

# The High School Ministry of Cru in LA Metro



## Prayer request:

- Please be in prayer for the seven kids that accepted Christ at FB16. Pray that their faith would be rooted in Jesus.
- Pray for Damian and our Bible study as we re-commit to studying God's word
- Please continue to be in prayer for Jessica and I as we begin the transition to full-time staff.
- If we can be praying for you, please contact us!

ACTS 19:18,20  
"ALSO MANY  
OF THOSE WHO  
WERE NOW  
BELIEVERS  
CAME,  
CONFESSION  
AND  
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THE LORD  
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MIGHTILY."

A JANUARY UPDATE FROM THE CARSON FAMILY

## Fastbreak 16

At our first annual winter conference, Fastbreak (FB), LA cru brought 30 students. This year, we had over 120 from LA and San Diego! Even though Fountain Valley (FVHS) is only staffed by Jessica and myself, we were able to bring 25 kids from our school! It is amazing to see how God has been growing the ministry through your prayers and support.



On the first morning of FB, we had planned to have an open mic confession. To be honest, I didn't think it was a good idea because the students had just arrived to the camp and didn't know everyone well. Thankfully, God is bigger than my doubts and their comfortability. The first student boldly approached the stage and shared that he struggles with porn and sex addiction. After he left the stage, he was immediately surrounded by his friends who prayed for and encouraged him. After that, a girl shared that she deals with substance and alcohol abuse. As she left the stage, she was likewise surrounded by her friends who prayed for and encouraged her. Over the next 3 hours, kids began to share their darkest secrets of their struggles, pride, abuse, rape, and brokenness. As vulnerability increased, so did their love for each other. This result in seven kids accepting Jesus!

## Going Full-Time

In the summer of 2014, I met Damian Martians at Getaway. After he accepted Jesus, he then shared and lead his best friend, brother, and 3 cousins to the Lord! He even went to Cru HQ in Orland, FL to share his testimony. While this was amazing, he and his family eventually hit a rough spot and stopped coming to Cru for over a year.



Last week, his brother Chris reached out to me because he had missed Godly community and our board game nights playing Catan. I hopefully asked Damian and friends to come as well. Amazingly, they agreed to recommit to attending! Even more amazing, the 3rd Martin brother, Eddy, finally accepted our invitation and came as well! At this point, we have already had five Bible studies with seven guys. I have now received so many calls requesting a Bible study/Catan meeting, that we met up for discipleship three times last week! God is so amazing in his ability to restore the prodigal sons back into the family. Thank you again for your continued support in changing lives here in the Los Angeles/Orange County area. God Bless!