

Love Our Neighbor Community Impact

Camarillo Schools Adoption





Why

In our community there are thousands of children who have not heard the gospel and live in poverty. Calvary Nexus is a movement of Jesus' followers devoted to loving God and our neighbors. We are called to love our neighbors, reach children and their families for Christ, and remember and care for the poor (Matt. 22:37-39, 19:14, Gal. 2:10). The children are the key to our future and the gospel is the key to their future.

What

As part of our on-going efforts to saturate our community with Jesus' love and gospel, we are expanding our efforts to adopt needs and establish Christ-centered influence to ten (10) schools serving primarily elementary-aged students in Camarillo during the ten-year period from 2021 to 2030. **Here's how we plan to do this:**

- 1. Good News Clubs** on school campuses will offer a weekly after school group for students to learn a Bible lesson, respond to the gospel, provide hope, build character, strengthen moral and spiritual growth. Eighty-five percent (85%) of Christians respond to the gospel before age fourteen (14). Groups are attended by fifty (50) students per week at each school. Thus, there is a tremendous need and great opportunity for many of us to engage students and their families with the love of Christ during these formative years.
- 2. Assistance request forms:** Individuals, families, and Neighborhood Groups can assist students and their families with needs such as clothing, groceries, school supplies, utility bills, and engage those they care for with respect and the love of God. We demonstrate God's love through sacrificial service, and sharing of resources. We cultivate relationships and display Jesus and His gospel to our neighbors in need. We do not condition our assistance upon coming to church or responding to the gospel.
- 3. School supplies for students:** Calvary Nexus will provide backpacks filled with grade-level appropriate school supplies for hundreds of students per school year to help families who are unable to afford school supplies. Each of us will have the opportunity to help.

4. Adopt a teacher: We plan to connect Neighborhood Groups with teachers who need classroom volunteers, or want prayer. This is an opportunity to for all of us to bless teachers, and students.

5. Back-to-school service day to help teachers:

Calvary Nexus will mobilize volunteers to help teachers prepare their classrooms for returning students. Teachers typically spend forty (40) hours to prepare classrooms to receive students. The church and school will coordinate an annual Saturday morning date in proximity to scheduled student arrival. The church will provide lunch for all of the school staff and church volunteers to be enjoyed at the conclusion of the day's work. Calvary Nexus will coordinate service days for up to four schools per year. This will be another opportunity for many of us to make a difference in the lives of students, teachers, and our community.



6. Christmas gifts: Calvary Nexus will provide gift cards to help parents in need to provide gifts for their children. We will include a personal Christmas card, and invitation to attend our Christmas services. Gifts shall be delivered to each school by December 10th for schools to coordinate distribution to the families. The whole Nexus family will have the opportunity to bless hundreds of families in our community.

7. Classroom supplies: We will help teachers who use their own money to buy needed classroom supplies for students, and use the opportunity to cultivate relationships with teachers.



When

We plan to add at least one school each year so that at the end of ten years we will have adopted ten schools serving primarily elementary-aged students.

FAQs

1. What about the vision to saturate our community with Neighborhood Groups?

The idea of an organized effort to saturate the community and adopt needs at primarily elementary-aged schools is a supplement, not an alternative, to the vision to love God and neighbors, and saturate our community with Neighborhood Groups (NG) where we learn to love God and neighbors better. The school adoption vision will be coordinated to provide ample opportunity for individuals and NG to be involved in an effort to engage, befriend, and show Christ's redemptive love to our community at every step described.

2. Why are we focused on public schools when their curriculum is opposed to biblical values?

We recognize that the curriculum is opposed to biblical values, but the students, their families, the teachers and the administrators are not enemies, but neighbors. We recognize that many students, their families, teachers and administrators have not been engaged with Jesus' love and gospel. Through sacrificial service, the sharing of resources with those in need, cultivated relationships and Good News Clubs we can reach children, their families, and school staff for Christ. The children are the key to our future and the gospel is the key to their future.

3. Can we afford this?

Through a very generous donation we are able to create a fund to help support school adoptions. We previously have allocated funds annually to Love Our Neighbor Community Impact; and will continue to do so with a priority towards low-income student related needs in Camarillo. We are optimistic that people who care directly for a student's need(s) will continue to support Calvary Nexus with their giving.

4. What about home school families and Christian Schools?

We have provided financial assistance for school scholarships and truly honor and esteem Christian homeschooling families and those participating in Christian schools. We plan to continue that support; and reach the public schools for Jesus. We hope many who participate in homeschool and Christian education will be involved with Good News Clubs and other efforts to reach the public school children with Jesus' love and gospel.



**Love God.
Love Neighbor.
(Repeat)**

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