

## THE CARSON COLLECTIVE

A November Update from the Carsons



## **Prayer Request**

- Pray for AO as she continues to deal with a difficult home life. Pray that she would find her comfort and identity in God alone!
- Pray for Daniel as he starts a fresh, new journey in his relationship with Jesus!



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## **A Special Message from the Carsons**

"You're so fat! Why don't you take care of yourself? I'm really disappointed that you couldn't stay in school like your sisters... but then again, why would I be surprised when you're so dumb!"

This is a direct conversation between a parent and Jessica's student (AO) in Orange County. This girl had endured much verbal abuse from her parents and had turned to drinking, drugs, and contemplated suicide. Thankfully, she reached out to Jessica and asked for help. Jessica shared how AO was made in the beautiful and perfect image of God! Encouraged, AO embraced Jessica with a hug full of tears!





When Brandt was asked to take over leadership at Garden Grove High School, he was less than thrilled. The school didn't seem "strategic." There were seven high schools, each with thousands of students, within 15 minutes of the house, while GG was half an hour away, with no outside connections.

After the second club meeting, a student named Daniel came up and said, "Thank you so much for coming! I think you're an answer to prayer. I Googled "How to become a better man" and it said to

Brandt teaching at GG Acts and how Jesus had promised to send the Holy Spirit... but I don't really get it. So I prayed for God to send me someone who could explain it. And here you are!" I was awestruck. Daniel has been coming back every week and he has invited many of his friends to come hear about Jesus!

Last week, Jessica met with Tiffany and Jamie, (graduated leadership students at Fountain Valley). You'll be encouraged to hear that they are still walking with the Lord and serving in their churches. John, who accepted Jesus last summer, just finished his confirmation class at his church. He will be baptized next month!

It's always amazing to see how God places us in strategic areas to meet the students whose hearts HE has already prepared together by His faithful, sovereign hand.

As Jessica and I look back on what God has done and see what HE has done and what HE is doing, we look forward in hope to what HE will do in the new year! We are also humbled to remember that this doesn't happen without you!

Student Leaders at FV We have had some unexpected ministry expenses this fall. Would you consider giving a special year-end gift to help cover those? Some generous donors have pledged to match every gift, dollar-for-dollar up to \$2,200 - so whatever you are able to give will have double the impact! We'd love to hear back from you by December 15 if possible.

THANK YOU for your prayers and support for God's ministry here in Los Angeles and Orange Counties! We truly could not do this without you!

