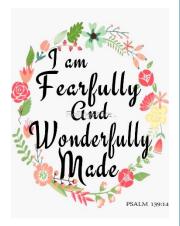
## <u>GNC & JYC Praise and Prayer Report</u> <u>Ventura County</u>

Weeks of March 17 – March 24, 2025





# TUESDAY

## Banyan Elementary

#### March 18

Attendance: 8 New: 0 Salvation: 0

It was our review lesson regarding the promised land we enjoyed more singing Reading our Bible, artwork etc. A very fun time in the Lord. To God be the Glory. Please pray for good behavior during club.

## March 25

Attendance: 11 New: 0 Salvation: 0 Will update when receive report **Cindy, Jennifer, Deniece, Kathy** 

## Las Posas Elementary

#### March 18

Attendance: 15 New: 0 Salvation: 0

The students really enjoyed "marching around Jericho" and hearing the tones of the real ram's horn. They identified with the story of Rehab as she trusted God to save her and her family. Most worked hard to memorize Proverbs 3:5&6. The weather was great for the club. Thanks for your prayers. : Please continue to pray that our Tuesday afternoon weather will be comfortable and safe for our outdoor club meetings. Also, pray that our students will apply the Scriptures that they are learning to their daily lives and relationships.

## March 25

Attendance: 9 New: 0 Salvation: 0

The kids loved meeting outdoors this week where they could enjoy lively games and refreshing sunshine. Several students came prepared to share the recent memory versus. They especially appreciate Proverbs 3:5&6. Thank our Lord for the continued good weather on Tuesday afternoons and for students who are curious and full of energy.

Dan S., Kristen A., Maria P., Robin N.,

# Montalvo Elementary

March 11 Attendance: 5 New: 0 Salvation: 1 Will update when we receive the report Debra, Kay, Liz

# Sycamore Elementary

## February 25

Attendance: 8 New: 0 Salvation: 0

Eight excited kids came to GNC today! One of the moms has been bringing her son to GNC since January. She sits in the back and listens during the club. One of the teachers was talking with her this

week and throughout the conversation, the teacher learned that the mom does not go to church. She and her husband are separated, and it is her husband who takes their son to church. She said that she hasn't yet decided to follow Jesus. She is still learning more. She said that GNC is where she is learning more about the Bible. Please pray for this mom as she comes to GNC every week. Pray that the Lord will touch her heart.

#### March 4

Attendance: 5 New: 0 Salvation: 0

We only had a few children today, but it was such a wonderful class! They were all very engaged during all the teaching times. During the Gospel spotlight, the teacher asked what sin does to us (getting to the point that sin separates us from God). One boy raised his hand and said, "Sin spreads". What a great insight for a 7-year-old! He understands the concept that sin not only affects you, but everyone around you too. The children learned about how God used Judges to rescue the Israelites from their enemies and how God also has the power to give them victory over sin in their life. Many children have not been at club for several weeks due to sickness, sports, or other after school activities that started. Pray that they will want to come back to GNC!

#### <u>March 11</u>

Attendance: 5 New: 0 Salvation: 0

The kids had a great time acting out several parts in the story of Gideon such as pretending to go to the river to drink water and see who God would choose to be part of the army and surrounding the Midianites at night blowing their trumpets and smashing their pretend jars. It was great fun! Most importantly, they learned that God could use them! Even when they feel that God wants them to do something that is too hard for them, they can trust God to help them do it. Please continue to pray for increased attendance.

Lynn J., Olu & Deanna A., Deanna R., & Liz



## **WEDNESDAY**

# Berylwood Elementary

#### March 12

Attendance: 39 New: 0 Salvation: 0

This week we began with lesson 3, Rahab and the two spies. They learned how God used this special woman to help fulfill his purpose. It was a rainy day, but we still had fun playing some games and dancing to worship songs, we also made a craft based on today's lesson. Please keep Mr. and Mrs. Cruz in your prayers.

#### <u>March 19</u>

Attendance: 8 New: 0 Salvation: 0

Today we began with lesson 1. The children learned about God's faithfulness even after the Israelites doubted him when going to the promise land. We sang Happy birthday to Mr. H. And had a great time doing some wordless book bracelets to remind them of the unfailing love Jesus has for us. Please keep praying for Mr. and Mrs. Cruz. They are going through difficult times. Also, keep praying for Berylwood's volunteers so our club meetings can run smoothly until they return.

#### Mrs. V., Mrs. Liz, Mr. & Mrs. Cruz, & Mr. Gabriel

## Lang Ranch Elementary

#### March 19

Attendance: 9 New: 0 Salvation: 0

The children had fun at our end of session party. They dressed up in red capes and taped on the back of their capes were their names written with colored pencils and bling. They also wore paper goggles that they made and decorated. We heard lots of the children's laughter which added to the festivities. Please pray that the children form a close bond while learning the scriptures and that they internalize the lessons of the Good News Club and remember them throughout their journey in life. **March 26** 

Attendance: 13 New: 1 Salvation: 0

We are increasing in size, now 13 students! Today we had 2 children that were absent for a few classes in return plus another new student, Zoey! Maeve has been a leader in terms to bringing in new students in general and Zoey was led to the class by both Maeve and Giulia. They share the spirit of the Good News Club to their classmates and that is awesome! Beth came to the conclusion that the children needed more individual attention because every week, after the Invitation several children would raise their hand to talk to her, however most of them just wanted to talk about whatever was on their mind. This would create a gap where a good portion of the students would be outside with her and the rest of the class inside. It was becoming a disruption to the schedule. Next week we are going to try something new at the beginning of the class during snack time to put them into small groups with us each at a different table and ask them about their blessings and trials, what prayers do they need, etc. Pray that our new approach satisfies their need for individual connection, so they don't feel the need to rush out of the class after the invitation just to be heard. **Beth B., Grace M., Alice E., & Donna S.** 

## LifeWay Learning Center – (K-5<sup>th</sup>)

#### March 26

Attendance: 8 New: 0 Salvation: 0

This week most of the children came prepared to recite all the verses in the Canaan unit to earn a Big Prize. (Everyone gets to choose a prize, but those who needed the least help in reciting the verses get to choose their prize first.) During the Bible lesson the children enjoyed taking turns participating in a couple skits and reading scripture. Please pray the children attend regularly through the rest of the year, and that they will all truly understand the Gospel.

Karen T., Pam T., Diane S., Carolyn B., Nancy K., Debbie J.



#### Mira Monte Elementary March 12

Attendance: 12 New: 0 Salvation: 0

The group did an excellent job in answering all the questions during the review game following the lesson about Ruth, Naomi and Boaz, their Kinsman Redeemer. They understood that Jesus is our

Redeemer. Please pray that those students who used to attend club regularly will all return. March 19

Attendance: 13 Salvation: 12 New: 0

This group of Good News Club students really enjoy the Review game each week. The leaders choose, sometimes funny, team names that relate to the lesson. This week the teams were the Prophets and the Donkeys. Guess which the kids all wanted to be? Yes, the Donkeys. They have a good healthy competition and cheer each other on. The members of the winning team each receive a small prize. Please pray with us that this group all have clear understanding of each lesson presented. Thank you so much for your prayers.

Janet A., Diane S, Tim & Nancy K.

# Somis School

#### March 19

Attendance: 12 New: 0 Salvation: 0

We finished up "God's faithfulness - Return to Canaan," and eleven children got prizes for perfect attendance during the unit. Seven more got prizes for learning all the memory verses. Several children expressed interest in being a missionary when they grow up! Please pray for two of our boys who were extremely dedicated and on fire for Jesus last year, but this year seem very different and have sporadic attendance.

Nancy R., Joy F., Danielle H., Jane B., & Ron B

## THURSDAY

## Portola Elementary

#### March 6

Attendance: 9 Salvation: 0 New: 0

Last week for teacher Liz who will be having a medical procedure. Please pray for her through surgery and recovery.

## March 20

Attendance: 11 New: 0 Salvation: 0

The Children were concerned about Teacher Liz being gone and wanted to pray for her. The ending of the Mission Story brought about spontaneous clapping.

Liz, Mary, & Nancy

## **PVSEA Elementary**

#### March 20

Attendance: 5 New: 0 Salvation: 0

The kids enjoyed playing tag before we began. They listened so well and were encouraged to seek to please the Lord whose way is best! We combined lessons 1 and 2 since we haven't been able to meet for 2 weeks due to cold/windy weather. Please pray for their daily walks with the Lord to grow. March 27

Attendance: 0 New: 0 Salvation: 0 Club canceled due to the cold since we meet outside Anita C, & Kristen A.

#### Topa Topa Elementary March 20

Attendance: 5 New: 0 Salvation: 0

Three students returned their quiet time sheets - a first this year! We are overjoyed that these students encouraged one another and were excited to have completed them. One student attending an AWANA club has been eager to recite verses she's memorized, in addition to the ones in our

series. The prize box was a big hit this week for student growth in the Word, as were teacher Deborah's snack items. Please pray Liam remembers to come to club on Thursdays; Ella's brother's foot heals from surgery following an accident in his welding class; the two students who attended once will return; our club will grow; for the protection of all the students and their families at Topa from evil and that the Satan club will come to an end.

#### March 27

Attendance: 3 New: 0 Salvation: 0 Will update when receive the report. Darian O., Laura M., & Debbie H.





## Westlake Hills Elementary

#### March 13

Attendance: 14 New: 0 Salvation: 0

Our older students are growing as servant leaders. They help us with getting kids their name tags and snacks. They also help kids that need support to be able to answer questions when we play games. Please pray that The Holy Spirit would bring spiritual insight and understanding to all.

#### March 20

Salvation: 0 Attendance: 18 New: 0

We had fun with children answering review questions and receiving a sticky hand which they got to use in small groups. Everyone was flinging their sticky hands to try to catch a coin on a table. Please pray for Lia's heart to be softened, for Rusty to be drawn close to Jesus, for Logan and Lucas to return to GNC, and for Oliver and Nere to attend for the first time. Please pray for our Easter plans and party. Thank you!

Denise W., Cynthia W., Greg M., Christi W., Erica J., Dana S.

## Wildwood Elementary

#### March 13

The kids loved the review game, making the teacher dress up in clothes as they answer questions. Please pray for students to invite their friends.

Ron G., Sue M., Susan L., Wendy K.,

## **FRIDAY**

## **ATLAS Elementary**

#### <u> March 21</u>

Attendance: 11 New: 1 Salvation: 4

Two children recited their verse, even after not being here last week as the school was having parent/teacher conferences. Our time of prayer requests was wonderful to get a connection of what concerns them and bring it before the Lord together. They listened so well to the true story about Gideon who felt insecure about such great task before him but learned to trust in God's mighty power and watch Him do amazing things. Please pray for the children's faith to be deeply rooted and that their personal relationship with Christ will grow strong.

#### February 28

Attendance: 11 New: 0 Salvation: 7

Seven children recited their verse! A few kids that we haven't seen in a few weeks came back! After enjoying a game, songs, word up, and memory verse, they listened so well to the Bible lesson on Rahab and the Lord bringing down the walls of Jericho. Everyone loved our memory verse (Prov 3:5,6) reminding us to always turn to the Lord instead of leaving Him out. 7 children expressed that they wanted to dedicate their lives to living for the Lord!!! Rejoicing in seeing the spiritual growth of many children and praying that they will stand strong against the evil one.

Diane M., Ellie A., & Anita C, Jana N.

## Villa Palazzo

#### March 21

Attendance: 8 New: 0 Salvation: 0

We had our grocery bags giveaway. It was a blessing to see the kids take the goodies home to their families and feel proud about helping their families out. Please pray for blessings on the families struggling in the complex

#### March 28

#### Attendance: 10 New: 2 Salvation: 0

One teacher made the memory verse in English and Spanish. Hopefully we will get more kids reciting it as we just had 2 memorize it. We are blessed with a teacher who volunteered to be an interpreter but unfortunately, she got sick and couldn't attend our club. We prayed for her with the kids, and we wish her a speedy recovery! Always something happening on this walk, huh?! God is good all the time! The families in the complex face difficulties every day - bless them and pray they encourage their children to come and hear the Good News!

Georgia V., Mary C., Joy,. Caroline D., & Marcy



# **MONDAY**

JYC at Royal High SchoolFebruary 24Attendance: 8New: 0Salvation: 0

The students were so excited to have the teacher back at the club today. One of the students said that they have missed the teacher because of his teachings when the teacher asked what they have been learning one student had shared that he has been helping to lead the club and that his dad who is a pastor has come as a guest speaker twice. The teacher started the teaching looking into the miracle of Jesus feeding the 5 thousand.

#### March 3

Attendance: 0 New: 0 Salvation: 0 No club because of the short day of school. **Olu.** 

# **TUESDAY**

## Hillside Middle School JYC

#### February 25

Attendance: 54 New: 3 Salvation: 0

What an exciting day at JYC at the Hillside. The students were taught a lesson on humility and what it means to love other people like they love themselves. The teacher shared the greatest commandment found in Matthew 22:37-39 helping children to understand what it means to love the Lord with all their heart and with all their soul and with all their minds and to love others as they love themselves.

## March 4

#### Attendance: 48 New: 0 Salvation: 0

We continued our study on humility and today several of the kids requested pray one of them said that she was annoyed because her history teacher gave a false lecture about her religion. When the teacher asked what it was, she shared that she is a moment, and that the teacher had shared wrong information about a leader at her church. Another student asked that we pray for her because she is feeling stressed with multiple homework and rehearsal that she must prepare for. Please keep all the students up in your prayers.

#### Olu A. & Teacher Maureen

# WEDNESDAY

## LifeWay Learning Center – JYC

## March 5

Attendance: 3 New: 1 Salvation: 0 We had two boys attend JYC today. They all had a good day at the club. Please pray that they will invite their friends, and more students will join JYC.

Pam T. & Karen T.



# **FRIDAY**

## Villa Palazzo JYC

January 24 Reports will be added once we receive the report. Harold S.

#### Lighthouse Rescue Mission March 3

Attendance: 18 New: 6 Salvation: 13

The kids and their parents were super excited to have us back for GNC at the Lighthouse Rescue Mission. A total of 18 kids and adults attended the club. The families were served pizza for dinner. The students learned about the man named Naman and who God healed him. Gods Way is The Only Way was emphasized throughout the club time. It is amazing to see that the parents were into the lesson as much as the kids were. Please continue to pray



for these women and their children as they go through the program and that they will eventually prioritize caring for themselves and their children more over than any situation they are in.