



Summer Highlights...

Hello! This season of summer has been fast, furious, full and fun. I want to share a few highlights and then ask you to PRAY! We head off to high school summer camp tomorrow and I feel your prayers are essential.

The first high light came late in May when we baptized 5 of our youth. It was an amazing day. Four neighborhood teens and one young adult stood and publicly confessed their desire to follow Jesus. We held the baptism in the backyard where we hold our Teen Night with the hopes of encouraging the families of these youth as well as other teens to come. It was an amazing service. As we worshiped I recalled how earlier in the spring we had 2 homicides just a few houses down on this very street. I felt like these baptisms were a prophetic cry out to the unseen world that satan does not win and will not have the final word. In Christ we do stand on the side of victory! It was really a day of celebration and joy for me.

Maria graduated!! Maria completed all of her high school requirements and was able to walk through a summer graduation. It was a joy to see her cross the stage in her cap and gown. Maria has been an example of perseverance to me and so admire the way she has kept focus to achieve her goals. I think a lot of other people would have easily quit. She will continue to live with me and plans to attend Fresno City College in the fall with the hopes of becoming a Vet Tech. Please continue to pray that she will flourish in the Lord and succeed in her studies.

This past month I have had 7 high school students enter a leadership internship program that I lead. We did so much! We studied Ephesians, had special speakers come in and talk with us about growing up around violence, conflict resolution, and academic success. We prayed, went swimming, did work projects and raised money to go to summer camp. I was exhausted most of the month, but it was so good to see the commitment of these students and keep them connected to God's word and each other over the summer.

Tomorrow (Sunday), ten of us will head off to Summer Camp. I would really value your prayers. The theme this year is "Rooted." Please pray that the roots of these students would grow deeper still, they would learn how to stand strong in the midst of temptation and grow to bear much fruit. Please pray for me. I woke up this morning a bit congested and with a sore throat. I don't want to miss anything God has for us. I don't want the students to miss anything that God has for them. Your prayers are so essential. Would you commit yourself to praying for us over the next 6 days. That would really make my heart so happy!

Thanks so much for your partnership in ministry, your friendship and love. I would not be able to do this alone and am grateful beyond words for you.

With love,
Nancy

P.S. Pictures from left to right: Matt Ford and I assisting in Deena's baptism; Maria and I at her graduation this week; our high school leadership interns.