

## A WORD FROM ROCHELLE



### Cru Club at Avalon Middle School

I am praising God for the work He has been doing in the lives of students at Avalon Middle School. Thank you for your prayers for our outreach event called “Beach Bash” that we mentioned in our last letter.

The week before Beach Bash we challenged our students to be “Fishers of Men” with a message from Matthew 4. We gave each student 4 invitations with a salt water taffy on each one to give to their friends.



Over 90 kids came to Beach Bash, and we served 120 hot dogs, chips, and drinks! The kids played limbo and a beach ball relay game. Our theme was “Don't Build Your Life on the Sand but on the Rock who is Christ” from Matthew 7:24-27. 9 students indicated on comment cards that they put their faith in Christ that day!! One of those was Mikayla Latka who



shared that she liked the talk the best because it was very deep. Jonah Levin also said he put his faith in Jesus that day and that he loved Jesus! Please pray for these 9 students that they would keep coming and would grow in their faith in Jesus this year.

Since then 50 students have attended our club. Through small group discussions and even the

use of movie clips, we've taught them to remember that God loves them and wants them to shine for Him at school and at home.

Please continue to pray for me and the other volunteer parents and high school students who are leading this club. It is quite challenging to get 50 middle school kids to cooperate and learn anything on a Friday afternoon at 4:00 pm! Also, we have such a mixture of children coming with some having grown up in Christian homes while others don't have any background in the faith. Some kids are committed to attending the club and some are just checking it out. We know only God can make our meetings meaningful and helpful for each child who comes.

You are very important to me and to this ministry. Thank you for your prayers for each child who comes and for those at the school who need to hear about the love of God in Christ.



**Rebecca Gonzales reports to her assignment at Orlando HQ.**

### Rebecca Gonzales

I am so happy to report that one of the new staff I've been coaching, Rebecca Gonzales, has finished her fund raising and has started her work as a writer in the Communications Office here in Headquarters! She is from Santa Fe, New Mexico, and she really worked hard and trusted God with all her might. She joined our staff in July of 2015, so it took her 14 months to find all the partners she needed to be a fully-funded missionary with Cru! God taught her a lot about faith, perseverance, resting in Jesus, and the joy of sharing stories with other like-minded believers throughout this process. She got engaged during this season to a young man who is planning to join our staff this coming January! It has been a joy for me to come alongside her and see God at work!

Steve and I are so excited to have seen one more laborer sent into full-time ministry! Thank you for playing a crucial part in bringing the Gospel to those who need Jesus both here in Orlando and around the world through your partnership with us! We love you so much!

*Blessings in Jesus,  
Steve, Rochelle, and Josh*