



FIRST ANNIVERSARY



On August 15th, Jessica and I celebrated our one-year anniversary! Because of God's constant grace, I can confidently say that it was the best year of my life and we are looking forward to the exciting years to come. To celebrate, we drove to Mammoth Mountain because of the many hiking trails. On the bus ride into the park, a woman overheard that I work for Cru. After she told me that their family is heavily involved in the church, I asked where they lived. "In Fountain Valley behind the high school. My two daughters go there."

I couldn't believe it! Six hours away from home, we met a random family on a bus and they just happened to attend the school that Jessica and I work at. Even better, they decided to walk the five-hour trail with us! While I primarily spoke with Victor, Jessica received the opportunity to minister the two girls. After much conversation, the oldest daughter Sarah shared, "It's hard going to FVHS. It's highly-competitive, and performance based. I also don't enjoy the Christian clubs on campus." But because the girls had grown so fond of Jessica, they both promised to attend a weekly Cru meeting! Pray for the girls as they enter this coming semester.

JACOB CABRERA

Jacob Cabrera, a football player at Long Beach Poly, met the Lord through Cru just before our Fastbreak conference. Since then, he has stepped up to the position of student leadership at Poly!

One day, I received a phone call from Jacob's mother. She was very concerned as Jacob had become violent in his thoughts, words, and behavior. I immediately called Jacob and asked him and his brother to meet up for dinner. While sitting in Del Taco, Jacob shared how difficult it was living with his mom's abusive boyfriend. Because of roots of jealousy and pride, Jacob began to lash out against his family. After this, Isaiah began to share about how difficult it was to live with Jacob! Isaiah, being the more patient one, said that he doesn't understand why Jacob can't let things go! Thankfully, they were both immensely receptive to my teaching of God's word, repented, and then set up accountability for the future.

Because Cru exists to redeem and restore what the enemy has broken, the Cabrera family now has a community to love and support them! It's so beautiful that their mom thought to call us when their family was falling apart. Thank you again for your continued support of God's ministry. We couldn't do it without you!

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- Pray for Sarah and Rebecca as they attend Fountain Valley High School.
- Pray that they would find authentic Christian community
- Pray that Jacob would learn to love his mom's boyfriend.
- Pray that Jacob would learn to embrace patience and humbleness.
- If there is a way that we can pray for you, please contact us!



"Look among the nations, and wonder and be astounded. For I am doing a work in your days that you would not believe if told" Hbk 1:5 ►