

The High School Ministry of Cru Los Angeles

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PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- Pray for the two Mormon students as I continue to follow-up with the Gospel
- Pray for Sam and Daniel Nguyen as they move to Virginia. Pray that they would adjust well and stay connected to community.
- Pray for our Fountain Valley students as they deal with the loss of their friend. Pray that they would have a Godly perspective.
- If we can be praying for you, please let us know!



POKÉMON GO



The latest statistics shows that Pokémon Go has over 25 million daily players. In Long beach alone, thousands of people are daily hunting Pokémon; including our students! While I initially didn't value the game, God opened my eyes to see how he could use it for His Kingdom.

On a drive home, I saw three high school students playing on their phones outside my apartment. Assuming they were playing Pokémon, I began to engage in conversation with them through talking about the game. I had never realized it, but this simple video game was an amazing opportunity for us to tell our community about Jesus! Within ten minutes, I had transitioned the conversation from the game to talking about their religion. Two of them had grown up Mormon, but neither subscribed to their parent's theology. Even though they were apprehensive when I told them about Jesus, I have continued to connect with them by taking them Pokémon hunting! It is amazing how God can use anything to further his Kingdom!

SAM & DANIEL NGUYEN

Last week, two of my students abruptly discovered that their father had been called to a pastoral position in Virginia at the beginning of September. Because their family had already planned a month trip to Vietnam, Sam and Daniel had ten days to say goodbye to their friends, church, and high school (Fountain Valley).

At our weekly Cru meeting, I asked students to share something that they valued about Daniel and Sam. Because the Vietnamese culture is very emotionally reserved, I honestly didn't expect the students to share much of their feelings. Surprisingly, almost every student began to weep over the loss of their friend while sharing their fondest moments. Timmy shared that Sam and Daniel were very instrumental in building his own faith. Jenny Ho, the mother of Timmy, allows us to meet at her house and shared, "I've never seen this many Asian cry at the same time, including my own son! I believe that God has a big plan for these two boys." It was an emotional time, but it was a great opportunity to point students back to Jesus. One day, we will live forever in Heaven with no more sorrow, pain, or goodbyes! Until then, we are called to remain constant and faithful in fellowship! Even though we are losing two amazing students, I am thankful for the impact that they have had.

While these stories are amazing, we are only able to do it in part because of your continued support of God's ministry! God Bless!