever He has given us to do, let’s do it. Last year after practice, I was shared with the football team how the Holy Spirit told me to stop smoking cigarettes after I got saved. As I was sharing the story, He showed me that when God ask you to do something, He has a provision to accomplish the task. Jesus is our provision, and through faith it is accomplished. Jesus prayed that Peter’s faith will not fail him when Satan had asked for Him. It didn’t fail because Jesus was Peter’s provision for that situation. He is also ours for every situation when we do what He says. Isn’t that exciting? God bless you all and let’s continue *“to press to the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus”* (Phil. 3:14).

## ***Campus Ministry***

This month, we took a group of students and advisors from the clubs to participate in a youth training at Biola University. The event is called,

Turn Your Campus. It is a one-day event where students from all over Southern CA gather to worship, grow in their walk with Jesus, and learn about how to be a witness on their campuses. We took 12 students from Desert Mirage, La Familia, CVHS, and Fountain of Living water church. Our advisors went along and hung out with their students.

I got to hang out with Jesus. He is a freshman at CVHS and joined the club just a few months ago. We attended two classes together, God as our GPS, and Who am I? Jesus picked these classes. Both classes were encouraging as we learned to seek God for guidance in all things. God as our GPS, reminded us to let Him direct your life, re-route you when you get off track. We learned that with GPS, 3 satellites are needed to always coordinate a person's exact location. This example tied in to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit always knowing our exact location. A great seminar on God's truth. There were many more classes that our students went to. It was wonderful time of fellowship. In the closing session, all our students responded to God's call at the end. We are blessed to see God move in this way. Now, we will continue to disciple them in the love of Jesus Christ.



### ***Thankful Service***

We are thankful to God our Father for your faithfulness to Him and your partnership with us in reaching youth for Jesus. We give Him the praise! Together we are reaching students for His purpose and glory. We are thankful for all our advisors, students, and team. God bless and much love.

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)**

1<sup>st</sup> Lunch: **Rm. T7**

2<sup>nd</sup> Lunch: **Rm. 131 Mr. Gonzalez**

Advisor: Mr. Juarez

#### **Wednesday\***

**La Familia Rm. 15**

Advisor: Mrs. Martinez

#### **Thursday\***

**Desert Mirage HS (J316)**

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

Advisor: Mr. Espejo

**Indio HS. Rm. 3225 (Jesus Loves You)**

Wed.- Leadership

Thursday- Club meeting

Advisor: Mrs. Gagnon