



Alma School Road  
(on the SE corner of  
Alma School and  
Southern Ave.

We typically spend about an hour or so cleaning the family visitation rooms and the toys that the children play with while they are there.

Please join us and be a part of this blessing we bring to these children, to their families and to the tireless workers at DCS.

#### Foster Care Teens Personal Care Items

**1 Youth** is continuing to collect "Personal Care Items" for the teens in foster care throughout the year. Items for both male and female teens are being collected in the two bins just outside our youth room. These items will be sorted into personal bags and given to DCS to be distributed to teens who may not even have their own tooth brush or comb.

Whenever you're out shopping for your own personal care items such as soap, deodorant, tooth paste, feminine hygiene items or when you see the "travel size" shampoo, mouthwash, etc., pick up a few extra items and drop them in the bins.

Help share God's love by letting these teens know that somebody really does care about them.

for us. We were reminded that God's plan for us is always good and ultimately, nothing we or the world can do can keep us from God's goodness in His way at His time.

We also saw Joseph display God's love, grace, mercy, and forgiveness for his brothers and what they had done to him for all to see in **Genesis 50:20** when he told them to not be afraid and said "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives."

We said that while our own lives may not have troubles as bad as Joseph's, the truth is that we all have troubles and go through dark times in our lives. But, no matter how dark things may seem at the moment, the end result is always God's goodness.

We said that when things are not going well in our lives is when our faith and trust in God needs to be the strongest. Joseph's strong faith in God and his promises gave him peace in his most difficult times until God was able to raise him to a position to save many lives.

We asked how we can keep our faith even through difficult times.

1- Study and remember various stories of strong faith in Bible such as Joseph; Daniel; Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego; Abraham; Jacob; David; Esther; Ruth; and many others.

2- Like we saw David do with Goliath, remember all the past difficult times that God got you through and know that He will do it again without fail.

3- Most importantly, remember who you are as a child of God and what it means to be a child of God.

We said that we don't always have to understand why things happen but to have faith and to trust that God has a plan, it's always a good plan, and we are a part of that good plan and whatever we give over to God, He always uses for our good.

## Watch for our next event here!

If you haven't already heard, **Winter Jam** is unfortunately coming out our way this year.

We are planning on putting together some Friday, movie nights in the near future and possibly looking into some different concerts.

**Bible verses referenced in this lesson: Genesis chapters 37-50**

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed Week,

Chris & Michelle Miller  
1 Youth Ministry