

The High School Ministry of Cru in LA Metro



Prayer Requests:

- Pray that the Lord would break through E's veil of doubt and bring her to faith in Jesus. Also, that her transformed life would be an amazing display of God's power.
- Pray for students as they transition back home.
- Pray for Amina as she continues to seek God in her recovery, and for continued boldness to share her story with others.
- Please let us know how we can be praying for you!

To receive real-time prayer request, text @PRAY4LA To 81010

“AND HOW ARE THEY TO PREACH UNLESS THEY ARE SENT? AS IT IS WRITTEN, “HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO PREACH THE GOOD NEWS!”

ROMANS 10:15

A JUNE (GETAWAY) UPDATE FROM THE CARSONS

A Life Hanging in the Ballance

At Getaway, I (Jessica) had been noticing that “E” wasn’t engaged during our main sessions. As the Lord led me to spend an afternoon with her, I experienced one of the most powerful conversations I’ve ever had with a student. I also realized then that she HAD been paying attention; much more than I thought.

Though she started to share things intended to shock me, my experience in Social Work helped me respond in an edifying way. When she saw that I accepted her despite everything, her attitude changed.

E grew up in a broken home full of mental illness, abuse and starvation. Her arms were laced with scars from cutting herself. She also showed the scar where she had tried to slit her throat only 4 weeks before camp.

During her last suicide attempt she had looked forward to oblivion, but she now said, “I don’t know how to explain it, but I have this feeling that there must be something more.” Seeing that she deeply desired loved, I went on to explain to how God’s love was expressed through Jesus’ sacrifice. E responded, *“I believe that I am a sinner and that I deserve death, that God could be good, and I THINK that God loves me... but (in tears) I can’t believe that God would love me that much, that Jesus would suffer and die for ME. It’s just too good to be true.”* While she is still at that point – desperate for God’s love but unable to believe and receive it, we trust that God will make a change in her life!



E would only agree to take a picture with Jessica if her face wasn’t included.



Jessica and Amina at our summer Getaway Camp.

Set Free

During the second night of Getaway, students were challenged with the question, “What is the one thing, person, or place you keep running back to, instead of running to God?” During worship, Amina approached me (Jessica) in tears asking to talk. Amina confessed that she was exposed to pornography in 6th grade and has been addicted to it for the last 6 years. She said, *“I keep running back to it... It makes me feel so dirty, and I want to be done with it!”*.

As I encouraged her, Amina began to feel the Lord leading her to continue in confession and share her story with the whole camp! Two days latter, Amina shared her story and sin struggle with over 160 people! *“I was relieved yet still shocked after confessing to Jessica b/c I believed the lie that I could never tell anyone about my addiction. Then I thought about how many others also believe the same lie... I immediately knew God was telling me to share my struggle with the camp”*. Afterwards, I gave her some practical resources to help her fight this struggle. Praise God for His continued healing!