



THE CARSON COLLECTIVE

A June Update from the Carsons!

Summer Getaway at Biola College

171 students, 85 staff, 4 states, one conference! As our theme was freedom, we asked Alex James to share his spoken word piece on his father. His dad walked out on him when he was only 8 years old, leaving his mom to take care of the family. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, Alex found strength to forgive his father and experience the freedom found in Jesus! This tragic story is sadly one held by most of our students. Without any prompting from staff, a few students felt compelled to do the same!



Our Fountain Valley Team

On Father's Day, June 19th, Eloi came to the stage and shared, "I haven't seen my dad in years. He left us, our family.... And I've always hated him for it. But now knowing how God has forgiven me, I MUST forgive him. I called him today, and told him this on the phone. **For the first time in my life, he apologized for what he had done and said 'I love you son'.**" After Eloi, THREE more guys came up and shared the SAME story! Praise God for the forgiveness and freedom in their lives! Pray for us as we walk these young men through the next steps.



On June 22nd, Brandt celebrated 28 years of God's goodness!

Prayer Requests

- Pray for our students as they seek to be rooted in God, beyond a "camp-high"
- Continue to pray for Cayden as we seek wisdom for his breathing and health issues.
- Pray for healing and truth for Andrew and his friends.

"Lame" Chat Rooms

A staff member had shared to me that Andrew had come to him and said, "This camp is lame. The people are lame. I don't like it here. I also don't like my chat room" Having a relationship with this student, the staff member said, "Well, if you aren't doing anything to make it better, aren't you part of the problem?" The next night as I walked into my chat room, Andrew



Our Getaway chat room!

stood inside with a frustrated look on his face. "May I join your chatroom? Mine is lame..." he asked. After being asked if he would participate, he reluctantly agreed, and I let him join our group. At first, he only shared surface level items, but as the night progressed, he began to share what was really going on! "I feel so guilty... I used to be so toxic to people. I hurt tons of people with my words... After receiving Jesus last year, I met with Brandt to process how to resolve that. I repented before the Lord, prayed for the people I'd hurt, and then approached them one by one to apologize. I was almost done with the list when a girl I was especially mean to took her life. I felt that it was my fault. Since then, I relapsed... I dropped my faith and started hurting people again. Tonight, I want that to end." He then exploded into tears. We simply gathered around him to pray and remind him of God's truth. Would you pray for Andrew and what God has next for him?



Beauty treatments at 1 AM with the boys



Father's Day



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