



What could get several Good News Boys Home Academy students up at the crack of dawn several days each week?

Fishing? Video games? Chores that earn them points toward more privileges? No. Try a Bible study.

For the last few weeks three boys, along with other students who join in on occasion, gather at 6:45 a.m. most weekday mornings to share what they've been reading in God's Word. And here's the kicker: They aren't prompted to do it by Boys Home staff. The meetings are student-initiated and led.

The group began meeting before breakfast this past December in the fireside room of our lodge. What started as a couple of impromptu discussions turned into what can best be described as a small group study. "We get together and all read a separate passage from the Bible and then talk about it and what it meant to us," said Taj, an Academy junior who soon will turn 17. "We talk about how (the passage) helped us, how the verses spoke to us and how it can help others and stuff like that."

The studies aren't planned ahead of time and follow no specific pattern or length.

Most meetings vary from 15 minutes to half an hour and include a time of prayer. Discussions have focused on Joshua, Psalms, Proverbs, Romans, I Corinthians, Ephesians, Colossians and I Peter, among others. Chance, age 14 and a freshman, led a discussion on Revelation. "I've also started to read more from Genesis about creation and learning how to be more Christ-like," Chance said.

The three boys had a rudimentary knowledge of God and the Bible before they arrived at the Boys Home. Once enrolled at the Academy all three trusted Christ for salvation and were baptized. The morning studies are another step in their spiritual growth.



"(The studies) are really good, because you get different people's perspectives on verses," said Lucas, 14 and a freshman. "I've learned that some people have breakdowns and need help focusing on God and understanding the Bible."

Another positive to come from the group is accountability. "Before our Bible study I normally would have issues with Taj or one of the other students, but now this study has brought us closer together and we have less problems," Chance said. "It makes our days better and helps us think: 'Is the thing we're about to do something God would want us to do?'"

"The Bible study has brought us together as brothers in Christ and as family," said Lucas, building on what Chance said.

Taj said he's more sympathetic toward his fellow Academy classmates because of what he's learning at group meetings. "I've gotten to know these guys better," he said. "We're all working to help each other through problems and situations and

things we need to work on. I've come to love these boys like they are my brothers -
- like they are my family."

To paraphrase an old saying, the family that prays -- and studies the Bible --
together, stays together.

So Much the Better



Roberto came to the United States about 20 years ago to, in his words, "try a better life." In every way he found that better life after emigrating from Mexico. Every way except one: health coverage.

"I am forklift driver at warehouse. I have no insurance," Roberto said, apologizing for his

broken English. But several months ago, he was blessed to learn about the Good News Health Clinic. “A friend talked to my wife, and my wife come over here,” Roberto said. Seeing how well she was cared for; Roberto scheduled his first Clinic appointment this past June. He lives about 17 minutes from Good News.

Roberto moved to the U.S. from Mexico City. While Mexico’s capital offers much in the way of employment opportunities, culture and entertainment, it does not offer the same standard of living as the U.S. Seeking a brighter future, Roberto and his family headed north to America. A new place to call home, a higher wage and citizenship secured, the Good News Health Clinic was the final piece in Roberto’s immigration puzzle.

At age 52, Roberto deals with moderate health problems. Like his wife Ester, Roberto’s blood pressure is higher than it should be and he occasionally experiences dizzy spells. During a recent appointment a volunteer nurse administered a blood pressure screening and encouraged Roberto to drink more water and become more active to improve his health. Through a volunteer interpreter the nurse asked Roberto if he gets regular exercise.

“No mucho [Not much],” Roberto replied, vowing to make changes.

Roberto said he likes the Clinic staff and how it serves people of all ethnicities. “They are very kind and they take care of me,” he said. Without it, he added, “we would have to search some places” for primary care, spending perhaps thousands of dollars each year. At the Clinic he and his family receive care and medicines at no charge.

Because of Good News the “better life” Roberto sought in America is even better than he imagined.





If The Verse Fits, Wear It

Julius has God's Word hidden in his heart. He's also got it wrapped in a plastic shopping bag inside his shirt. Scripture passages and sermon notes from Good News Men's Shelter chapel services and Bible studies are scribbled on small sheets of paper and tucked inside makeshift paper towel envelopes. The unique filing system creates a bulge in Julius' jacket. "I look like a kangaroo," he joked.

Julius' command of the Bible is no joke. During a half-hour interview he quoted verses from Proverbs, Matthew, Acts, Romans and II Timothy. He recited Psalm 23 word perfect with no pauses. "I know some Bible verses. I wish I knew more," Julius said.

Julius has been a Men's Shelter resident since Christmas Eve 2013. How he came to make Good News his home is a story common to many of the homeless men living under our roof, but with a twist. Julius fell into a life of alcohol and violent behavior. He was

involved in three knock-down-drag-out fights, one of which he struggles to remember fully.

Something had to change. Julius began attending church at his mother's insistence and even was briefly enrolled in seminary. He was starting to get his life in order when he nearly was killed by an unusual source. One day in late 2013 Julius was sitting in his living room when he heard a loud noise. The sound came from the furnace. A repairman was called and diagnosed the problem: a major gas leak.

"He said we better get out of here because this house is about to blow up," Julius said. Minutes after walking outside he began to feel nauseous. A neighbor called an ambulance and Julius was transported to a hospital where he spent two weeks recovering from carbon monoxide poisoning -- a potentially lethal condition.

By Christmas Eve he was well enough to go home, except his house was still uninhabitable. At the suggestion of a hospital staffer, Julius came to Good News. After a chapel service one summer night he realized he'd never accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior. A Good News counselor led him to the Lord.

Today, at 73, the retired autoworker is joyously saved. He serves other shelter residents by driving them to doctor's appointments and the hospital. "My spiritual life has grown," Julius said. "This ministry means a whole lot to me. I'm really into Bible study and chapel." And the Bible is really in -- and on -- Julius.



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