



What's Happening @ COC

“Let us acknowledge the LORD; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth.” Hosea 6:3

February concluded with a great time at Largo Park with the kids. The weather was beautiful and it was great to enjoy fun, food, and games outside together. Everyone had a wonderful time, and we had quite a few new children join us! Please enjoy the photos from our gathering.



It's the little things...

“I was working in the kitchen a couple of Saturdays ago with one of our great volunteers, Pam, from House of Hope. Sophia, who has been coming to COC for a little under a year always wants to help me prepare to-go meals. She is one of the most well behaved and sweetest girls and always looks out for my little five year old daughter, Coraline, when we're at COC. This week little J.J. and her friend also came in asking if they could help. They are probably



around ages 7 and 8. I tasked Sophia, to delegate the distribution of ketchup packets to the little ones and they all helped to fill our 34 to-go meals together. Afterwards, Sophia took it upon herself to bring the ketchup box back to dry storage. Earlier, my husband Matt and I had found J.J. and her friend sitting in the corner looking sad. We asked them what was going on and they said some other girls had been saying mean things to them while on the bus. Matt talked with them about what happened and encouraged them both that we all at COC love them and are here for them. Later these little ladies came to help me in the kitchen and made us both bracelets during craft time. At the end of our morning together, Pastor Tim spoke about what it really means to have Jesus as our ultimate friend and how we may receive salvation through Him.



Many years ago, I prayed about what my place and passion should be in the kingdom of God. Over and over again God impressed on my heart concerning “the little things”. Every act of love along the way, whether large or small, waters, nurtures, and cultivates those seeds in each heart, that only God can make grow. We are the gardeners in God’s kingdom garden. COC is a patch in that garden, and every little act like the events today is an opportunity to water, and cultivate those precious young lives in his garden. That is what we are doing at COC. That is what you are doing every time you sew finances into this ministry to keep it going. By showing these children who Jesus is every time we meet with them on Saturdays, they will remember when they become adults. And they will know who He is and how much He loves them. Please help us keep this vital ministry going. You all are an essential part: your prayers, your support, your donations. We truly thank you for being our partners in God’s garden.” w/ Love, Tara (COC Volunteer).



The fields are ripe for harvest...

“There are still four months, and then comes the harvest”? Behold, I tell you, raise your eyes and observe the fields, that they are white for harvest.” John 4:35

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