

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:

Refrigerator/freezer

Cans or cases 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.

Psalm 10:17

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



Accomplishing What He Intends

It has been nearly six months since the Lord birthed AV Hope on the Go. When Seth and Sandy reflect on all that has happened it is obvious that the Lord is accomplishing what He said He would. Strong relationships with AV churches have been established. Provision has been consistent to operate AVHG. And

lives have been changed because of Hope found only in Jesus. A woman who was homeless in January has been reconciled with her family for months. Young adults who had no future plans now work local jobs. Dozens of testimonies have been shared by those who have found

joy thru a sense of belonging to community. Depression has been lifted. Physical healings have happened. Two marriages have sustained. And to our knowledge seven commitments to Jesus have occurred. These folks now attend a neighborhood church. All glory to God!

Waiting For A Train, Hope Arrives

“All aboard!” That’s what Sandy shouts out to the disciples of hope who hop in the RV with her to make their way over to the Lancaster & Palmdale Metro Link stations. While Seth drives the now dubbed, “Jesus mobile” to the stations, volunteers stick labels on bottles of water which read,

“We love because He first loved us.”(1 John 4:19) “Jesus loves you, just the way you are.” And “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.” (John 15:9) Unsuspecting people who wait for their train to arrive are greeted with a smile and handed a free bottle of water. “It’s

free, just like the love of God is free for all of us, right?” The simple statement & question often generates Spirit-infused dialogue which include tears, gratitude, confessions, repentance, hugs, prayers & smiles. When the train arrives AVHG starts again with fresh faces.



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This Month’s Testimony

Grace says she used to hate her name. But now it’s a reminder of how much Jesus cares for her and she loves it! The day Grace first came to Courson Park in March she was quiet and withdrawn. She explained later that she was depressed and burdened in life. A friend who had recently come across AVHG invited Grace to get out of the house for a while. “Come meet all these people at the park,” her friend said. “They love Jesus. You’ll feel better.” Grace, her boyfriend and her friend came to the park and had a simple breakfast among a group of 35 people or so. Not much interaction with Grace happened that day. But the Lord stirred her heart while she

listened to the praise and worship music on the iPod. A week later, Seth and Sandy saw Grace and her boyfriend again. This time they prayed together. Grace and her boyfriend were preparing to leave to N. California to look for work. We prayed and then said our goodbyes. Another week later, Grace returned to Courson Park alone. Plans had changed, completely. The Lord opened Grace’s eyes to see that unexpected obstacles were His invitation for Grace to stay in her home in Palmdale with her family. Grace rededicated her life to the Lord after confessing her time apart from the One who has always been so faithful. She has

been a Christian for many years but had slowly lost hope as she took her eyes off of Jesus. She thought God had left her. But her reignited hope helped her to see that God has never left and it’s never too late to turn back to Him. Since then, Grace has been filled with the Love & Joy of God. She steps out in boldness to share her testimony and pray for others she meets at the park. Church and Bible study are part of her weekly schedule again. Grace’s household is changing too because her family sees the transformation. “God has given me rest and peace even in the midst of my storms in life. And I love Him so much. I want other people to know that God loves them too.”

Courson Park Community Responds To Local Churches

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Ermenia is a quiet and faithful servant of the Lord. Each week she comes out to Courson Park and engages with the Spanish-speaking folks during AVHG's fellowship time.

Ermenia comes to represent the Lord and Centro Cristiano Luz del Desierto, a Spanish-speaking church less than a mile away from Courson Park. Her love for Jesus is contagious and through friendship evangelism Ermenia draws people into church with her. Her pastor, Eduardo Ramirez said that every week they have new people from the community attending and returning. It seems to help people walk in

the doors of a church when there is a familiar face to greet them. Desert Winds Community Church, less than a mile from Courson Park in the other direction is also initiating familiarity and outreach. A recent block party for all the neighbors was well received. Attendance at the Tuesday night free meal dinner is increasing as people learn they're welcomed to join. And the Children's Ministry Director, passionate about evangelism, picks up children from the neighborhood for Wed. evening church! Pastor Ken and Ken Silvers serve their neighbors through the bike ministry which started last month. Awesome God!

Hope Goes Into Lancaster



J. Reynolds Park in Lancaster on Ave J, west of Sierra Hwy. is AVHG's most recently added location. On Tuesday afternoons a group of usually Jr High and High School aged youth gather for sandwiches and lemonade. The conversations are light – teenage topics. Some like school; some don't. Some are shy, others talk non stop. But most feel inclined to stay and

hang out even when they're finished eating. "See that RV over there?" Sandy asks the kids, pointing out the 35 ft RV. "Someone GAVE that to us for free!" she says dramatically. "What? No way! Why?" Works every week. They ask and Sandy tells the story of how God revealed His plans for a ministry that shares the Love of Jesus with people throughout the AV. Part of the story is the miracle of the free RV. "That's tight" they say. "Do you think God has

plans for your lives right now?" is always the next question asked. Their responses are precious and honest which reveal the hearts of youth longing to be heard. Sometimes they talk over each other. Sometimes they just shrug their shoulders. We listen. Then on cue by God, we tell them about Jeremiah 29:11. Eventually they ask what they're dying to ask, "Can we see the inside of the RV?" "Absolutely. Let's check out the miracle up close." Talk about an illustration!

June & July Water Bottle Drive



“Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" John 7:37-38. Bottles of water here in the desert of the Antelope Valley are effective evangelism tools. At parks, train stations & bus stops hundreds of people are handed a

bottle of water each week to remind them of the One who is the Living Water. A free bottle of water creates a point of contact. AVHG has received phone calls for prayer from people who got the number off a bottle. Cases of water are often on sale at Vallarta for \$2. Costco has them for \$3.50. Please help us water this dry land so lives can be refreshed, in Jesus’ name.

AVHG Weekly Schedule

A Ministry of ...

Wednesdays: 10-12 pm
McAdam Park, 30th St E
and Ave R in E
Palmdale. Breakfast,
fellowship & prayer.

***Listening**

*** Compassion**

*** Hope**

Wednesdays 12:30-
1:30 pm
Lancaster & Palmdale
Metro Link Stations.
Water bottle distribution
and prayer.

Tuesdays: 10-12 pm
Courson Park, 10th St E
between Palmdale Blvd
and Ave R in E
Palmdale. Breakfast,
fellowship & prayer.

Thursdays: 10-12 pm
Courson Park.
Breakfast, fellowship &
prayer.

Tuesdays: 2:30-4:30
pm Reynolds Park, Ave
J and Fig St, West of
Sierra Hwy in
Lancaster. Lunch,
fellowship & prayer.

11 am: Free food
distribution when
available. No ID
required.





“Meet at least one person today who you do not know,” they’re encouraged. And they do.

The Mayor of Courson Park

William is known as the mayor of Courson Park. He seems to know everyone and everyone seems to know him. He lives across the street from the park and can usually be found mingling with folks and serving at the various outreach programs. (The

Highlands Christian Fellowship & Desert Vineyard serve faithfully at Courson Park on weekends.) On Memorial Day Will and three of his friends hosted a free BBQ in the park and invited anyone who came by. “This was my first time doing this,” says William

who is unemployed. He shares, “I see all these people coming here to help us and I thought ‘why don’t I do this too?’” A family shows up later. “What’d you on Memorial Day?” they’re asked. “Oh we came to William’s BBQ. And thank God, because we had no food in the house at all.”

Two Are Greater Than One

A woman whose son was killed years ago teaches her new friend how to knit. They discover they’re neighbors and meet for lunch or dinner during the week. The younger woman had a longing for a spiritual mother and now has one. A lonely widower gets to know

his new friend over a cup of coffee and 49 cent tacos from Del Taco. His friend is a homeless Marine who is thankful for the company and tacos. Roars of laughter are heard from the growing group of new friends who remain behind enjoying one another long after

AVHG has moved onto its next location. These are a few examples of friendships that have formed among people who have met at AVHG fellowship times. “Meet at least one person today who you do not know,” they’re encouraged. And they do. Life is nicer with a friend. (Proverbs 27:17)

“Pray For My Family”

“I want to see my daughter again but she makes me so mad,” a frustrated mother shares. “But I want my grand daughter in my life,” she adds. A young man tells Seth, “I can’t talk to my dad like I talk to you.”

Seth shares his story of years of struggles with his own father. A woman begs God to make the arguing in her family stop. “Why can’t they just love each other?” Behind defenses, behind masks of smiles and

often behind tears, are people who long for the brokenness within their families to be healed. They share. We listen. We tell of the One who is the Almighty Reconciler and Healer. We model unity for one another. (John 13:35)

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Fund Raising Updates:

Last Garage Sale raised over \$550. Non profit status filing has begun! And evangelism supplies are purchased! Thank you to all who donated to make the garage sale a success!

Next Garage Sale – July 9th. We will pick up in the AV. Please call or FB if you have anything you wish to donate for the AVHG fund raiser!

Bless you.

Disciples of Hope Share Their Insight

The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. (Luke 10:2) The faithful AVHG workers who labor for the Lord are amazing disciples of hope. Some share their insight: Bob from The Bridge Church explains that AVHG gives him the opportunity to live out what the Bible says: to love in word and deed. (1 John 3:18) Bob shares that initially he was intimidated to meet strangers in the park, “But once I came out

and started to do it, I realized that all people have the same basic needs.” Bob’s desire is to *live* the Gospel as a witness for others.

Alina from The Highlands says that she had no idea when she began to serve that God would give her moments to share her testimony with women who need to know that God has a plan for them. Alina oversees the food distribution ministry of AVHG. “It’s so rewarding to

see how God multiplies His resources for people” she adds. Maria from Centro Cristiano Luz del Desierto Church serves by passing out bottles of water to people in the parks and inviting them to join the fellowship. “I never would have done this a few months ago. But the love of God is changing me” she explains. When the love of God flows freely, the desire to serve others increases: evidence of the growth of the fruit of the Spirit.