

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.

Palmdale High School Update

Palmdale High School students who make their way home from school by walking up Ave R near 26th St. are greeted by a group of AVHG volunteers on Thursday afternoons.

When students see the RV with the words, "*Jesus Loves You*" they know they're going to be given a free bottle of water and after school snack. "We've been coming here since September and it's awesome to know so many of the students by name," says Sandy, Pastor with AVHG and Light of the Desert Church.

Prayer is offered, never imposed. Ninety-nine percent of the time requests from students are for their families. "Please pray for my dad to find a job, he's really stressed out." "Will you pray for my

mom? She's in jail." "I would like prayer for my brother, he's in Afghanistan." "I live in a foster home and I want to go back to my mom." We are honored to pray in Jesus' name. "It usually just takes one student to say, 'Yeah, I want prayer,' in front of his or her friends, for the others to say, 'Yeah, me too,' explains Sandy.

Bryan Hawkins, youth pastor from Desert Winds Community Church is an AVHG volunteer with the Palmdale High School Ministry. His energy and genuineness with the students make him a favorite on the corner of Ave R and 26th St.

Parents who have met AVHG volunteers over the months are 100% supportive. They understand that volunteers are there to

encourage their youth and remind them that God is real. It's not uncommon for volunteers to end up praying with parents, too. One mother accepted Christ as her Savior right on the sidewalk last month, glory to God.

This week Sandy could be heard shouting out, "Pop quiz, guys! Take a look at the RV and tell me, who loves you"? What joy filled the air as students responded playfully and loudly, "Jesus loves me!!!" May the Spirit of the Living God cause these words to resonate in their hearts & minds.



This Month's Testimony



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Meet Rowdy

Meet Rowland. AKA: Rowdy. He and his family have been coming to the AVHG Courson Park Fellowship Time in E. Palmdale for about six months. Rowdy, Jill and their five children were in and out of homelessness when they heard about the park fellowship on Tuesdays and Thursdays by a homeless gentleman they met at McAdam Park, who knows Seth and Sandy.

“I feel God led me to the park and then eventually to church at Light of the Desert,” says Rowdy. He shares that he had not even considered his faith in years. Prayer was a hard thing for him to accept when offered at the park. “But no one ever forced

anything on me. I appreciated that,” he adds.

One Saturday evening in church, Rowdy expressed from the pulpit, how thankful he is to God and to all of his new friends for accepting him and his children so openly. “Until I started coming to the park and Light of the Desert, my faith in God was on a back burner for probably 20 years. I hadn’t considered going to any church. Now I feel like I’m at home.” Rowdy is not ashamed at all now to say, “Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior”.

It didn’t take Rowdy long to express his gratitude to God by being of service to others. He oversees the fellowship time at Light of the Desert Church, which is open

to all who wish to come for a free hot meal, served family style on Saturday nights after service at 6 p.m.

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Currently, Rowdy, Jill and the kids are staying in a motel. They’re in the process of finding placement as Rowdy looks for work. He is willing and able to do handy-man jobs, construction and landscaping. “I will take whatever work I can find to provide for my family,” shares Rowdy. “I’m taking it one day at a time and praying.”

AVHG Goes To Lancaster on Tuesdays, While Courson Park Fellowship Continues

A dear woman, named Ceci, pulled Seth and Sandy aside one day in the RV to share that God put it on her heart to take the lead at Courson Park on Tuesdays. She had already purchased a huge coffee pot, thermos pump and misc supplies to get things started on Tuesdays. "I bought 1000 cups and I'm ready to serve the Lord" she says enthusiastically.

From here on, AV Hope on the Go will provide supplies (music & player, tables, supplies, etc) so that Ceci and fellow Disciples of Hope may continue the ministry in the park on Tuesdays, while the RV goes across town to Lancaster to love on some folks over there.

Light of the Desert Church Leader, George, who lives in the community, will be at the park on Tuesdays, as well, leading others in prayer and sharing a message as the Spirit leads him.

A Leader For Christ, Means Being A Servant First

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Rev. Weinberg

In the corporate world success is measured by one's leadership ability and often their revenue-generating skills. The "head-honcho" is the person with the "title": the person who is known as 'the boss' or 'the leader'.
 God's definition of leadership is different than the world defines it. A leader in God's eyes is not a person who gives orders to demonstrate their position of authority. Rather, a leader for Christ is a servant of the Lord's who serves others, in Jesus' name.

Jesus says, "If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me and where I am, there will My servants be also. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him."

Multiple women, also from within the community, have come around Ceci to express their commitment to continue Courson Park Ministry on Tuesdays, from 10 –12 p.m.

God is faithful to His Word. He told Seth & Sandy to wait for His children to respond to His invitation to participate in what He is already doing at Courson Park. And then they would be released to "go" to the next God-appointed location. "God told us not to recruit, entice or assign anyone. He would provide the people to carry on the work He has begun," said Sandy

Praise the Lord for the *many* volunteers who serve Him by serving others. Thursdays at Courson Park will continue as usual from 10-12 pm.

(John 12:26) God never expects His children who He calls to love and serve others, to do so without the Holy Spirit's help. and sinless. God wants us to understand that no one can do the will of the Father, without willingly surrendering to Him and the service of other's.

As we immerse our lives in God's Word and learn to live by His good standards, then the fruit of the Spirit grows in our lives. The fruit of love, grace, forgiveness, self control, tenderness, patience and compassion, for example. This is the fruit necessary in order to serve others in the same manner Jesus served.

The imagery of Jesus washing the disciples' feet the night before His crucifixion is one we should ask God to keep fresh on our minds. We see humility modeled by the One who was perfect endure much for the sake of the Gospel? Absolutely. As we discipline ourselves to ask the Spirit to fill us with humility as often as possible, He guides us on how to serve others.

Night Shift Homeless Ministry Update:



Critter became infamous last month after stories of his death – then life – were posted on Facebook on the Antelope Valley Hopeonthego page. Critter was a homeless Army veteran who lived on the sidewalk in Lancaster on Division and Ave J, for the last 15 years. AVHG volunteers, (Fireflies of Hope) who visit the homeless every Tuesday night, were devastated last month as they heard rumors that their friend, Critter, had frozen to death on the sidewalk days earlier. After two days of investigation it was confirmed that Critter had **not** died, but was hospitalized at Palmdale Regional Medical Center. “We were able to track him down because we knew his real name,” explains Seth, pastor with AVHG and Light of the Desert. “This is

a good example of why feel it’s important to learn about people, their stories and their names. Grace Resources in Lancaster gave Critter a motel voucher for a few days and concerned friends from Light of the Desert and Desert Winds Community Church in Palmdale worked together to get Critter on the right track. He’s now applied for Social Security and Vet benefits. Many people have shown the Love of Jesus to this man in practical ways that can give him new options in life. Friends from House of Shalom in Palmdale have given Critter a place to stay for a while.

Critter attends church on Saturday nights and serves with AVHG’s Night Shift Homeless Ministry. “I want my homeless homies to know that if God can help me, He can help them,” he says. Critter has been sober for 35 days. “It’s all God, man. It’s all God.” All glory, praise & honor to Jesus.



Nothing To Do With Painting Nails

Anita attends Desert Winds Community Church and has an amazing ministry at Courson Park on Thursdays from 10-12 p.m. She paints nails for the women and girls for free, spends time chit chatting with them while she does and then prays for each woman

individually when she's finished. Anita recently shared about her experience on Facebook (AntelopeValley Hopeonthego Facebook page.)

“I thought I was coming to bless these ladies. This has NOTHING to do with painting nails. I am building relationships with these women and they are blessing me!”

Anita’s advice for others, “If you’re struggling with something God is calling you to do; just do it. You’re missing out by holding back”.

We praise the Lord for Anita’s heart for service and obedience to the Lord.

God Restores and Reunifies

A mother and father walk over to Seth and Sandy and introduce their three children to them. “These are the kids you’ve been praying for, pastors,” they say. The parents are near completing a

six- month program that will enable them to be reunified with their kids who are in foster care. Another mother holds her son in her arms and says joyfully, “I’ll be getting my son back soon”. She too, leans on God to help her make required changes to bring her son home from the foster home he’s in now. A third mother last month comes to the park to testify to

everyone, “I have full unmonitored visits with my children now. God is so good!” These parents and others have learned to be a support system to one another, in the park. Praise the Lord for relationships He births.

“...”

One Voice Worshipping In The Park

Contemporary and gospel praise & worship music (in English & Spanish) blasts from an IPOD at the park. Music fills the air as people have their cup of coffee and whatever else is on the breakfast menu that day.

of people together to sing and lead others in worship. Representing five different churches in the Antelope Valley and One Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, these five individuals ~ who did not know each other prior ~ get up and begin doing what they do best: praising God.

What a gift to the Lord! What a gift to everyone present.



“Sing to Him, sing praises to Him, speak of all His wonders.”
1 Chronicles 16:9

Then ... the Spirit of God draws a group

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What is AV Hope on the Go?

A ministry of listening

A ministry of compassion

A ministry of hope

PayPal Account Is Set Up

Feeling led to make a monetary donation to AV Hope on the Go? Your financial support helps in the following ways: Puts gas in the RV so we're able to drive around the AV to share the hope of Jesus with people.

Buys cases of water to distribute to Palmdale High School students, people at the Metro Link Stations and at misc "Hope Stops".

Purchases coffee, juice, pastries and supplies for fellowship times at Courson Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Buys snacks, soup and toiletries for homeless friends living in the desert in Lancaster. We also give to local and global missions.

To make a financial tax-deductible contribution in any amount, please go to our website at www.avhopeonthego.org and go to the PayPal account.

If you prefer to mail in a check please send to AV Hope on the Go at PO Box 4812, Lancaster, CA 93539-4812

Bless you for your obedience to the Spirit if He leads you to give financial support to AVHG. All of these items are used as evangelism tools to tell someone, "Jesus loves you." When we give anything, we give in the name of Jesus.

