

To. CNH Mission Agency

7 March 2018

Re. 2017-18 Grant Recipient – Trinity Lutheran Church in San Rafael, California

With great pleasure and joy I share the results of your support and encouragement through the Congregational Mini Grant that was gifted to Trinity and applied to our TNT After School Club!

This grant allowed TNT Club to bolster activities that met the needs of Middle School Students (grades 6-8) after their school day ends on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Grant funds are helping us provide snacks and meals that not only create excitement for the program but also contributed to a fun, safe and loving environment in which students can socialize and build relationships with each other.

This was particularly important as many students in attendance are active in Trinity's youth groups and religious education programs. As D.C.E at Trinity, we spoke about how this is our mission field with students that don't yet know Christ. As a result, the relationships we formed with students allowed them to feel comfortable to attend youth ministry events where God's word is studied, proclaimed and celebrated (Confirmation, Retreats and Holiday Celebrations, etc.)!

This has been seen most clearly with our Confirmation program on Tuesday evenings. TNT Club ends at 5:00pm and we transition into our Confirmation program at that time. We have seen many students (with family support) stay for this time. And it is most exciting to have welcomed students that have either never been introduced to scripture or are who are even opposed to it and yet stay to hear, participate in and learn more about who Jesus is and what the Bible is all about!

Grant funds have also helped us encourage congregational participation in supporting TNT Club (funding printed materials). Members have signed up to provide snacks and meals on a regular basis. This allows our membership to celebrate the work God is doing through TNT Club and to encourage prayer support for the program and the students.

TNT Club has also invited congregational adults and older youth to be a part of all the fun! They help lead, facilitate, drive for off campus events, share stories of service and compassion and also build relationships with students that attend. It has been a great pleasure to see so many others get involved and grow in their relationships with them as mentors and leaders.

We often share our TNT Club activities via our Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/Trinity-Lutheran-Church-106159762775327](http://www.facebook.com/Trinity-Lutheran-Church-106159762775327)

I hope this allows others to see the vibrant life of this congregation and gives them a taste of this community... inviting them to celebrate this with us and join God in what is going on at Trinity, San Rafael!

*PS. I hope you will find the included materials helpful to give you a closer look at how we are building relationships with the Middle School Students and what we are doing together. Enjoy!*