



Prayer News and Updates

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Middle School Cru

“When will Cru start up again?” was the greeting I had from Isabella when I happened to see her at our community pool this summer. She was really looking forward to gathering with friends and learning more about God and His Word. “I have a folder at home with all the lessons from the Bible you handed me last year.” Wow! God really encouraged me to figure out a way to keep bringing God’s love and Word to the Middle Schoolers, even though I had no idea how to do that in the midst of Covid.

When we learned that most students in our area were going to be doing school at home and that no after school clubs or outside volunteers would be allowed on campus, we didn’t know what to do. In the spring, we had tried reaching out to our members to hold a Zoom call club meeting with little success. But I didn’t want to disappoint Isabella.

So my team and I gathered to brainstorm and pray about what we could do, and thus we began to plan our monthly “Party in the Park” for Cru Middle School students! We weren’t sure if parents would let any kids join us as gatherings can often become a place to spread the Covid virus. But my volunteers and I invited all the kids from 2 local middle schools who had joined a Cru event at least once last year. We assured parents that we would enforce the wearing of masks and social distancing. We had 4 middle schoolers, 2 high school volunteers, 1 mom and 1 grandmother join us. It was our first time to take Cru club off campus. The kids had a great time!

Our speaker shared a message based on 3 Bible stories: the paralyzed man, the leper, and the man born blind. His point was that in each of these cases Jesus saw, He cared, and He had power to help. He told the kids that even though this year has been so tough, Jesus sees their needs, He cares for them, and He has power to help them as they trust in Him. It was very encouraging to kids and adults alike!

The result of Party in the Park is that 4 girls signed up for a weekly small group Bible study. Isabella is one of the group. I am so excited to share with them more about Jesus. I am using a Gospel presentation that compares our lives without God to caterpillars. We start out feeling insecure because of our sin and the hard things we may go through, but God sent Jesus so we could experience a New Birth and become transformed to become like beautiful butterflies. Please pray for Isabella, Isidora, Ariel, and Sasha that they would come to faith in Jesus and grow to be the



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beautiful young women He created them to be!

This Saturday, we will hold our 2nd Party in the Park! Pray that more kids would come and that God would use us to bring His love, hope, and blessing to these kids who need Him more than ever during these challenging days!

Steve and I thank you for your love, prayers, and financial support that enable us to spread God’s love to kids in our neighborhood and to their families. We also are continuing to help send out interns and new staff around the world through our sending ministries. Please let us know if you have any prayer requests or needs. We love to pray for you and we praise God for you!

With love in Jesus, Steve & Rochelle