

# ALIVE IN CHRIST



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*“Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here but risen!”*

Luke 24:5b-6

## ***Resurrected Life***

God blessed my family with a beautiful mother. Her name was Marilyn. She was adopted as a toddler into my grandparents' home. She was an only child. They raised her and taught her the word of God. All her life she went to church, and she would often tell us, “Our life was in the church.” My mother loved the Lord. I saw one of her dear friends recently and she told me, “Oh I loved your mother so much. I remember when she got filled with the Holy Spirit. She told me you need the Holy Spirit, and I received it. I am so thankful for your mother.” My mother made sure we were taught the word and many times she did the teaching. Church was never an option growing up, she took us. She took us many places because she was a seeker of the Lord. She always believed God for us. I remember one time, she told me as a teenager, “the Lord told me all my children will be saved.” I remember that. She operated in faith and spoke those words when none of us were following Jesus. She knew the promises of God and those promises sustained her later in life. Her life is a testimony, even today, though she has departed to be with the Lord 15 years ago.

The Father loves us so much. Jesus came to save us. He laid down His life for us, only to take it up again. This was the promise God the Father gave Him (John 10:17-18). He came to bring life... abundantly! He brought that life everywhere He went. The Holy Spirit ordered His divine steps to do

good and deliver those oppressed by the devil (Acts 10:38). Even through suffering and on the cross.

- When questioned about His claim as Messiah, He spoke the truth in love. *“Jesus said, ‘I am. And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of Heaven’* (Mark 14:62).
- On the cross, *“Woman, behold your son...John behold your mother”* (John 19:26-27).
- *“Today, you will be with Me in paradise”* (Luke 19:43).
- *“Father, forgive them for they know not what they do”* (Luke 19:34).
- *“Father, into your hands I commit My spirit”* (Luke 23:46).

On the third day, Jesus rose from the grave. He appeared to Mary at the tomb. He appeared to the disciples and many others. He gave them His authority to make disciples, to baptize in His name, and to teach others to observe His teachings. Our risen Lord then says, *“Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age”* (Matt. 28:18-20).

When my mother, went home to be with the Lord it was tough. I soon began to miss her and at times had my moments. This went on for a few days. One

day, the Holy Spirit said to me, “*why do you seek the living among the dead?*” Your mom is more alive now than ever before.” When I received that word, the sadness went away, and I came out of it. I was strengthened by the fact that Jesus’ death and the resurrection made this possible. Now, every time I think of my mom, this is how I view her. As we have been taught, this is the real reality.

### ***Psalm 16:8-11***

*“I have set the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved.*

*Therefore, my heart was glad, and my glory rejoices; my flesh will also rest in hope.*

*For You will not leave my soul in Shoel, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.*

*You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”*

Thank You, Jesus. He is Risen! He is risen indeed!

### ***Campus Ministry***

It’s truly a blessing to watch God move on the campus of CVHS. Everyday there is an opportunity to listen, encourage, speak life, and be a part of the campus. Just the other day, a teacher (former football player 25 years ago) came up and asked questions about the Holy Spirit, healing, and prophecy. Just like that, right to the point. I shared with him and gave thanks to God for that moment.

### ***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 campuses for His purpose and glory. We are thankful for all our advisors, students, and team. Jesus is Risen in you and me.

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)**

1<sup>st</sup> 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)**

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