

The Core?

"I'd really like to know the core message of Christianity." That's what Oscar, a student intern at the Lucas Clinic, told Bob.

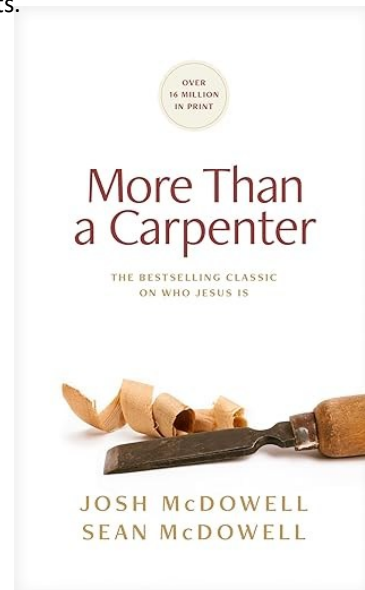
Lucas is one of many clinics operated by Central Neighborhood Christian Clinics system in greater Los Angeles. It's located on famous Wilshire Avenue smack in between the affluent Financial District and MacArthur Park— notorious for intense poverty, gang activity, and a largely homeless population. Ironically, only a few blocks separate the two. For the past several weeks, Bob has been training some of the Lucas staff to care for the spiritual needs of their underserved patients.

As Oscar shared his journey of considering various world religions, he was not sure if he truly understood Christianity. Bob offered to buy him lunch and talk more. Oscar eagerly agreed.

When they met, Bob shared the gospel. He explained that Christianity is more about a personal relationship with the creator God—made possible through Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross for our sins. Bob outlined this using the Three Circles diagram.

Though Oscar was not ready to personally respond to what Jesus offers, Bob introduced him to two resources: EveryStudent.com plus Josh and Sean McDowell's best seller *More Than a Carpenter*—more than 15 million copies sold plus another 30 million distributed worldwide. Josh is a 62 year Cru staff veteran and also served on our med ministry Board of Reference.

Please pray for Oscar. And pray for Josh McDowell who is two years into a journey with Alzheimer's.



Finally, congratulations to our son-in-law Logan White! Last month Logan was ordained as a minister in the Christian Missionary Alliance Church. He successfully passed a thorough examination process following a rigorous 2 year training and study program with the denomination.

Logan serves as lead pastor at Cornerstone Christian Fellowship in Manhattan Beach, CA. Please pray for him and Elissa as they lead and minister in this strategic work.

Bob & Diana

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