

CARP USA: CARP has changed my life

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This Thanksgiving, we'd like to highlight some of our amazing students and leaders. Meet Michelle, CARP Dallas leader and Education major attending Dallas College North Lake Campus.

Before CARP, she struggled to get along with her family and felt like she was wasting God's time. CARP and its Principles changed everything.

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My name is Michelle Beia. I am a sophomore Education Major attending Dallas College North Lake Campus and am a leader in the Dallas CARP chapter.

Even though I was raised in a “Christian” household, I, and my family, were far from the ideal family. While the words, “As for me and my house, we will serve the lord” were planted right above our doorway, I felt we were putting on a façade as a perfect family, which ended with my parent’s divorce.

All of a sudden, numerous problems began to arise. Even though deep down I loved my family, I did not want to love them. I wanted to give in to hate,

complaint, irritation, and judgement; and I almost did. I reached a point where I was going to completely give in, and, yet, somehow, there was always a feeling tugging at my spirit, entering my mind and shivering down my spine. I can only conclude that it was God always at my side. Therefore, no matter how dark it got, I could never deny that God was there, and I had a never-changing faith that He would stay there. But, simultaneously, I could only surmise that I was not good enough for Him, that He was wasting his time being next to someone like me, and I ignored him, never wanting to face God. I was overcome with deep guilt and shame.

Maybe this was the condition that allowed God to intervene so heavily in my life. I started college at North Lake and met two students while doing a project: Woojin Suina and Taishi Minosoko. They were both part of an organization called CARP. It was the first I had heard of it, and yet for some reason I really wanted to join, even though I knew nothing about it. So much so that I arranged my schedule for the next semester so that it wouldn’t interfere with club meetings. I went to almost all the events and meetings for no particular reason other than I just knew I had to be there, and I was drawn by the love I received while being there. It was a different atmosphere that I wasn’t used to at home, school, or even church.

Eventually, I began to realize that other CARP members were reading a book in groups that I wasn’t very familiar with. It was the Divine Principle. I asked CARP leaders if I could read it too, and within the week I was studying with Taishi and Sarah Jackson. Our studies would go on for hours talking about only a few pages of material. I couldn’t believe what I was reading. After finishing the book, I knew that God had placed me here for a reason, but my life completely changed once I attended the five day Divine Principle workshop. I tested its teachings and principles by applying it to my family. My family changed in amazing ways in only a few short months. It was the first time I hugged my mom without wincing, the first time my sisters told me that they loved me and meant it, and the first time I was able to love them for who they were and where they were at. Our family isn’t perfect, but we came a long way.

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Now, I live at the CARP house as a CARP leader and have learned so much. My relationship with God is so much stronger now, and the relationships I have with others around me are better. CARP has changed my life and the lives of those around me. With the current social climate surrounding American colleges, I hope that CARP can be a place where different people from different backgrounds, ethnicities, faiths, and more can come together for the sole purpose of uniting, loving, and living for the sake of others.

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Yes ma'am! Preach it sister!
It has been a pleasure watching you grow into an amazing human being. Always wanting to serve and do more from God. Thank you for your testimony. I love you my beautiful sister!

 **Taishi** 10 hours ago · 0 Likes

Sheesh ~ Michelle Beia! It is such a blessing, joy, and pleasure to have you here at the Dallas CARP. I cannot thank you enough for the sincere love and devotion that you give to your family and community!



Yumi 10 hours ago · 0 Likes

We love Michelle!! 🙏
Thank you for inspiring for all of us, you are amazing



Chie 10 hours ago · 0 Likes

Yay Michelle you are amazing♥️



Mark Lincoln 13 hours ago · 0 Likes

I'm a 42-year UC member. My early days in the movement we're in SW CARP. I've always had a soft spot in my heart for our campus ministry. Michelle, your testimony almost brought me to tears. God has a special calling for you. He didn't give up on you and you didn't give up on Him either, even though you felt like it many times. I'm sorry for your parents' divorce. It sounds like you have helped revive a spirit of true love in your family. God bless you.

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