



Dear Friends, Family, and Team Justice,

I have now been in Southern California for almost two weeks. It has been a wonderful, and yet challenging, experience. I am here to serve the Maranatha Community Church located in Colton, California. Colton is a disadvantaged area surrounded by more well to do areas and the church's passion for its people is evident and inspiring.

The first thing I did after arriving on project was help clean and organize a closet in the church. Organizing is one of my strengths and I loved getting to use that to benefit the church. Soon after I also helped clean and organize the church office. Maranatha has a youth program called Awana and I was able to help organize their supplies, and get to know the leaders of the program.

Next week I will be heading up to the Bay Area to help with the project there, but when I return Maranatha is hosting an Awana VBS. To help get as many kids as possible I spent a couple of days handing out flyers to families in and around the park the VBS will be held in. My project director and I were able to have a couple of really good conversations with people, and it was a great opportunity to get to know some more people from the church.

The Maranatha Church does an event called "Hero's Day" and an event called "Birthday Bash". Hero's Day is on July 4th. People from the church bring food and thank you cards to fire and police stations since they still have to work on the holiday. The Birthday Bash is the anniversary of the city of Colton. There are fireworks and tons of people come to watch. At this event the church will be advertising Awana VBS, hold a free raffle, and pass out copies of the gospel of John. I have helped prepare for both of these events.

Another part of the project has been the services at Heritage Gardens. Heritage Gardens is a nursing home in Colton and the church has a second service there every Saturday. The people are so happy to see anybody and they truly love talking and getting to know people. I was able to share my testimony with them and they were all so encouraging and sweet. That service, and those people, have been a real blessing to me.

The past three days I have been at Hope Gardens, which is transitional housing for homeless women and their children. It was definitely my favorite part! While there we were able to paint a youth room, work in the kitchen, play with the kids, and clean the grounds. I even got the opportunity to lead a youth message (at the very last minute) prompting a new motto "blessed are the flexible, for they will not snap". The kids were a huge blessing to me and God really used the past three days to stretch me, grow me, and further cement the call on my life to teaching.

I want to thank everyone who has supported me so far in this project. It has been a great experience and I'm excited to see what God will do through me throughout the rest of the project! There are some unique challenges to being a one-person team and if everyone could keep me in prayer I would very much appreciate it. I'm excited to see everyone at the end of the summer and be able to tell you how God has worked through me!

Sincerely,
Casey Greene- Team Sealed

Ephesians 1:13-14

"In him you also, when you heard the truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory."