

MEDINA NEWS: DEBATE by Tim VanArsdale

Jeff Brianas, our Tuesday night volunteer, whipped together a hearty pan of beef Ramen noodles for some kids at the café while I chatted with them.

“Did any of you go to a VBS program this summer?” I asked.

“I did,” said one boy.

“Really, where was it?”

“At this church by my house,” he said, sipping noodles off a fork.

“What did you learn at VBS?”

“I learned about how Jesus floated down a river,” the boy said, shoveling another forkful of noodles into his mouth.

“You mean when Jesus was in a boat on the sea?” I asked.

“No,” said the boy, gargling a mouthful of Ramen. “It was when he was put in a basket and sent down the river.”

Jeff joined the conversation, “You mean Moses.”

“No,” the boy answered. “It was Jesus. He was trying to escape from Pharaoh ‘cause he was trying to kill all the boys.”

At this point, I was just listening in trying to piece the conversation together.

“That wasn’t Jesus,” replied Jeff. “You’re talking about Moses.

Moses was the one who was sent down a river in a basket.”

“No!” the boy insisted. “It wasn’t Moses. It was Jesus.”

Suddenly, the boy’s friend joined the conversation. He was in agreement with his buddy and with great confidence yelled, “Yeah-huh, it was Jesus! Moses built the ark.”

Jeff and I looked at each other with a pair of perfectly synchronized smiles and head shakes. If the Olympic Games had a synchronized smiling event, we would’ve won a Gold Medal. We both decided to concede this historical Christianity debate realizing that trying to convince them just wasn’t going to work.

Jeff and I laughed at this encounter. But I can tell you that deep within our hearts, we are thankful for opportunities like this to talk with young people about Jesus.

YOU’VE GOT SPAM!



Tim Van Arsdale had the special privilege of writing and publishing a book filled with stories of God’s work at the Medina café. The title of the book is: *You’ve Got Spam!* a refreshing collection of e-mails regarding mercy ministry.

You’ve Got Spam! is a collection of 37 e-mails Tim has sent to inform supporter’s of all God is doing. He’s also included NEW e-mails along with some of the positive and interesting replies from volunteers, donors, and people on the e-news list. You’ll find the stories inspirational and encouraging. They’ll strengthen your faith in God.

To read a free excerpt from the book and learn how to purchase a copy, visitwww.youvegotspam.info



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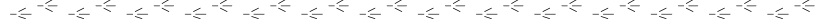
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Prayer Request

Name _____ Date _____
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Please Call _____ / Best Time To Call _____ No Phone Call Necessary _____
My Prayer Request _____



We have begun a new Prayer Box ministry. The Prayer Box is located within the Norton Café and is there for your use any time you would like others to intercede for special requests or share praise reports. It's a fact that some people aren't ready to talk openly about problems they are facing, but may be willing to write them down.

We encourage your use of this Prayer Box Ministry as a way of making known your requests so we might bear one another's burdens or give praise to the Lord.

1 Peter 2:9 says, "But you [are] a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;"

Daily, the Prayer Box will be opened and a group of believers will gather together to pray for your requests. Under the tables there is a printed copy of prayer requests without the names of the person making the request. This will create opportunities for our volunteers and patrons to talk about the importance of prayer in the context of waiting for answers to prayer.

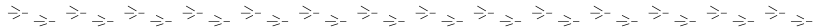
The actual prayer requests with names will remain in the Cafe offices and will be viewed only by Café volunteers within the prayer group. We will also be posting the requests on the Café website so that believers from our Medina location can add their requests and join with us.

We would like to offer our newsletter readers the opportunity to participate with us in this Prayer Box Ministry. For your convenience, we have formatted the reverse side for your requests.

Please use this Prayer Box Ministry as a means of increasing your prayer life, uplifting other believers and allowing others to become a more vital part of your life. Be as specific in your prayer requests as you can be without violating Biblical precepts concerning confidentiality and propriety.

Lastly, please let us know when your particular prayer requests have been answered. This will help all of us when we are thanking God for His mercy and faithfulness.

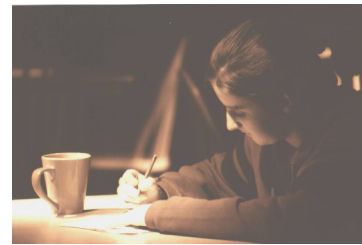
"Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;..." (I Samuel 12:23)



The author of the Spell to Write and Read Program, Wanda Sanseri, stated, "With the most highly funded educational system in the world, we assume everyone can read. We find it hard to believe that 30% of high school graduates cannot read the warning on a can of Drano®, fill out a job application, interpret a bus schedule, or decipher the menu in a restaurant." I was personally stunned by this figure! That means, essentially, 1 out of every 3 –4 students!

Since our main mission here at the Café is to serve young people and enable them to come to a saving knowledge of our LORD and Savior, Jesus Christ, addressing this need is imperative. A person cannot grow much in a relationship with God if they cannot read His Word. Writing to the saints in Rome, the apostle Paul said, "So then faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God." Romans 10:17

I have been asked by many parents if their children can be helped with their spelling and comprehensive struggles. They often express their frustration with the hours of extra assignments and reading that have produced little to no improvement in ability. They are willing to devote the time and energy to help their student succeed but do not know the tool that will unlock their child's mind.



Those who have taught Spell to Write and Read (SWR) testify to the improvement of spelling, vocabulary development and reading comprehension of all students, across the board. SWR simply helps the student master 70 Phonograms (units of sound in our language) and 29 rules to analyze around 3, 000 English words. This finite amount of material unlocks mastery of the English language for 93% - 98% of frequently used words.

A person who cannot read well suffers a type of bondage unfamiliar to those of us who can. It is similar, however, to the type of spiritual bondage that is experienced by one who does not know Christ. They cannot see or hear it. But they can feel it! Join us in the mission that Jesus came for, to set the captive free!

Parent Orientation and Student Diagnostic Testing
Monday September 22nd ; 4-7 PM
Norton Café 4111 Upper Room
\$50 Registration Fee (Includes materials)
Call Lee for more information at 330-706-0085.



A Garden of the Gods visit was the beginning of an amazing week in Colorado this summer where I was training to be a facilitator for Life Skills International.

It's surprising though how much I was thinking of home. Important topics like "The need for Positive statements" and "Life Commandments parents give and their

effects" had me thinking of my own kids and the Café kids. I'm determined to make sure I am more encouraging and uplifting to the young people as the new school year starts. I hope I can even engage them to think about statements their parents made when they were younger and help them evaluate whether they are true. I know I am being more careful with blanket statements like "Who said life is fair?" that's very negative and I never thought about it.

So hope you'll make the Cafes one of your watering holes, we love to have you visit, serve you a cup of "Joe" or some blue Kool Aid and lots of encouraging words! You have been very encouraging to us and we appreciate it. Thanks, Janis

SOUP NEEDED

As the Norton Café re-opens this Fall, we are in need of homemade soups.

Our Volunteers and Donors in the past have been tremendous in this department, and we again look forward to your continuing participation.

Some popular soups we use on a weekly basis include: **Chili, broccoli cheese, chicken noodle, vegetable beef,, cheeseburger, taco soup, minestrone, and beef & noodle.**

Please contact us if you will assist us with a weekly or monthly soup donation or with other needed items.

Your donations are deeply appreciated, so please accept our heart-felt "Thank You" in advance.

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