



THE CARSON COLLECTIVE

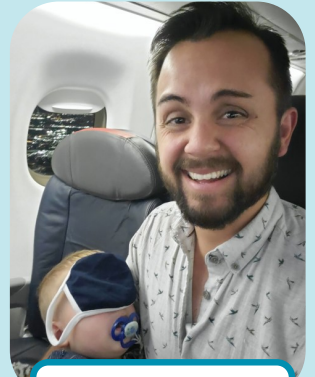
A March Update from the Carsons!

Culturefest at Fountain Valley

Fountain Valley High puts on multiple annual club fairs, where student organizations promote themselves and some raise funds by selling food. But Cru's goal at Culturefest is to share the Gospel with as many people as possible, partly by GIVING food away! That's how I met Ben, a sophomore who shared he was an atheist and didn't need God to make sense of the afterlife. "How do you know that you can trust the Bible" Ben asked. I responded with a few points from Josh McDowell's book, God-Breathed. After hearing about the many different evidences for the validity of Scripture, he was astounded. "That's amazing, man! I never knew that about the Bible! I always doubted the translation, but if you have that many scribes meticulously translating it, I guess you would basically have the exact original, as the copies would factor out the errors, if there were any. Also, I didn't realize that so much was predicted about Jesus's life! How could people not believe in Him after seeing a 700-year old document predicting his birth, seeing it happen exactly that way, with hundreds of others, and deny him?! At some point, that many 'lucky guesses,' has to be supernatural," said Ben! Can you believe Ben is only a freshman?! Please pray for us as we follow up with Him!!



Cru Servant Team Jennifer, Grace, and friend!



Andren came with Dad to TN for a Work trip.

Prayer Requests

- Pray for BM as he continues to learn more about God!
- Pray for RJ as he grows in his new faith!
- Pray for Jessica who is expecting any day now!

RJ from Mayfair

Every Thursday evening, the youth room at Calvary Church in Bellflower comes alive with guys from all of our schools. Our Cru guys' Bible study features games, worship, food, a speaker, and more! After the message, we split into small groups to discuss the message. One Thursday, we asked the students what "labels" others had placed on them. They shockingly shared that others considered them ugly, dumb, waste of space, suicidal, and worthless. Knowing that only Jesus can speak to these lies, I then asked about their faith. They came from atheist, agnostic, witch, and Buddhist backgrounds; but none Christian.



RJ and Mayfair High Cru staff, Spiro R.

I took this opportunity to share who Jesus was, and one student said that he wanted Jesus in his life! When I asked why, he said, "My Lola always told me to follow Jesus, but I never listened. Now that she's gone, I regret that. I want to honor her. I also want to do this for myself! If God is really THAT good, and can truly forgive me of my sins, I want it! And if I ever have kids, I want them to know God as well -- and this is where it starts." After we prayed, his face seemed to beam with light! "Brandt! I feel something inside me. I feel . . . different! But, made new? I don't know if that makes sense. Oh man! I have to tell someone!" RJ ran around the room telling all of his friends and leaders about his new faith in Jesus.

He also called his family THAT NIGHT to tell them of his new decision! Pray for RJ as he continues to grow in his faith as a new believer! Pray as he shares with peers at Mayfair High School!



Andren loved his week with Lola and Papa!



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