



Dear Family and Friends,

July 2022

Thank you for your prayers for "Jon." He remains at the JDC facility, and he continues to join us for our weekly Bible teaching time. He is still quiet and respectful while keeping great eye contact. *PLEASE keep Jon in your prayers!*

"Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving..." Colossians 4:2

It continues to be difficult getting teens involved with **Fishing with L.I.F.T.** The mentors are amazing!!! They have been such an encouragement and remain supportive of the mission of sharing our faith in Jesus Christ. God has blessed YFC/JJM with patience and faithful men. This, too, *needs prayer as we need wisdom on that next step.*

Because of Fishing with L.I.F.T., a female, **"Kim,"** has become a mentee. She could write a book at the age of sixteen because of her difficult life experiences. I will spare you the details, BUT *she needs and wants your prayers.*

"...in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and confident access through faith in Him."
Ephesians 3:11b-12

Four years ago, I first met Kim through a church event because one of our mentors brought her and the brother. Little did the mentor and I know that this would circle around for Kim (and brother) to be a referral for the Fishing club. Because of our history with them, this allowed both to be very comfortable with us.

Prayer:

"Jon" will continue to join JDC Bible lessons and his heart will be open to Jesus.

Discernment for Fishing with L.I.F.T.

"Kim" will continue to seek God's guidance, follow through with meeting, and follow through with work and school.

"Kim's" brother has he deals with depression.



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This past Spring, Kim returned to the Fishing Club, bringing new stories that only added to her anxiety. We encouraged her with God's promises and tried to get her to think from a different perspective. Because her life is like a rollercoaster, communication has been sparse. Due to her boyfriend's mom's discipline, her time with him has been limited. It seems that **this has given her the time and desire to find a job (which she now has), get enrolled back in school, and meet with us.**

"But now, O Lord, You are our Father, we are the clay, and You our potter; and all of us are the work of Your hand." Isaiah 64:8

She is not coming for fishing, BUT she is meeting with me. Kim has shared over the past month that she is interested in doing a Bible study with her mom. One problem...mom is in jail. **Praise God that Kim wants this for her and her mom**, but they both need assistance with this. Kim is now at the place where she sees this and **wants to do a study with us**. YIPPIE!!! *Please pray that she follows through and that the discipleship will carry over into her family. I sense her brother will eventually join us, but it sounds like he is currently dealing with depression.*

Praise God for moments like this. Your partnership through prayer is going to be especially important during this time in Kim's life. Please join us in praying for Kim's heart, soul, and mind.

Trusting IN HIM,

Kari Gathany

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6

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