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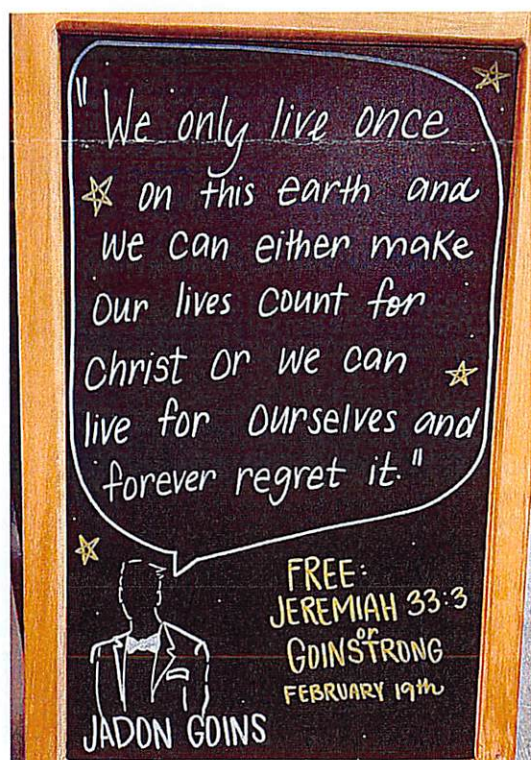
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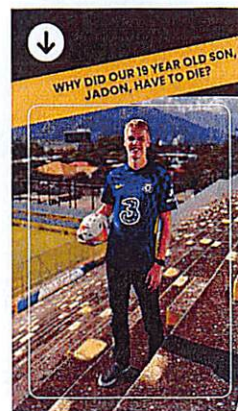
Jadon's first birthday in Heaven



The many "firsts" after a loss are difficult to navigate--the first Christmas, the first Mother's Day, etc. We knew that Jadon's first birthday since going to Heaven was going to be a difficult time, so we decided to focus our grief in a positive way by doing something to serve others. Some friends from our sending church started a coffee shop this past year and named a couple of drinks in Jadon's honor: the "goinstrong" (basically a caramel macchiato, Jadon's favorite) and the "Jeremiah 33:3" (an invented drink named for Jadon's favorite verse). We decided to travel to the US for Jadon's birthday and be with our other two sons and make it a day of serving others in Jadon's memory at the coffee shop. We ordered 1,000 tracts with Jadon's story and we gave out "Jadon's" drinks for free to the community to get the gospel out. Hundreds came by to get a drink and show their love and support on a very difficult day as

celebrated a birthday, but there was no birthday boy. We also had some t-shirts printed with a quote Jadon said when he gave his testimony after returning from camp the summer before he died: "We only live once on this earth and we can either make our lives count for Christ or we can live for ourselves and forever regret it."

Please continue to pray for us as our hearts are healing from the depths of this hurt. We trust that God is working in this for His glory!



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