



Healing Nations November & December 2018

Upcoming Events

January 11-12, 2019

Aglow International Prayer

Explosion Conference:

We are serving 200 meals both days as a fundraiser

Prayer Needs:

HN students to grow in knowledge, faith and trust of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our finances to meet needs as we trust God's provision in 2019

Three siblings students to be reunited with their brother and permanently placed in foster/adopt.

Wisdom, unity and strength for the HN team as we move forward.

God's peace, joy and contentment in all things.

November and December were busy months that left us all a bit tired and totally blessed. We enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner together. December began with an Aglow International lunch fundraiser in which we served 60 meals, then our Christmas program for the parents, next was the Burlington Coat Factory Shopping Spree and lastly our Christmas party.

For Christmas we took the students on a shopping spree at Burlington Coat Factory. Each student had \$70.00 to spend as they wish. Our hearts were warmed as we watched students choosing items not only for themselves, but for family members also...even buying wrapping paper to dress up their gifts. The day brought huge smiles and tears of joy. The manager of Burlington Coat Factory was moved to tears at one point. Many thanks to all who support Healing Nations and made Christmas memorable for the students.

Our Christmas Party was filled with cookies, fun, games, prizes and worship.

Our Christmas program was minimal in terms of what most would expect, yet we were truly blessed. Thank you Lani for teaching a delightful dance and giving us a glorious Christmas memory. We are now on Christmas break until 1/16/19.

We are still in the rebuilding mode and confident of God's leading. Please pray for our student's hearts to grow in a loving relationship with Jesus Christ and our finances to meet needs.

In God's joy,

Bill Kearney

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2018 Year in Review—Wow, how quickly time passes. There's only one thing more precious than our time and that's who we spend it on.

After a year-long break in 2017, we started CrossTracks (the Wednesday night program) back up 1/17/18. Our first Wednesday meeting, we had 8 students. Today we average 24 and over 30 with the leaders. Wednesday night is our emphasis and we are blessed to have 8-10 volunteer leaders attending every Week.

As I reflect back over the year, I am humbled and encouraged. Below is a snapshot of 2018...

- 1,197 meals served at our weekly program. (Natalie's macho Nachos are still the favorite).
- 3 Students and 3 leaders attended a mission trip to Navajo Christian Foundation in Dilkon, AZ.
- The summer was filled with swim parties, ice cream and special times together.
- We were able to develop the start of a youth worship team.
- 5 of our students became homeless when the house they lived in was sold. A family of 6 (living in a single wider mobile home) took them in and now 2 students from that family are attending CrossTracks. Thankfully they were able to secure housing after 3 months.
- Several students accepted / rededicated their lives to Christ.
- The ladies and girls enjoyed a delightful tea party.
- We were blessed to have a couple interns from the Family Justice Center working with the young students every Wednesday for a three months. Thank You Cindy!
- We have the most amazing, faithful, loving volunteers!
- We spent 9 weeks on Ephesians 6 and was blessed to have a student on the mission trip build a set of armor and share a short devotion on Ephesians 6.
- We took 28 students on a shopping spree at Burlington Coat Factory in Modesto.
- We enjoyed a fulfilled Christmas party together and are anxiously looking forward to what God has planned for 2019.

And for myself, after 30 plus years in youth ministry I still find I'm learning daily and challenged often. More over, I am encouraged as I watch God work in the lives of these students.

As we begin the new year, I am confident we are on the right track. Our leaders are amazing and work together unbelievably well. We are a family and ready for the next level.