

# THE CARSON COLLECTIVE

April 2025 Update



The Panama team' biweekly meetings at our home

## Four Years Later: Ethan

Ethan, a soccer player, showed up to club mostly because of his girlfriend... but now that we have a female leader, the girls have been excited to have their own Bible study time! This left Ethan with the guys.

We pulled out Soularium cards (a picture-based evangelism tool) and started a conversation. Though he was nervous without his girlfriend there, Ethan opened up about growing up with divorced parents, the

neglect he experienced at home, and the instability of transferring schools. While he was not gang-affiliated, he lived close to that world. Soccer has been one of the few stable things in his life, and this is now his second year at Garden Grove. When he first arrived, the soccer guys immediately invited him to Parable. This was part of a chain that started four years ago when I randomly met some of the team while sharing the gospel after school. Four years later, those same players are still coming to club and inviting their teammates, like Ethan!

As we talked, Ethan shared that he loved coming to Parable to learn more about the Lord. After explaining the Gospel clearly, we led him in a prayer to receive Christ! Please pray for Ethan as he begins his new journey with Jesus, and pray for us as we walk alongside him!

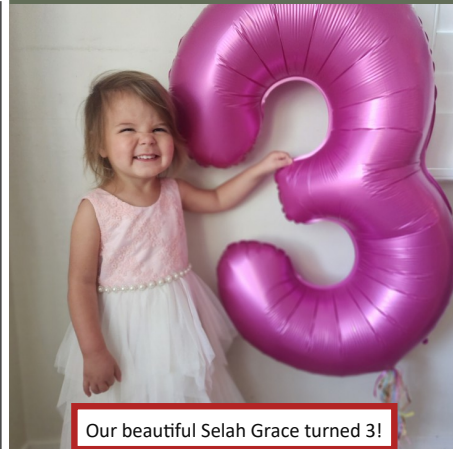
## Baptisms at Redemption Point Church!

This month we celebrated several baptisms at Redemption Point! Bella also shared her story. Growing up, she learned to depend only on herself. She struggled with trusting others, carried deep resentment toward her parents and friends, and turned to self-destructive patterns to try to cope. She described feeling stuck in a cycle and having no way out. Things began to change when she found Parable. At first, she attended casually, but over time, God began softening her heart. At her first Parable camp, during a moment of surrender, Bella prayed and asked Jesus to take her struggles, her pride, and her anger. That day, she noticed a real change—her heart softened toward her parents, patience replaced bitterness, and she began to desire deeper relationships rooted in Christ.

Since then, Bella has been seeking God -centered friendships and learning to trust that she no longer has to carry everything alone! God carries it first. This April, Bella made the decision to publicly declare her faith in Jesus and shared Isaiah 54:17 with the church: "No weapon formed against me shall prosper." Her story is a beautiful reminder that Jesus not only saves us but transforms and sustains us.



Bella and Govern baptized Redemption Point



Our beautiful Selah Grace turned 3!

## Prayer Request

- Pray for Yonas, that he continues to seek truth and that God meets him in his questions.
- Pray for our staff and students as they are finishing the application process for Panama.
- Pray for the Panama team as they begin the support raising journey.



Jessica celebrated her birthday and is more beautiful than ever!



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