## Cru

## Cru High School Los Angeles

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## PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- Pray for Fountain Valley HS as we continue to share the Gospel with the students.
- Pray for Downey and the rest of our new leadership team at FVHS as the begin this new journey
- Pray for Chris Martins and his recovery
- Pray for the rest of the Martin family as they deal with this hurtful situation. Pray that it would move them closer to God and not away
- If we can be praying for you, please let us know!



Names as pictured: Chris, Tony, Brandt, and Damian



**NEW LEADERSHIP** At Fountain Valley High School, God has used our amazing student leadership team to help effectively reach the campus. They have helped us plan outreaches, teach messages, and

intercede in prayer. While this Spring will sadly be the last

semester for almost all of our student leadership team, we are excited that new students have decided to join in leading their campus.

Meet Downey, he is a 2nd generation Vietnamese student born

into a Buddhist household. At school however, he met his friend Timmy. Because of that friendship, Downey was exposed to Jesus. Two years ago, he surrendered his life to Christ and then Downey got involved with Cru in the Fall of 2015. He has been faithful to attend Cru meetings as well as discipleship where I have been able to personally challenge and grow him in his faith. This past month, Downey took a step of faith, and made the decision to be a student leader for the 2016-2017 school year! Please be in prayer for him as he takes on this new chapter in his life.

Also in order that you have better context of the city, here are a few demographics. Fountain Valley, CA is home to the largest concentration of Vietnamese people, with nearly 200,000, (10% of the Vietnamese American population), and less than 3% identify as Christian. Because of this, our ministry often brings the Gospel to groups that have never even heard the name of Jesus.

## FORGIVENESS

One week ago, I received a phone call from my student, Damian. He told me that his brother Chris was in the emergency room due to being assaulted at a park while playing basketball. The assailant repeatedly struck Chris on the back of the head with a deadly weapon, causing Chris to black out with multiple lacerations on his head. Before I spoke with Chris, I was expecting him to respond with anger as he typically does. To my great surprise, Chris had forgiven him, and also been in consistent prayer.

Thankfully, Damian later saw the assailant at the same park, called his family, and then the police. When police arrived, Chris and his mother were already there and were able to identify the assailant and press charges. I am proud of Chris that he left justice within God's hands instead of giving into revenge and hate.

Thank you again for your support of the mission here in LA. Without your support, we wouldn't be on this mission. God Bless!

"Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord" Do not be overcome by Evil, but overcome evil with good" Romans 12:19,21

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