

## 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.



## What's Happening In Lancaster?

AVHG has been making friends at Aurora Village in Lancaster. Every Tuesday from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Pastor Seth and a volunteer stop in the senior living facility with one goal in mind: sowing seeds of friendship, in Jesus' name. "We don't walk in preaching," says Pastor Seth. "We walk in smiling and sometimes carrying a box of donuts."

John King, a long time friend of Seth and Sandy Weinberg and new resident of the facility shares, "I get lonesome sometimes. I like when Seth and his friend come to spend time here".

Other Aurora Village friends have shared that they have few visitors. Consistent AVHG visits are

something they look forward to on Tuesdays. Last week a gentleman said, "I feel connected with you. I think I'd like to try out your church sometime". If you would like to be part of the AVHG team on Tuesdays, please contact us. Donuts, conversation & prayer are extended. And sometimes you can get in on a good game of Bingo!

## Drunk-Driver Sideswipes RV

	<p>The donor of the 35 ft. RV husband to see that he has gave Seth &amp; Sandy a drinking problem. “God specific instructions: “Use heard your prayers, dear,” it for God’s glory”. Last Sandy shared with the month as they were young wife. “How many driving church friends husbands ram into an RV home after Saturday night that says, ‘Jesus loves you’ service at Light of the on it, filled with people Desert Church, a drunk from a recovery church?” driver sideswiped the RV. The pastors and others No one was hurt, thank prayed over the young God. The young man who couple and encouraged the hit the RV was remorseful. driver to use God’s grace His wife shared that she wisely. God also and her church friends orchestrated a blessing out have been praying for her of the ordeal.</p>	<p>The owner of an RV repair shop in Lancaster has blessed AVHG with repairs beyond what the insurance company was required to pay. The owner of Critical Car Care in Lancaster was moved by the Lord’s work through AVHG and wanted to contribute in some way. “God takes care of His people and property,” says Seth. “And we praise the Lord for how He proves it over and over.”</p>
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## This Month's Testimony



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### Meet MaryAnn

Meet MaryAnn. MaryAnn began joining folks at the Courson Park Fellowship Time on Tuesdays and Thursdays last summer, after a friend invited her to stop by for coffee and pastries. Initially she was shy and would sit at a table and bench away from the crowd of people.

MaryAnn explains that she came by the park during one of the darkest seasons in her life. “My children were in foster care and I didn’t know if I would ever get them back. It wasn’t looking good”. What MaryAnn came to discover was a place where love flowed and people had ears to listen to her. “I wanted help but needed hope,” she adds.

Now, months later, MaryAnn testifies that with God’s help and the support of family and church friends, she is on the road to being reunified with her three children. “She is following the process humbly and is growing in Christ. She is meeting the necessary requirements in order to bring her children home,” says Sandy, MaryAnn’s pastor. “I am so proud of her. Her family is proud of her and she knows the Lord is delighted in her,” Sandy adds.

It has not been easy and there have been some bumps in the road along the way. “I made some mistakes and I am learning from those mistakes. God is giving me another chance,” MaryAnn says openly.

She attends Light of the Desert Church in Palmdale. She was baptized in January and speaks enthusiastically about how Jesus changed her life. “I love to read my Recovery Bible everyday and I know that I can do anything now because I belong to God,” she says smiling.

When asked what her favorite Bible story is, MaryAnn shares the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000. (John 6:1-14) She explains simply and poignantly, “If Jesus can feed 5,000 people and help *all of them*, then of course He can help me because I’m just one person.” Saturday night MaryAnn walked into church with her children. She walked right up to the pulpit and said, “I want to thank God”.

## What's In Your Food Pantry That Someone Can Eat?

Have you looked in the back of your pantry lately? Do you have any canned food items that you're not eating? If so, won't you please consider donating them to AV Hope on the Go, so that we can distribute them to families who will eat them?

Every week AVHG is contacted by people within the Antelope Valley who are often home bound and in need of groceries. Because of the generous giving of so many people, we are able to purchase basic food staples like eggs, milk and chicken. "We've never met one person who has taken advantage of our food distribution program," shares Sandy.

As a mobile ministry, AVHG typically delivers the groceries to a person's home. Volunteers recognize

that the recipients can definitely use a blessing.

To help supplement groceries which are purchased for people in need, we would like to encourage everyone to check out what is in their food pantry already. There's no need to run out to the store for this food drive. If everyone found one or two cans of something in their pantry or cupboard, we would have plenty to share with others. Let's make this happen together, friends.

Please check out our ministry schedule on our website at [www.avhopeonthego.org](http://www.avhopeonthego.org) to see where we will be next. Or we can make arrangements to pick up your food donations. Thank you.

## Jesus Means What He Says

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Rev. Weinberg

"My sheep listen to My voice; I know them and they follow Me. I give them eternal life and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of My hand." (John 10:27-28)

If we belong to Jesus, we are safe and will not be snatched out of His hand. If you are His sheep, meaning; if you have asked God to forgive you for your sin and asked Him to be in charge of your life and decisions, then nothing is going to change that. God is faithful to His promise.

Our salvation is not dependent on our behavior. We don't get to heaven when we die because we volunteer time with AVHG or because we go to church weekly and read our Bibles daily.

God doesn't change His mind about loving us if we fall back either.

Some people we meet share that they feel rejected by God because they get "loaded" or "high". Perhaps some of you have similar concerns. Do struggles with overeating, pornography, anger or compulsive spending cause you to feel less worthy of God's love? Do you think God thinks less of you because you're divorced or have been to prison? These are the concerns we often hear.

Yes, Christians are told in God's Word to be sober-minded. Our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit. We are made in God's image and we don't serve a God who is loaded and high. The Spirit desires to heal us in the areas where we are broken.

But sheep do not follow a voice that barks out instructions. God's sheep follow the Voice of the One who cares for them and guides them to safety. As God's love is cemented within us, our gratitude for what God has done for us sinners by sending His Son, Jesus, to die on the Cross in our place, becomes solid. And our response becomes one of obedience. There's a longing in our souls to believe undoubtedly that Jesus meant it when He said, "No one will snatch them out of My hand".

Many Christians struggle to find this Truth real because they've had unfaithful relationships. It's vital we stay honest about this struggle because when we do, God meets us in that place. And we're invited to pray, "God, help my unbelief". (Mark 9:24)

## Night Shift Homeless Ministry Update:



The apostle Paul writes, “Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord.” (I Corinthians 1:29) In other words, if you’re going to brag on someone, then brag on God. And that’s what AVHG loves to do!

The picture of the young man to the left is a homeless friend AVHG volunteers met one night during the weekly Tuesday Night Shift Homeless Ministry. This friend is one of dozens of people who has received prayer, soup, sleeping bags and toiletry items.

This particular friend is homeless and lives on the streets in Palmdale with his mother. After being out on the street for so long, they began to wonder if God had forgotten about them.

“I prayed for God to show me; to remind me that He’s still out there,” said the homeless young man. “And then out of the blue you guys came along and you gave me and my mom something to eat and sleeping bags. I knew it was God, I knew it,” he shares.

Within a week or two of meeting his AVHG friends, this young man was eager to attend church. Now, he’s a regular at Light of the Desert Church, he volunteers on Tuesday nights from 7 – 9 p.m. with the Night Shift Homeless Ministry and has a restored hope that God has plans for a great future for him.

Earlier this month, our dear homeless friend got baptized as a public declaration to all that he has given his life to Jesus. “Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior, whether or not I’m homeless,” he says enthusiastically.

If you would like to volunteer or make donations to AVHG for it’s Tuesday Night Shift Homeless Ministry, please contact us.

See our website at [www.avhopeonthego.org](http://www.avhopeonthego.org) for more specific details on all of our ministries, including the one specifically designed to serve our homeless friends in the Antelope Valley ... in Jesus’ name.

## Tuesdays In The Park Continue



Now that the RV heads out to Lancaster on Tuesday mornings, a group of volunteers are doing an amazing job of continuing the park fellowship on Tuesday mornings at Courson Park in Palmdale. A number of people from within the community have been faithful to their promise to continue what the Lord has

started in their neighborhood park. An elderly man who has enjoyed coffee and light breakfasts in the park for months arrives with two bags of cookies. "I brought these for everyone," he says in Spanish. Another woman arrives with a cart on wheels filled with donuts she receives from a local donut shop. "God provides for us to share with

others," the woman says. And then there's "the soup lady" whose soup ministry has given her this nickname.

No one forces these people and others to give. God invites them to serve others and they say yes.

## My Son Needs A Wheelchair

*"Can any  
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goodness?"*

A young father stops by the park on his way to recycle bottles and cans to earn some money for his family. He's been a regular at the park since last summer. When asked recently if he has any prayer requests, he quietly

says that he needs a motorized wheelchair for his four-year-old son who is severely disabled. "Do you know anyone who has one?" he asks. "God does," he's reassured. "Let's pray and ask Him to provide what it is your son needs." The father is moved when a small prayer team of friends lift up this request to the Lord. **The next day** the father is contacted with

good news. A woman here in the AV has a child-sized motorized wheelchair that she will donate for his son. He can't say thank you enough.

Can any of us ever thank God enough for His goodness?

Courson Park Fellowship in E. Palmdale.

Tuesdays & Thursdays  
10 – 12 p.m.



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**What is AV Hope on the Go?**

A ministry of listening

A ministry of compassion

A ministry of hope

## We Love Our New Neighbor, SAVES

Earlier this year, an emergency food resource organization called, SAVES, moved into the facility across the street from Courson Park. People shuffle in and out all day in the SAVES facility to receive free groceries and bread.

As a result of the new neighbor in the community, an overflow of new friends arrives at the park on Tuesdays and Thursdays. People stroll on over to see what's happening in the park.

They're greeted by volunteers who invite them to fellowship in the park to enjoy a free cup of coffee, pastry and whatever else is in on the menu for the day.

One particular man who came by was hesitant at first. "I believe in God but I'm not a religious fanatic," he explained quickly. "Good," he's told. "We aren't either." That was nearly two months ago. Now this man serves with AVHG, distributing free bread at the park provided by Feed My Sheep Ministries. He's a regular attendee at Light of the Desert Church and has friends

who love him, just for who he is.

After a night of serving the homeless during the Tuesday Night Shift Ministry, this same man said, "I looked up to Heaven and said, 'I get the message, Lord. I'm thankful for all I have.'"

Welcome to the neighborhood SAVES! Bless you for serving the Palmdale community. And thanks for all the new friends who have come our way, simply because you're our neighbor now.

