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# MAY IS FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH

## HOW TO HELP



### DONATE GOBAGS

For the month of May, we are taking donations for GOBAGS. See the next page for more information.



### REPLANTED MINISTRY

This year, we are growing our Replanted Support group and conference. Help us spread the word and consider helping serve in this much needed area for foster families.

**Thank You: Hope Village  
"Adopt-A-Room"**



Thank you to the staff and GCs who adopted 3 different rooms for Hope Villiage. It is a unique housing project for former homeless, transitioning youth, and those transitioning out of the hospital.

# MISSIONS UPDATE

## 2024 Vol. 02

GOSPEL COMMUNITY HOSTED

# BLOCK PARTIES

MEET • LISTEN • HAVE FUN

We would love to see each GC host a Block Party to get to know neighbors, and form community that can transform into Gospel Centered Community. Element will help provide supplies. More details this summer.

## COMING THIS SUMMER!

GO EQUIPPED  
GO TRAINED  
GO SUPPORTED

## Delta High School

Exciting things happening at Delta!

- Frank & Laurie Bouget are offering a fun cooking class during the school day in May.
- We are helping host an end of year movie night on May 24, from 5-8pm.
- The Robotics coaches from Delta are hosting a Robotocs Camp in June for any elementary aged kids.
- Email [Justine.cassaro@ourelement.org](mailto:Justine.cassaro@ourelement.org) for more information, or to get plugged in.



# NEW OPPORTUNITIES

## COURTSIDE MINISTRIES

Courtside Ministries' mission is to enable people working in or going in and out of courthouses to experience the love, grace and power of Jesus Christ by inviting His presence through prayer. They desire to see people encouraged through hope, strengthened through prayer, guided by the Bible, helped by the community, reconciled to each other, and forgiven through Christ. To accomplish this mission, they partner with local churches and faith-based social services for sustainable follow-up, discipleship and support.

They offer prayer for people as they enter the courts, share Bibles and biblical resources that relate specifically to their situations, refer individuals to human services organizations (homeless shelters, food banks, legal aid, counseling, and local churches) and conduct follow up contact with any person who needs further help. There is a very small group of people serving the Santa Maria courthouse twice a month, and they would love more volunteers to join them. If you are interested in learning more, please email [Justine.cassaro@ourelement.org](mailto:Justine.cassaro@ourelement.org).

Visit: [courtsidemministries.org](http://courtsidemministries.org)

# Ruangold Family, missionaries in Thailand:

The teens sponsored last year saw much success, especially with many turning to the Lord. Let us know if you would like to sponsor a teen this upcoming school year!

## BEUAN KAN SCHOLARSHIP PROJECT



Help keep these teens out of prostitution and low paying jobs!  
Give the gift of education and more opportunities to learn about the Gospel!

### SCHOLARSHIP COVERS:

- SEVERAL SCHOOL UNIFORMS AND SHOES
- PE UNIFORMS WITH SPORTS SHOES
- FEES FOR BOOKS, EXAMS, AND OTHER MATERIALS
- TRAVEL COSTS TO EVENTS
- DAILY TRAVEL COSTS TO AND FROM SCHOOL
- 10% ADMIN COSTS



### Options to give:

- \$70/month for 10 months a year
- \$700 one time annual gift
- \$35/month for 10 months a year
- \$350 one time annual gift

Each student needs  
\$70/month for 10 months  
a year.

**We are hoping to sponsor 15 students this year!**

**We need:  
15 people at one student's cost or  
30 people at half a student's cost**

**Maybe a GC wants to sponsor a student together!  
Let's get creative and help these students!**



Please email  
[justine.cassaro@ourelement.org](mailto:justine.cassaro@ourelement.org)  
if you would like to be a sponsor.



READ STORIES FROM OUR FIRST YEAR OF THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ONLINE BY SCANNING THE QR CODE.

## Thailand Baptisms:

Tom & Jing baptizing several from their ministries!



## Christmas Program:

Every year Tom & Jing put on a large Christmas Program that you fund!



Interested in going on a short-term missions trip to Thailand? We hope to go this year. Email [justine.cassaro@ourelement.org](mailto:justine.cassaro@ourelement.org)





Break free, Heal, and be Restored

www.captivehearts.org

"As you may know, last year we purchased a house to be our Restorative Home and have been moved in for several months now. We are able to serve the same amount of women that we could in our old rental, plus an additional Aftercare Area for graduates of the program. This area allows them a place to live as they move forward with Jesus and transition back into living life. We are currently upgrading this area and are blessed to have the labor donated.

All of us at Captive Hearts are incredibly grateful to Element Christian Church for all your generous financial support as well as attendance to our events! Each person we care for significantly impacts many people in their family and community. Your investment in the women we serve is saving their lives, restoring them to their families, and giving them as well as their children real hope for the future." *View blog post by scanning this QR code.*



casaofohope.org

*Please pray for Casa of Hope as their ministry is in a transition period, discerning how to rebuild whom God is calling them to reach. They currently do not have a safe home right now, but are praying for another home to open up in Santa Maria and Baton Rouge, Louisiana. They are still providing emergency safe housing through an anonymous hotel program, where they keep survivors safe and connect them with programs. Pray for open doors in the right direction.*



isi-santabarbara.org

"The end of March wrapped up the Winter Quarter for students at UCSB; we hosted five dinners at a volunteer's home this quarter and had weekly Conversation Cafe, lunches on campus, and Bible studies. During one discussion time, a student from Kazakstan said he was very thankful for the dinner: for the provision of the free, delicious meal, and perhaps even more for the chance to connect with other people and have a break from studying. Another highlight was a celebration of a Turkish student's marriage; he

brought his wife to our dinner for the first time and we had a cake and blew bubbles to celebrate. They were both so honored. And praise God that one of our Bible studies is steadily growing! More men are interested in reading the Bible and having discussions about life and God, and we are so grateful for the relationships that are building and how the Holy Spirit is working among them. Please pray with us for students to see how much God loves them, and to choose the abundant life that Jesus offers." - Kristal Melton

## Pruett Family | Ethnos 360 Aviation:

They have been so blessed by the deck that the Element team built them last October! It is a place people ask to come to and that was an answer to their prayers. It has already been used a lot! They are heading into a time of saying goodbye to most of the student families that have been there since last summer. They are asking for prayer for them to grieve well as they had some special bonds formed this past year, but they are excited to see them off to spread the Gospel to a few different countries. They are currently helping host a program manager leadership event, where they are getting to hear about how God is moving all over the world. Bailey mentioned: "He guides and directs us to these places and is so faithful to make Himself known among ALL people, even ones it seems everyone else has forgotten or ignored. What a gift it is to be a part of reaching these people with God's love. We have the best job in the world. Thank you for allowing us to be here and thank you for being a part of what God is doing around the world."



*To see the Pruett's full update please see scan this QR code.*



# Foster Care GoBags

Donate New & Stocked  
Duffle Bags/Back Packs to  
Support Children In Crisis  
Entering Foster Care.



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## WHY GoBags:

As unfortunate as it is, many children are removed from their homes each week and placed into the care of Child Welfare Services. Most of the time this happens quickly and nobody is prepared, and children are left with nothing but a trash bag with a few belongings. GoBags are designed to offer decent travel bags, loaded with age appropriate personal items for the children. We need your help! See items below to donate to help support the children and the resource families opening their home to these precious children.

## BABY Newborn-24mo:

Essentials: Plush Toy, Wipes, Diapers, Baby Food, Bottle, Sippy Cup, Baby Snacks/Teething Crackers, Swaddle and/or Baby Blankets

Clothing: Socks, Gender Neutral Baby Clothing (Tops, Pants, & Pajamas)

Additional: Teething Ring, Burp Cloth, Beanie, Lotion, Tear Free Bubble Bath, Etc...

+Duffel Bag or Backpack to Carry Items

BONUS: A Note of Encouragement To The Emergency Placement Resource Family

## TODDLER 2-4 years:

Essentials: Plush Toy, Wipes, Pull Ups, Blanket, Toothbrush/Paste, Hygiene Supplies

Clothing: Underwear, Socks  
Gender Neutral Clothing (Jacket, Tops, Pants, & Pajamas), Shoes, Beanies

Additional: Fun Activity, Board Book, Teething Toy, Hard Toy

+Duffel Bag or Backpack to Carry Items

BONUS: A Note of Encouragement To The Emergency Placement Resource Family

## CHILD School Age:

Essentials: Blanket, Hygiene Supplies, Toothbrush/Paste, Flash Light/Lantern

Clothing: Underwear, Socks, Tops, Pants, Pajamas, Shoes, Jackets

Additional: Book, Fun Kids' Activities Like Coloring Pages/Crayons, Small Toy, Glow-In-The-Dark Toy, Fidget Toy

+Duffel Bag or Backpack to Carry Items

BONUS: A Note of Encouragement To The Emergency Placement Resource Family & One To The Child

Return all items to Element by June 1, 2024

Questions? Email [replanted@ourelement.org](mailto:replanted@ourelement.org)



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SAFE FAMILIES.**

*Helping  
foster & adoptive  
families heal,  
connect, and thrive.*

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- Over the last year, with the support of many of Element, there has been a monthly support group happening for some who are dealing with raising non-biological children.
- Additionally, Element hosted our first Replanted Conference, and it was an amazing couple of days.
- Since then, a team has been going through the training process to become an official Replanted support group that will be **open to the whole community of foster, safe, kinship, and adopted families** beginning in September.

Our goal is to cultivate a community of care for the Gospel for the whole family.

**Please help us get the word out!**

*Tentative Dates:*

Kick-off event: Saturday, August 31st.

Support Group Meetings: 2nd Friday of every month beginning September 13 from 5:30-7:30pm through May 2025.

- + A Christmas Get Together
- + A Valentine's Date Night Out

Our 2nd Annual Replanted Conference:  
November 15/16th.

For more information, updated event dates, and details about the conference, please email:  
***replanted@ourelement.org***

**Interested in Serving?**

*There are lots of ways we need help... from childcare mentors, logistics, food, event & conference planning/execution, and so much more!*

Let us know if you are interested and we'll be in touch!