



## KIMBRELL NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2020

### God Can Work in a Soccer Field

#### First Service in 22 Weeks

Grace City Church met together in person for the first time in 22 weeks on August 2! We met in a different location. We met at a different time. We met in a different way. But, we were able to meet together.

As some of you know, we've been trying to find a location to meet for the past few months. And when I say "location," I mean a patch of grass. . . a parking lot. . . anything. We were repeatedly denied by local parks and the school district...until August 2

We saw 92 people in attendance for this first in-person service. 4 brand new families attended. Hundreds of people walked by as we met. Some stopped to listen for a few moments, others took pictures, and a few sat down to enjoy the entire service.



#### "God is Pursuing You"

As we were packing up our equipment, I engaged in a conversation with a family that was taking an evening walk. I had met them a few nights earlier when we were doing a practice run for our service. They planned on coming back to be a part of the outdoor worship but had gotten confused on the time. The family of 4; Shaunli (Father), Min (Mother), and their two boys, Charles and Arthur, is from China.

They are here on a 6 month visa but have not been allowed to return to China due to some travel restrictions.

As we talked, Min mentioned that she had only been to church once in her life and that was as

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a small child. She had been invited several times with others but had never attended again. I felt impressed to tell her that God was pursuing her. I told her that I didn't think it was by mistake that people were inviting her to church and nor was it by chance that our paths had crossed. She responded by saying "I think you may be right."

## "I never knew God had a plan for my boys."

Shaun, Min, Charles, and Arthur have now attended 3 outdoor church services. In one service, I spoke about Moses and how God had a plan for his life in spite of his imperfections. After the service, I was talking to Min and Shaunli when Min said **"I learned something today. I learned that God has a plan for my 2 sons. I never knew that. But you said that God knew their names before they were ever born and that he has a purpose for them, right?"** This seems like such a common thought to many of us, but to someone who has never heard the Gospel, it is mind-boggling! The God of the universe knows us, cares for us, and has a plan for us.



Since this conversation, I've continued to have other conversations with Shaunli and Min. God is definitely working in their hearts and they are open to the Gospel. Please be praying for them and many others like them in our community who truly have never heard the good news.

## How You Can Help



### • Prayer Requests

- A permanent church facility.
- Making disciples.

### • Donation Requests

- \*\*\*Praise God for the donation of 2 quiet Honda generators that enable us to host our outdoor services.

In Christ,

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