



THE CARSON COLLECTIVE

An October Update from the Carsons!

An Unexpected Bible Study



Bible & Boba at the Grove Tasteal

My Bible study canceled on me right as I was driving to campus with our Costco pizza. Though I didn't want to be the awkward guy walking around with free pizza trying to make friends, I felt God telling me to grab five plates, and walk on campus. That's where I met Daniel and his four friends, tired and sweaty from a volleyball game. They were happy to receive pizza and play a game

of Solarium! The vulnerability opened up quick; deaths in their families, divorced parents, poverty, loneliness, and a lack of hope. While I wanted to talk more, this had already taken almost two hours! I wasn't sure if they would meet up the next week, but as you can see in the photo, THEY DID! Over the past eight weeks, they haven't missed a study and the group is growing! Daniel and James have since prayed to receive Christ in our group and received their FIRST Bibles! Six more are coming consistently because they simply want to know more about Jesus. Would you pray for Daniel and his friends; that those who don't know Christ, would know Jesus as their loving Lord and Savior!



...and SHE'S WALKING!

Prayer Requests

- Pray for Daniel and his friends. Pray that the new believers would continue to strengthen their faith in Jesus.
- Pray for the other six, that they would find the answers that they are seeking, and place their faith in Jesus.
- Pray for Amber and her family as they begin this new journey of following Jesus together!

Crazy Monday Nights at the Carson's



While we have an army of community leaders, teachers, and prayer warriors that help us reach students, there is a core team that really makes the magic happen. Between our interns and volunteers, we have over twenty people that dedicate a part of their year to help us reach our 14 campuses. Once a month, the team meets at our home for fellowship, training, and prayer.

One leader that we would like to highlight is Amber! Amber met Jesus through Cru as a student, but sadly, her family disapproved. In addition to that, Amber has no memory of her dad expressing his love towards her; only his disappointment. During one of our mission weeks, Amber and I got to prayer walk Wilson High and then share the Gospel with the students we met along the way. Feeling confident in sharing her faith, she went home that night and shared the Gospel with her brother... AND HE PRAYED TO RECEIVE CHRIST! The next day, she shared with her father, and he prayed as well! Thursday was her mom's turn. **By the end of the week, Amber saw her ENTIRE immediate family confess their sins to Jesus and follow him for the first time!** They now pray together, read the Bible together, and are plugged into a local church. It's amazing how the Gospel can penetrate relationships that we thought would never open. Please pray for her family as they begin this new journey of following Jesus!



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Overnighter Testimonies

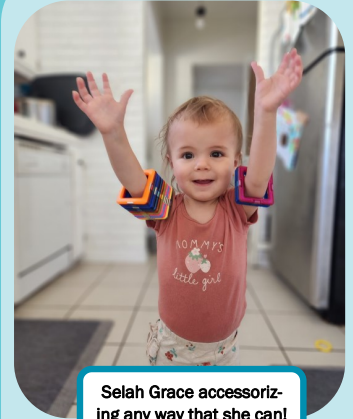
Remember our September overnighter with ten guys? It has now grown to 17. Apparently, our boys love church and Jesus so much that they want ALL of their friends to come. Here's a story from one of our student leaders, JJ.

"When I was born, my dad was already gone. As a drug dealer, he got caught up with the law across the country. Thankfully, my mom met my stepdad and I lived with him. Things were always so chaotic and crazy, and I never had a sense of stability. For example, my mom once visited my dad with me and tried to take the money that was due her. On our way to the airport, he found us, took mom, and left me alone in the car. I was 7. Eventually, I went into foster care because of child endangerment. Later, my stepdad went to jail and died a year later of Leukemia. I was then sent to live with my grandmother. She loves me well, but doesn't believe in Jesus.

Eventually, my friends invited me to church, and then Cru. It was so cool to learn about a God that loved me. He would always be a safe place no matter what I was going through. At that church, I prayed to receive Christ as my Lord and Savior! I'm so thankful to him for keeping me safe all these years and I want to live my life to serve Him!"



Going to church together after the overnighter



Selah Grace accessorizing any way that she can!

Prayer Requests

- Pray for JJ as he continues to be a leader on his campus! Pray that he would continue to love and follow Jesus even after he graduates next spring!
- Pray also for healing and redemption for his parents. He loves his mom and calls her daily, but his dad is still absent.



Andren sleeping in his fries

End of Year Ask

This year, we have seen so many stories like JJ... but God in His kindness and mercy has used us to bring their stories from darkness and into His marvelous light! As more and more students are coming to Cru, we have a need that we're hoping to see the Lord raise!

As you might have seen on Giving Tuesday, we are trusting the Lord to raise up \$10,000 to help cover the cost of camp scholarships, increased pizza budget, and Bibles for our students. As you go over your end of year giving, would you prayerfully consider giving towards this need?

As always, thank you for your continued love and prayerful support of the work the God is doing in our local high schools. We COULDN'T do this without you!



Most of the Grove Soccer team goes to Cru!

