

Loving & Ministering to the Antelope Valley ... *in Jesus' Name*

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The following are current areas of need:

Cans of coffee

Cases of water

Cup of Noodles

Bibles & Gospel tracks

Packets of hot chocolate

Old blankets/jackets

Beanies/hats/gloves

Monetary donations for gas & supplies

Please call or text 661 305-3874 to make donation arrangements.

PO Box address is located at the end of this newsletter.

Thank you.

Psalm 10:17

You hear, O LORD, the desire of the afflicted; you encourage them, and you listen to their cry.



Thanksgiving Day In The Park

Being in the park on Thanksgiving Day provided an opportunity for some people to serve who had not been able to because of work schedules. Here is what one woman wrote to AVHG about her experience. She, her husband and two school-aged children spent Thanksgiving morning at Courson Park: "What an amazing experience

this was. I didn't know exactly what you guys did but to see it first hand was very emotional. The sense of community, everyone pitching in to help each other; you could not see a line between those there to help and those getting served, it all blurred into one community helping each other. My family and I got so much more out of helping than what

we gave. Thank you for letting us be part of this ministry." AVHG was prepared to serve & fellowship with 30-40 people. Twice as many people came. But the beauty God allowed us to witness is that people *from* the community poured out of their homes with food for all. God brought the abundance through everyone.

Would You Like To Volunteer With AVHG?



There are many opportunities for anyone who would like to volunteer with AVHG. Some opportunities are front & center and out & about throughout the AV. And others are behind the scenes-roles, some which can be done from your home. As the Spirit leads you to get involved, we are thrilled to have you join us! Call 661 305-3874.

This Month's Testimony



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Meet Patricia

Patricia moved to Palmdale from LA with her mother and brother in August. Within a few days of moving near Courson Park, Patricia and her mother began coming to the park fellowship on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It wasn't long before the 20 year old jumped in to help. "I love helping," she says smiling.

Over the months Patricia has grown into a beautiful disciple of hope. She started by taking care of things like setting out coffee and replenishing the supply of cups and napkins. But soon she began to move out of her comfort zone and stepped into prayer circles. "I know prayer changes

things," says Patricia. "God listens when we pray".

Patricia is not bashful or embarrassed to tell how she, her mother and brother were homeless for a time. And on any given morning, as early as 6 a.m. Patricia faithfully collects bottles with her mother to help bring in money for the household. Patricia is grateful for what she and her family share now: a two bedroom apartment furnished with the help of various people who were used by God to answer her prayers.

The more Patricia is willing to be used by God, the more God entrusts her with opportunities to do so. She is devoted to the

students at Palmdale High School. "It's special to watch a 20 year old hand a bottle of water to a 16 year old and say, 'God bless you. Would you like prayer for anything?'" explains Sandy. Not many 20 year olds commit to feeding the homeless every Tuesday night, but Patricia does. "I know what it's like to be homeless and what a cup of hot soup means," she shares.

Patricia attends Light of the Desert Church and is the children's teacher-assistant. Recently she shared that she is starting school in January. "I'd like to be a teacher," she says. We remind her of Jeremiah 29:11 and she smiles.

Keep Them Cup o' Noodles Coming, Please

Many thanks to everyone who has donated cups of Cup o' Noodles or given financially so that AVHG can purchase them directly. Over the last three months over 1,000 cups of Cup O' Noodles have been received. In turn, they're handed out weekly during the Tuesday "Night Shift" Homeless Ministry and on Wednesday afternoons to students walking home from Palmdale High School.

Just last week a Palmdale High School senior asked, "Where'd you get all this soup?" while he and a friend waited in the RV for their soup to heat up in the microwave. It was awesome to share how so many people in and out of the Antelope Valley donate the Cup o Noodles so that we can give them out freely to others who are hungry. His follow up question was right on schedule, "But

why do you do this?" he asked. "Because God wants you to know that you matter," he's told. The conversation proceeds from there.

Friends, when you donate Cup O Noodles, or cases of water or juicy juices – no matter what you give ... you're not just providing an item for AVHG volunteers to hand out. You're helping to create opportunities to let people in the AV know that Jesus loves them, He hasn't forgotten about them and that they matter. Consider each item you donate an evangelism tool – and please, keep 'em coming as God leads you! Bless you and thank you.

Looking At Christmas, From The Beginning ...

*"The birth of Jesus, to a young girl who was a virgin, as miraculous as it is, is **not** the beginning of the Story."*

We've all experienced at some time turning on a movie when it's right at the good part; all the action looks compelling but there's a sense of confusion because we don't know what has happened up to this point. Even worse, is turning on a *really* good movie just to realize that it's nearly over. We realize that we missed out by tuning in late.

Such is how the Christmas season can feel to many who know the story of the Baby being born in a manger and who even participate in the festivities. We know in our hearts that Christmas is a time for joy and happiness, yet at times something seems to be missing. A young woman says, "I believe Christmas is a time for miracles." When asked why, she is unable to respond. This is typical for many of us.

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girl who was a virgin, as miraculous as it is, is not the beginning of the Story. In order to best take hold of the true miracle of Christmas, we go back to the beginning of the Story.

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. (John 1:1-2) In the book of Genesis we read the account of all the good which God creates, including man. God breathes His life into Adam and he becomes human. (Genesis 1-2) God gives Adam a companion and puts them in the Garden where they participate freely in God's plan to care for the rest of creation and enjoy fellowship with God. (Genesis 3)

This was how it was always supposed to be. We were created to live forever with a Holy and Perfect God.

disobeyed the one God-given commandment, sin and death came on the scene. Every human is born sinful and the payment for sin is death. (Romans 6:23) A rescue plan was needed or all people would die apart from God, not at all as He desires.

And then, a miracle takes place: The Word was made flesh and came to live among us. (John 1:15) The Rescuer, Jesus Christ is born and finally, the world has a Savior! The baby, born miraculously and without sin, came to earth to die as the payment for our sin. Three days after He died, Jesus rose from the grave! This Christmas let's embrace the full Story of the Baby born in the manger. Ask God to forgive you for your sins & believe that He is the Savior, the Son of God. He is the greatest Gift of all. Merry CHRISTmas.

Night Shift Homeless Ministry Update:



Last month AVHG launched it's Night Shift. On Tuesday nights from 7-9 p.m. disciples of hope (volunteers) load up into the RV and set out to find homeless people in order to offer them hot Cup o' Noodles, as well as donated jackets, hats, gloves, scarves and toiletries.

"We've never had fewer than 15 volunteers show up to go with us," explains Seth. "People want to help and we're facilitating a practical way that they can," he adds.

The first night none of us knew what to expect. Two homeless friends, who inspired the Night Shift ministry, led the way by directing the group to a homeless community in Lancaster out in the middle of the desert - literally.

"People may think we're going to a "shelter" when they

hear the words, homeless ministry," says Sandy. "But we're not; we're literally going into the desert, at night, in the cold to seek out those who absolutely feel forgotten and deserted. In fact, they are in so many ways. But seeking out the homeless in order to love on them is amazing imagery of the great lengths that God goes to, in order to seek us out to bring us into relationship with Him," she adds.

After just three weeks of the Night Shift, AVHG volunteers have learned the names of their new friends and vice versa. They're no longer statistics. "The only difference between homeless people and us is that we have homes," explains Sandy. "We're all the same; broken and in need of God's love and healing grace." If you would like to donate items or go on an AVHG Night Shift, please contact us at 661 305-3874. Teenagers are welcomed with an accompanying adult. No children, please. Please pray for the homeless.



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Coming To Believe They’re Loved

“Jesus loves you,” a man is told. “I hope so,” he says. “Would you like for me to pray for you?” a woman is asked. “No, I drank today,” she replies. “God listens when we talk to Him,” a man is reassured. “I don’t know about that,” he shares. “When I try, seems I’m talking to air,”

he adds.

Such sacred and honest responses are shared by so many who do not truly believe they are loved or welcome by God. Over time, as trusts builds and love is shown consistently, many

of these same people open up to prayer. The seeds of Christ’s love are planted. Only God brings the harvest and healing, that so many long for deep inside. It’s a beautiful thing to witness when someone begins to realize that they are indeed loved by God, unconditionally.

Praising God In The Parking Lot

The morning is cold and coffee is being served from inside the RV. Several people at a time come in to get their coffee & pastries and to warm up a bit before shuffling out so others can come inside. A volunteer arrives with a pot of

hot chicken noodle soup. This warms and delights the crowd outside of the RV. Suddenly a group of women can be heard singing praise and worship songs (alabanzas) right outside the RV. One song, then another, then

another. They’re taking turns on the microphone, leading the others in worship songs. Some of these people may have come initially for a free cup of coffee or bowl of soup, but there is no doubt, God brought them together to sing to Him.

A Community Caring For Itself

An older woman who has a donut shop connection walks a mile to Courson Park pulling her cart filled with donuts and pastries to share with her park friends. Another woman who lives nearby arrives with a pot filled with a spanish oatmeal, “Por todos!” she says

smiling. (For everyone). Never a day goes by anymore that some people from within the community don’t come with something to share during the park fellowship time. Many of the neighbors who have received free items

from the clothing ministry, now bring clothes they’ve cleared out of their closets for others to have. The more we stand and watch, the more we see how God is teaching a community of people to care for one another. May it continue, in Jesus’ name. God is up to something. for sure.

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What is AV Hope on the Go?

A ministry of listening

A ministry of compassion

A ministry of hope



Have You Visited AVHopeonthego.org?

Thanks to a special friend and donor, AVHG now has it's own website. Check out www.avhopeonthego.org to keep up with all that God is doing in and through AV Hope on the Go.

Photos are worth a thousand words – and there are plenty of pictures to see!

Read stories about how AVHG got started and the miracle of the RV. All newsletters are archived now on the website too!

You can contact Seth and Sandy Weinberg directly through www.avhopeonthego.org and send in prayer requests.

Keep your eye open for a Pay Pal account to be set up some time in January, pending AVHG's non profit status filing completion. Your continual support is greatly appreciated.

In order to save costs, hard copies of the newsletters will be sent out by request only and to those who are incarcerated. We are happy to send out hard copies, so don't be shy to ask. Thank you.