

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

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AVHG is grateful for the donations of food, supplies, clothing, monetary gifts & volunteer hours which have impacted hundreds of lives.

The following are current areas of need:

Cans of coffee

Cases of water

Bibles & Gospel tracks

Monetary donations for gas & supplies

Thank you for your faithful prayers & volunteer hours. This is a continual & critical need as we serve the Lord & the Antelope Valley together.

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.



AV What on the Where?

Hope on Wheels. Church on the Go. The RV Ministry. God on the Go. These are just some of the names that people have called AV Hope on the Go. They remember the concept but often not the name. And that's alright. If they remember Jesus and His love for the people in Antelope Valley, CA, then it's all

good. The Name of Jesus is above all names, including the name of the mobile ministry which travels throughout the AV, sharing the love of Jesus through friendship evangelism and church bridging with neighborhoods. "It's not about what we do, it's about Who we serve," explains

Sandy, co-founder of AVHG. She and her husband, Seth, never want people to misunderstand the reason for AVHG. "We don't go because of the needs people have; we go because we love the One who has sent us." All AVHG volunteers agree, God's glory is the motivator.

AVHG Kids Share, "Jesus Loves You"

A group of five youngsters model humble faith and obedience as they share the love of God. They've witnessed AVHG volunteers passing out water and praying with people. On this particular day they express that they, too, would like to pass out water. The oldest is 8 and the youngest is 3. Without hesitation

and with joy and delight, these dear children (along with adults) pass out water bottles and cheerfully tell each recipient, "Jesus loves you". No one rejects the water or the message from the little evangelists. When adults request prayer and one of the children is nearby, he/she stands still knowing they are

going to talk to God. Matthew records, "And calling to him a child, He (Jesus) put him in the midst of them and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." May we all have such faith and obedience.



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This Month’s Testimony

Meet Freddy. He enjoys playing soccer, taking care of his teenage daughter and being a part of AVHG. Three days a week he joins his pals at local parks for breakfast and fellowship time.

He will tell you that the day he met the AVHG volunteers in April, he was reluctant to receive the offer of free breakfast and coffee.

“Sometimes when we have pride, that can get us in trouble,” he shares. “But now I am not ashamed to receive because there’s nothing to be ashamed of,” Freddy adds.

It was a cold and windy day when AVHG encountered Freddy at McAdam Park. He was depressed. A single

dad, searching for something to give him back the identity he lost when he was laid off last year from a long time career in production. For the first time in his life, in his 60’s, Freddy found himself hopeless.

Freddy was reminded that God has not forgotten about him. In fact He has plans for him to prosper and not be harmed; plans for a hope and a future. (Jeremiah 29:11) When asked what he would like prayer for Freddy said for work because his retirement income is not enough to raise a teenager and pay a mortgage. He also asked for strength to be a good dad.

Soon afterwards Freddy attended

Centro Cristiano Luz del Desierto Church on Wednesday nights. Now, he can be found weekly at AVHG fellowship times in the parks, freely giving and receiving, proudly showing off pictures of his high schooler. In between, Freddy keeps busy with the abundance of work God has provided for him through various gardening jobs.

Freddy shares that his life looks different now that he’s no longer a full time employee, but he’s more fulfilled than ever. “God is taking care of me and my baby so why should I worry?” Recently Freddy encouraged a timid Hispanic man to join the AVHG group. “Don’t be shy. Just come, like I did,” he says.

Water Bottle Drive Going Strong

June kicked off the AVHG water bottle drive and cases of water have come flooding in, as people generously donated one, two, three cases of bottled water to be distributed throughout the Antelope Valley. One woman sent \$100 for water and apples. “I just felt God was asking me to do this,” she wrote in a Facebook message.

The generous and giving spirit of many make it possible for AVHG volunteers to hand out water at parks, Metro Link Stations and bus stops. A free bottle of water serves as a point of contact. Defenses come down

as people realize they’re being given something for free. They’re told: “It’s free – just like the Love of God is free. All we have to do is receive.”

In June at the Palmdale Metro Link Station one woman received Jesus as her Lord and Savior and another rededicated her life to Him. Both conversations were started when a free bottle of water was given to these women. The water bottle drive continues strong into July. For as much water that comes in, much is given weekly. If the Lord asks you to, please donate water. Thank you.

Prayer Walks Around Courson Park



Rumors abound that Courson Park may be closed due to budget cuts. Police, EMTs, residents and even those from outside the area warn that Courson Park is unsafe day or night. Reported crime is high at this location. And yet, four days a week, Tues. Thurs., Sat. and Sun. Courson Park is filled with praise and worship music, the Word of God and food for nearby low income

residents. “It’s no wonder the enemy would wish to close this park,” says an AVHG volunteer. John 1:5 reads, “The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.” The description of the light speaks of the One who causes the darkness to appear. Without the light, darkness would not be exposed for what it is. Jesus comes to shine in the world and the darkness cannot overcome it because it is powerlessness over the light. This Truth

set the AVHG Courson Park community on prayer walks around the park every Tues. & Thurs. before the time of fellowship begins. The Lord’s work is being done at Courson Park and lives are being changed through the power of Jesus Christ. God told Joshua, “Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses,” The AVHG group holds onto this promise as it prays and walks around the park twice a week.

Inside, Outside, Upside - Down On Main Street – VBS – August 1st



It's almost time for Vacation Bible School ... **FREE** ... for all kids ages 3 through 6th grade! This is an awesome children's program with crafts, games, snacks, Bible time, fun & friends!!

VBS begins **Monday August 1st – thru Friday August 5th** from 9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. at Desert Winds Community Church.

The address is 38117 13th

Street East in Palmdale between Q 13 and Ave R.

For more information on VBS or to learn how to sign up your child, call Pam at 661 266-3400.

VBS is a fun way for kids to learn about Jesus and to meet new friends!

Elevate on August 12th

Where can people of all ages Elevate this summer with water slides, a dunk tank, a video game room, carnival type games and a snack bar? At Westside Christian School by the AV Mall on **Friday, August 12th from 5 – 10 p.m.**, that's where!

In the middle of the Summertime fun, everyone will pause to praise, worship & study Philippians 3:34 "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." What exactly do

the Apostle Paul's words mean for youth today?

Come discover God's Truth and have a blast on a Summer night in the AV. And don't forget to bring a friend!

Stop by the AV Hope on the Go RV for a **FREE** gift (while supplies last).

For more information about Elevate, contact Pastor Joe from The Bridge Church @ (661) 703-9825.





“Please tell her that I am on her side. Her children are safe”

“Neighbors In The Truest Sense”

At the beginning of the year many people in the Courson Park community recognized faces as neighbors but they didn't know each other personally. This has changed for many who attend AVHG fellowship times on Tues. & Thurs. from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Neighbors actually know each other now and new pals can be spotted together. Recently an elderly woman was in need of a refrigerator after having lost all of her furniture in storage. She received one when another park friend donated one and others made arrangements to deliver it. Another park

friend lost her brother to cancer and a collection was taken at the park for her to use as needed. Many of these neighbors now pray for one another, enjoy meals together and attend church in pairs and groups. Sounds like a lovely day in the neighborhood.

Two Mothers Sharing Love

A woman and her toddler-aged child are coloring in a coloring book at a park table. The woman only speaks Spanish. She is thankful for the bottle of water she receives from 2 AVHG volunteers. She's asked if she would like prayer and begins to cry as she explains

that her 3 children are in foster care. This time in the park is during a weekly, supervised visit. The mother asks for prayer that she may continue to do what is needed to have her children returned. While praying, another woman joins the prayer group.

Afterwards she explains that she is the foster mother. She does not speak Spanish and wants a message translated to the biological mother. “Please tell her that I am on her side. Her children are safe and I want what she wants: for her children to be with her.” Gratitude and peace flow between the 2 moms.

Birthday Party In The Park

A junior high-aged boy gobbles down his sandwich and lemonade every week and then rushes off. Each week he shows up and leaves quickly. One day he comes when no one else does. He has the AVHG volunteers'

undivided attention. They chat while he eats his sandwich. It becomes apparent that the boy has a stutter. When encouraged to invite friends to the park for sandwiches and lemonade the boy stutters, “I don't have

any friends.” The following week is his 13th bday. The boy arrives to find a small group of park regulars. One tells him, “We're your friends” and they clap as the boy blows out the candles on his chocolate brownies.”

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What is AV Hope on the Go?

A ministry of listening

A ministry of compassion

A ministry of hope



Light of the Desert Church – Opens July 30th

When Seth and Sandy Weinberg responded to God’s invitation to start AV Hope on the Go, a mobile ministry which serves various communities within the Antelope Valley, they were certain of some details and uncertain about many more. “We were sure God was telling us to go out and meet people and simply listen to the cries of their heart. If we listen to those who have a longing to be heard, God would tell us what to say in response,” explains Sandy.

Little did Seth and Sandy know, six months later, AVHG would lead to yet another invitation from the Lord to start an English Service at an already-existing Spanish church in E. Palmdale.

Light of the Desert Church is scheduled to open its doors on Saturday, July 30th at 6 p.m. The church is located at 821 E. Avenue Q7. The church can be seen from the Bank of America parking lot on Palmdale Blvd and 9th St E.

It’s the modest little white building that has a Star of David on the roof. Seth and Sandy laugh when they

think of how God lead them to a Hispanic church with a Star of David on it. She’s Latina and he’s Jewish. “Sometimes God has to hit us on the head to get our attention. So He made sure Sandy and I didn’t miss His instruction,” Seth says playfully.

Service will be from 6 - 7 p.m. on Sat. evenings and fellowship time will be from 7 – 9 p.m. Everyone is welcome and anyone who comes will be greeted with a warm, “Shalom, Amigos” from Seth and Sandy.