

COC, A YEAR IN REVIEW

Testimonies from July '22 to July '23

“The Firsts”

Back in July 2022, Pastor Tim shared a testimony of sharing between the kids while on an outing. He also remarked on how some of the kids were getting to do and try new things for the first time: “It’s the first time they heard the Gospel message, and the first time they got to go somewhere like the movies, a water park, the Zoo, or anywhere outside of the very dangerous neighborhoods they live in. COC provides “firsts”. The best “first” we provide is mirroring Jesus and giving the hope of Christ!”

“Two Brothers”

In August, Pastor Tim got to treat two brothers to the treasure Island Fun Center, Josiah and Jawshawn, for their dedication to the COC program. “We had a real conversation about issues in their neighborhood. We discussed how getting involved with drugs and gangs in the area would be tremendously detrimental to their dreams: Josiah wants to be a NBA Basketball Player and Jashawn wants to sing and give his gift to so many. I was blessed to have this one on one time with them because of your generosity to give through this newsletter.”



Great Things...

“The LORD has done great things for us, And we are glad.”

Psalm 126:3

Now that we are in our quieter summer months, we’d like to take the opportunity to remember and celebrate all that God has done at COC over this past year. We witnessed so many testimonies and moments of growth in our children as well as our volunteer families. We’ve highlighted some very memorable experiences of how God worked in our kids and their families over this past year. This was all made possible because of the funding provided by our donors: YOU! Please accept our heartfelt thanks for all you have done to fund this ministry. God bless. - The Team @ COC



“A Satisfied Mother”

In May, Pastor Tim received a letter from one of our COC mom's Koesha, who wanted to extend her thanks on how COC had positively impacted her children, from the fun they had, to the friends they made. At the end of her letter she remarked: “I pray that God continues to bless this Ministry – it is truly making a difference in the lives of our youth.”

“Feeding the Homeless”

On the way home after COC Saturday early this year, Benicio asked if he could give the left over meals that we prepare for the kids to some homeless people he knew of nearby his neighborhood. After dropping off the rest of the kids, he and Brian brought the food to two different people and prayed with them. Wow, is all I can say to that. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.” These are our children.

“Saying Goodbye”

We lost a very special person last year and we'd like to remember him and all the love he poured out every Saturday and beyond at COC. Our kids loved him and he was such an incredible mentor and friend. We had to say good bye for now, but as brothers and sisters in Christ, we know it is just a “see you later”. We love and miss you, Rob. Thank you for all of your service in the kingdom of God.

“A Family Growing in the Lord”

Lucius, Junah, and their mom Lauren joined COC over a year and a half ago. It started with Lucius, then his brother, and eventually their mom who would volunteer. In November we celebrated the boys birthdays at COC. It was a lot of fun for everyone. The family now attends Pastor Tim's Church, the House of Hope, and we have been able to witness continued growth in these two boys as well as their wonderful mom.



“Helping Hands”

In December, a group of our kids helped out at our fundraising event banquet. They recited Bible verses and one of our boys sang a song. Afterwards, all of the kids helped clear all of the tables and clean up all of the plates, silverware, etc. without being asked: an inspiring display of servanthood.

Please help us keep this ministry going in the new school year. We can't wait to continue to partner with you to see so many more ways that God will impact and change the lives of our children and their families.

Contact Pastor Tim Marshick to see how you can help with this ministry!

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