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Another Season

As summer comes to an end and a new school year begins, we are reminded that life is filled with seasons. This summer at NELA Youth was a season of laughter, adventures, Bible studies, outings, conversations, and most importantly, intentional time invested in the lives of our youth.

Every car ride, meal, prayer, Bible lesson, and fun memory gave us another opportunity to plant seeds of faith, truth, encouragement, and hope. Some seeds we may see grow quickly, while others may take time. Our responsibility is to continue planting, watering, loving, and trusting God with the growth.

Now our youth are entering a different season—one filled with new teachers, friendships, challenges, choices, and peer pressure. Please join us in praying that what has been planted in their hearts will remain with them. May they stand firm in who God says they are, have wisdom to recognize negative influences, courage to make good choices, and strength to overcome the challenges they face.

Seasons change, but our commitment to these young lives does not. We will continue showing up, planting seeds, building relationships, and reminding them that they are loved, valued, and created by God for a purpose.

As Ecclesiastes 3:1 reminds us, **"To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven."**

*All for the glory of God,
Andrea Jones & the NELA Youth team*



Lord, as our youth enter this new season, guide their steps and guard their hearts. Remind them of who You say they are. Give them wisdom to make good choices, courage to stand firm against peer pressure, and strength to overcome every challenge. May the seeds planted in their hearts continue to grow, and may they always know they are loved, valued, and created for Your purpose. In Jesus' name, Amen.



NELA Youth is a mobile, Christ-centered nonprofit dedicated to mentoring and restoring some of the most vulnerable children in our region. We meet them right where they are, bringing hope into places marked by brokenness and guiding them toward healing and identity in Christ.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Our August Outreach was a fun-filled Back-to-School Party! Before the games and activities, we spent time discussing the Fruit of the Spirit and how these qualities should be evident in our daily lives. Our Fruit Rewards Program encourages youth to grow in Christlike character by rewarding positive choices and holding them accountable for actions that reflect—or do not reflect—the Fruit of the Spirit. We also talked about the dangers of playing with sin, reminding everyone that while sin may seem harmless at first, it always carries consequences.
- As a special reward, our Fruit Rewards winners enjoyed an exciting trip to the Safari Wildlife Park, where we had an unforgettable time feeding the animals and celebrating their hard work and positive choices.
- Congratulations to this quarter's Fruit Rewards winners: Myracle, Ivy, Dad, Myiah, Chocolate, Jasmine, George, Dmo & Fatman! Also to MacKenzie & Justin for most improved and Myracle, Ivy & Keliyah for highest participation! We are so proud of each of you. Keep growing in your faith and letting the Fruit of the Spirit shine in your lives!



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- PRAYER FOR THE KIDS
- Pizza (10-12) donation for our Sat. outreach
- Gas cards
- Snack size chips & drinks
- Financial donations