



# Taking JESUS to neighborhood children, youth and families

# 2018 Year in Review



## LAND YET TO POSSESS

Kevin Reynolds, Executive Director

One of my very favorite people in the entire Bible is Joshua. What an incredible man he was. He was faithful, he was strong, and he was solid. He was content to be second,

yet embraced advancement when it came, and he was a man full of Faith and Conviction. He was a great leader, and someone who, by his own admission, "*wholly followed the Lord his God.*" (Joshua 14:8)  
I want to be like Joshua.

Though Moses was God's man to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt's bondage, it fell to his assistant Joshua to lead the people in beginning to actually take possession of the Promised Land.

Even though much of Joshua is written in the 3<sup>rd</sup> person, it is widely held by Biblical Scholars that Joshua himself wrote this entire book of the Bible bearing his name. A noteworthy passage is found in chapter 13 "*Now Joshua was old and advanced in years, and the LORD said to him, 'You are old and advanced in years, and there remains yet very much land to possess.'*" (Joshua 13:1 ESV)

It makes me chuckle to think how the Lord starts by restating the very detail that Joshua had just pointed out about himself, no less. Who says the Lord has no sense of humor?

Joshua was advanced in years, 85 years to be exact, but **the work was not yet finished; there was still much land to possess.** Joshua described himself as a man that was as strong on that day, as he was when he was a much younger man and Moses sent him and the others to spy out the land (Numbers 13). We have to admire Joshua, certainly for his youthful vigor at his advanced age, but even more so, for having never lost his passion after all those years.



As I consider Joshua's story in light of our calling to "*Take JESUS to neighborhood children, youth and families*", I can't help but draw some parallels. While, to be true, there are days when I certainly feel like I may be 85, I am actually quite a good ways from it! (Although the picture below from 1994 shows I really did have hair at one point in time.) But it is also equally true that we are as strong as we have ever been, and **the passion of those first days** still runs deep; maybe even deeper.

The team of staff and volunteers has grown and is now better than ever. Our numbers continue to expand, and we have added an ongoing strong ministry to families through our Parent University program. As House of Faith turns 25 years old on Sunday, January 27th, we transition from one 25 year run to the next and we are looking forward with excitement. There really is more land yet to possess.

As always, we are so grateful for your prayers and your support during 2018. It is **only through the Lord's leading and your help** that we enter 2019, and our next 25 years stronger and more hopeful than ever. We never grow tired of praying and giving thanks for you often "*We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers.*" (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 NIV)

In Him and for them,

Kevin Reynolds  
Executive Director



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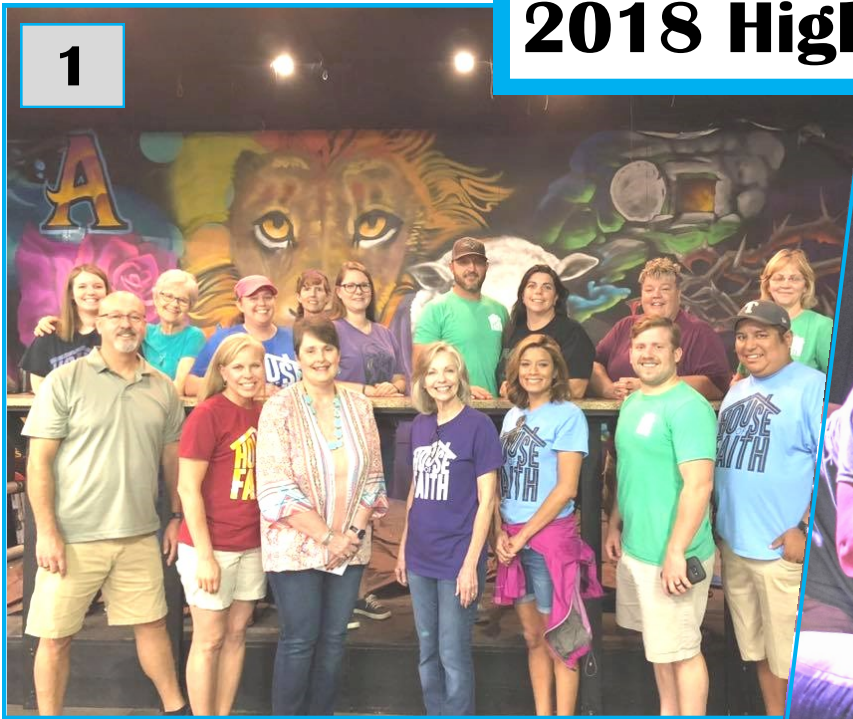


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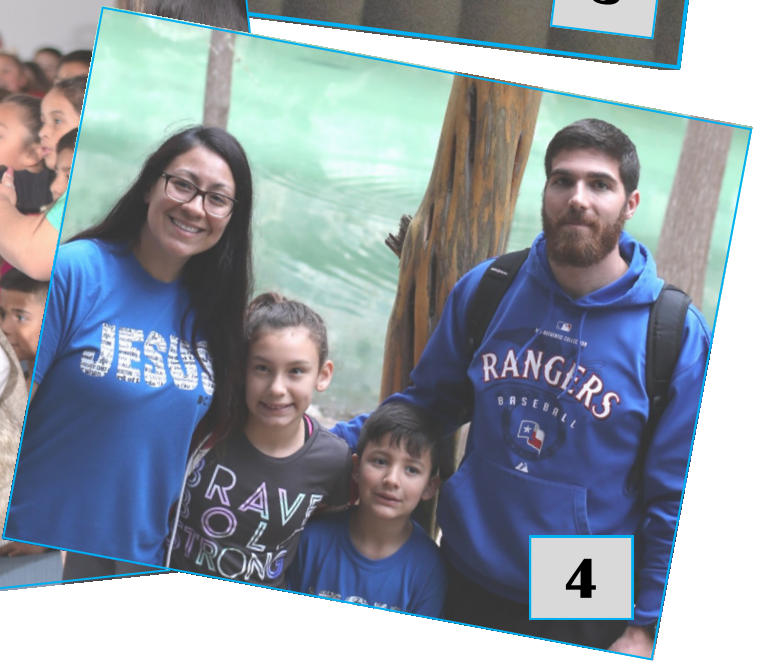


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1. House of Faith was honored to be the beneficiary non-profit chosen by the **San Angelo Cowboy Gathering** and **The HBA Parade of Homes** in 2018.
2. **Six Epic Christmas Parties** were held for 2,000 children and youth, and their families, with the help of our incredible San Angelo community!
3. At **overnight camp** we had 107 campers in 7th-12th grade join us. On the last night of camp, 29 students chose to trust Jesus as their personal Savior! Several of those students were later baptized at a camp reunion at House of Faith.
4. For **Family Camp** we served about 275 people representing 70 families with the help of 25 plus volunteers.





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5. Summer **Sports Camp** hosted 249 boys and girls in the 4th-6th grade; local coaches taught basic skills in the sport of their choice while summer interns and volunteer leaders led Bible Study each day.

6. **Backyard Bible Clubs** reached 2,100 elementary students (PK-5th grade) in 15 locations with the help of 100 plus volunteers.

7. Eight schools hosted a **Parent University** class in partnership with 15 churches. We had 166 graduates representing 120 families from these classes!

8. **321 youth program** for 6th-12th grade students served 250 students with the help of 35 plus volunteers. Also, our warehouse received a facelift with a **new mural** painted by Inx from Dreams Don't Die tattoo gallery.