

HOUSE OF FAITH

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



“Taking JESUS to neighborhood children, youth & families since 1994” January 2015

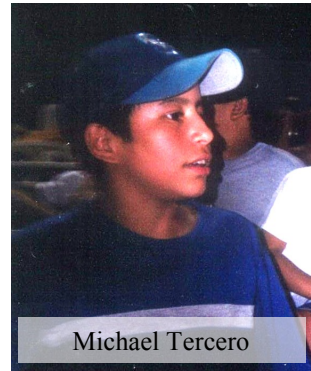


And the Story Doesn't End There by Rachel Beaver, HOF Director

Today is Tuesday, which means it is Xodus day. It is the first time back with our Middle School students since our holiday break.

Drivers and bus captains are out in full force checking in and picking up students at their Middle Schools to bring them back to House of Faith. The Warehouse has been prepared, transportation clipboards and attendance sheets are ready, snacks are set out, chairs are being arranged and games organized for the day.

As I was glancing out of my office window earlier, I saw staff member Michael Tercero putting signs on each vehicle indicating which route that vehicle will take. My heart was stirred at the sight because I immediately went back in my mind several years to a younger Michael who attended Fort Concho elementary school in the early years at Fort Concho



Michael Tercero

House of Faith. He was a fourth grader who lived with his mom and they were not regular church attenders. What Michael learned about God he learned at House of Faith as a little boy, and it became very real to him. He continued to attend year after year, became involved as a youth, attended camps with us, traveled to Kentucky with House of Faith as a student representative for the All

American City applicant, went to Lubbock with House of Faith as a student representative to speak to a group of interested friends, participated in our bike ministry (we had one at that time) and became a leader. Michael became chief volunteer helping out with many programs and events and participating in most. We realized we had a very special young man in our midst. We watched Michael literally grow up before our eyes into a godly young man who loves Jesus very much.

And the story doesn't end there! Michael started part time with House of Faith and it soon turned into a full time position. Michael now is the club leader at the Fort Concho Backyard Bible Club, the same one he went to as a child. Not only that,

but Michael leads our Xodus program and will be teaching today. He organizes transportation to get students to House of Faith from their school and then to get all 170 students home. He makes sure they have snacks and that the program is ready. No wonder my heart was stirred at the sight.

And it doesn't even end there!! While at House of Faith, a young woman named Mindi who was involved with an Angelo State University Sigma Phi Lambda Sorority came to volunteer one day. She loved House of Faith so much that she continued to come as a volunteer. After a time we had a need for a part time person to handle our curriculum orders and communications for our charter groups outside San Angelo. And the rest is history! Michael and Mindi were married last year and just learned they are expecting their first child in July!

Isn't that a GREAT story?! It all began out in a yard, a little boy sitting on a tarp week after week learning the verses, hearing the gospel and being changed from the inside out! Praise God for the tarp and the bins and the people who went week after week to, "take Jesus to the Fort Concho neighborhood children" and Praise God for this sweet special couple who love God and who God loves.

Thank you for your involvement, your investment, your prayers and for believing with us for all the Michael's out there. For all the Mindi's who step out to serve. And Praise God for the next generation who will grow up in a home where they hear about and experience the love of Jesus every day.

It is a great story and it doesn't end there!!! God is STILL at work and we are so glad to be along for the great ride!!

Rachel



Mindi & Michael Tercero

Memorials

Al Chakos

By: Marilyn Golightly

Mike Ford

By: Marilyn Golightly

Janet Holland

By: Maggie and Doug Altom

Deanna Mayfield

By: Mr. and Mrs. Larry White

Julia Schneemann

By: Friends of Julia including Beta Sigma Phi Members

Jason Brent Mayfield

By: Elmer and Betty Mayfield

Jane Smith

By: Earl and Patt Warren

Eddie Sosa

By: Marilyn Golightly

Honorariums

Stormy and Chad Biehl

By: Elmer and Betty Mayfield

Steve and Cindy Lubke

By: Maggie and Doug Altom

David & Luann Lupton

By: Maggie and Doug Altom

Pat and Suzy Makins

By: Maggie and Doug Altom

Marci, Cathy & the Menchaca Family

By: Martha Elder

Bob and Sarah Post

By: Maggie and Doug Altom

Lee and Sandy Puckitt

By: Sherry Cauthorn

Mark and Jackie Stevenson

By: Maggie and Doug Altom

Ben and Gwen Woodward

By: Maggie and Doug Altom

House of Faith receives gifts in the form of **Memorials & Honorariums** throughout the year. These gifts are acknowledged with a personalized card sent to the recipient you designate. Memorials & honorariums are a way to remember the important people in your life while helping to support the thousands of children & their families whose lives are impacted through House of Faith.

Gifts can be made in any amount to:

House of Faith, 321 Montecito, San Angelo, TX 76903.

All memorials and honorariums are tax deductible.

Have you considered including House of Faith in your will?

The Heart of Discipleship



Man of War is our middle school & high school boys' group that meets on Thursdays between 6-8:30. Our hope is that through the studying of Scripture and our hang out time, the Lord will reveal Himself and the desires that He has for them. We pray that they will learn how God wants them to be warriors for the Lord and how to fight for the things worth fighting for.

Pictured Left: Man of War studies the parable of the lamp on a lampstand in Mark 4.

Design 139 is a discipleship program for teenage girls. Each year the dynamic of the group of girls takes on a different personality. This year, the girls we are meeting with are very bold and firm in their faith. It is inspiring to see a number of these girls profess their faith in Jesus in their own lives and to see their faith extend in other areas of their lives as they make it a point to profess their faith among their families, peers and teachers at school, and even in their social media outlets. These girls are developing a firm foundation in who they are in Christ and I believe it is attributed to two things: Jesus working and making alive His truth and His word in these girl's hearts, and the many people who have invested in the life of these girls through the House of Faith programs through the years.

Pictured above, right: staff members Eva and Kate with the Design139 girls.

Fusion is our discipleship program for 5th graders and was birthed out of the idea that instead of students having their own lives, often filled with corruption and secular influence, and then their "House of Faith life," filled with Jesus, Scripture, fun and fellowship, what if we could combine the two? According to webster.com, it says that fusion is "a merging of diverse, distinct, or separate elements into a unified whole." We will spend the remainder of this year teaching on the character of God, and in exchange learn spiritual disciplines such as worship, prayer, reading the Word, etc. For example, when a student can not only learn but understand that God is their friend, an ever-present help in trouble, then the only natural response to that is to pray. It is our hope and prayer at Fusion this year that we as staff, as well as the selected 5th graders chosen for Fusion, will rediscover who God really is and in turn live a life that is pleasing to Him, not just at House of Faith but in our everyday lives. Would you join us in praying for a fusing together of our lives with Jesus? I can't think of a better way to live than with Him!

Pictured above, left: part of last year's group of Fusion students and volunteers.



Coming Soon...

San Angelo Gives!
May 5th, 2015

On May 5th House of Faith will participate with other area non-profit organizations in San Angelo in a 24-hour online fundraising event hosted by the **San Angelo Area Foundation**. You will be hearing much more about this exciting opportunity to support the mission of House of Faith in a BIG way on ONE day.

It is a day of giving to celebrate the nonprofits in our community, a chance to raise thousands of dollars, and recognize the impact we can make in our community when we join together for San Angelo Gives!

House of Faith in the Standard Times
February 7th, 2015

The Standard Times is doing a special feature of House of Faith, commemorating our 20th anniversary since our founding in 1994. This feature is scheduled to be in the paper on Saturday, February 7th, 2015.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Thursday, January 29:** High school & middle school discipleship groups start
- **Monday, February 2:** Fusion (5th grade discipleship program) starts
- **Thursday, February 5:** National Prayer Breakfast at the McNease Convention Center, 6:30 A.M. (House of Faith students serve)
- **March 16-20:** SAISD on Spring Break
- **March 27-29:** House of Faith Family Camp
- **Friday, April 3:** House of Faith offices closed for Good Friday
- **Tuesday, May 5:** Last Xodus for the school year
- **Wednesday, May 6 & Thursday, May 7:** Last Backyard Bible Club for the school year
- **Tuesday, May 12:** 5th grade Hoop Shoot Event

HOUSE OF FAITH 101 LUNCHEON:

Every month, House of Faith hosts a luncheon to inform and update members of our community of what House of Faith is and the great things God has done and is doing here. We call these a "House of Faith 101." **If you would like to join us, or know someone who would, please call us at 325-486-8637 and ask for Darlene.** Below are the dates for the next few months; the luncheon will be from 12-1pm on the following Tuesdays:

- February 10
- April 7
- March 3
- May 5



Left: Sara Terral with her husband, Wyatt.
Right: Sara with children at a House of Faith event.

A Volunteer Journey

Here at House of Faith, we believe that people are our greatest resource. And we have been blessed to have some pretty great people work alongside us! We would like to introduce you to Sara Terral, who started volunteering with us around 2001 and has also interned with us in the summers. Here is what she has to say about her volunteering journey with House of Faith:

"I was 12ish the day I went to my first House of Faith Backyard Bible Club. My mom had helped coordinate a group of homeschool kids to be volunteer helpers at HOF clubs, I was too young to be part of the program but went with her and some older kids to Belaire. They had just started a younger kids group so I went back there to play with the little ones and just never stopped going back.

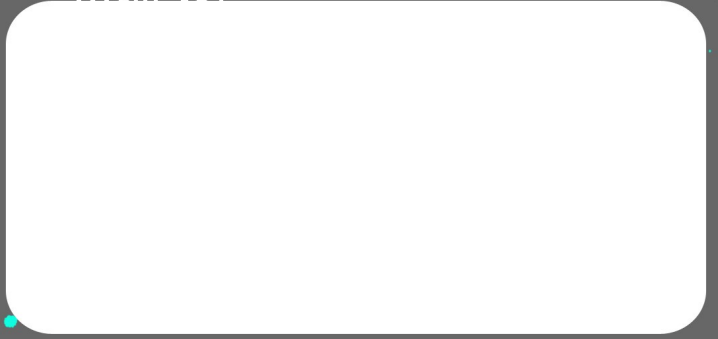
Volunteering for HOF was a major part of my being able to take my faith as my own. Having to live out my faith in front of little eyes made me really take hold of what I believed as I was growing up myself. I was painfully, painfully, PAINFULLY shy when I started volunteering, terrified of talking in front of anyone—even small children. A couple of years after I started volunteering as a helper, the leader of the younger kids' group at Belaire moved away. I thought about it very hard then took a deep breath, walked into Rachel's office and said "I can lead the group if you'll let me?" I was very much hoping she would say no, but instead she said, "I know you can, Sara." That faith in me and the mentoring of so many of the leaders at HOF has made an incredible impact on me and affected and touched every single area of my life and my faith through the years.

Once you start at HOF, you never want to quit because of the kids. You fall in love with every new group and as that group grows and moves on you suddenly find yourself in love with a whole new group of little eyes. Little eyes that are excited to see you every week, that believe that you care about them because you keep coming back, and who, you pray and trust, will listen to what you teach them and hold it close to their hearts because they know that you really do care about them."

There are countless opportunities to volunteer at House of Faith. If you would like to volunteer with us, or would like more information, please call us at 325-486-8637 and ask for Mindi Tercero.

www.hofministries.org
 325.486.8637

Mail to:



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ANNOUNCING:

House of Faith is soon to launch our new website and online newsletter communication! Please help us update your records, so we may best communicate with you. You may update us with this information in the following ways:

- E-mail the information requested below to: **contact@hofministries.org**.
- Call us at **325-486-8637** and give the information.
- Send in the following form with your updated information to: **House of Faith | 321 Montecito | San Angelo, TX 76903**

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