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House of Faith Christmas

Gifts and parties for **2,000 children and youth** takes the cooperation of an entire community. There are **two** main ways YOU can help us make this happen!!

1. VOLUNTEER

 For the work night: December 8th, 6-7:30pm

 To join the party fun: December 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th, 2:30-5pm

(there is a place for EVERYONE to help, from driving to crowd control to parking lot monitors and more!)



To volunteer or for more information contact **Annie Zesch** at 325.486.8637 or email: annie@hofministries.org

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“That is the Saddest Story I’ve Ever Heard”

By Kevin Reynolds, Executive Director

As you could imagine, I would have to write a newsletter article every single day to even come close to capturing all the many stories we could tell. They would be stories of hope and redemption, as well as stories of small changes in the trajectory of life that led to big changes over time. To put it simply, the many stories of lives touched.

I love to share these stories as they capture a glimpse of what it’s like to be “out there” all throughout this community “*Taking JESUS to neighborhood Children, Youth & Families.*” All of our many stories are based on the one single greatest story of all time; the story of God’s love for us as shown in the sacrificial gift of his Son, Jesus.

At all the Backyard Bible Clubs this semester we began with a 7 lesson unit called **FREE INDEED** that is based on John 8:36 which reads, “So if the Son sets you free you will be **FREE INDEED.**”

At the start of this unit we thought it best to reinforce the basic and simple Gospel message: a summary of the story of Jesus’ promise, birth, life & ministry, betrayal, arrest, crucifixion, death, burial, and resurrection. We did this to properly communicate the TRUTH of exactly HOW the Son (Jesus) sets us free.

Mike Schmitz, Assistant Director of House of Faith and Club Leader of our Bradford and Grape Creek Backyard Bible Clubs, told me the following story about the telling of THE story of Jesus.

As Mike was teaching through what evidently was somewhat of a novel story to some of the kids, he noticed many paying very close attention as they listened intently. It was clear for one young boy, in particular, that this was NOT a story with which he was familiar with the details.

As Mike was speaking of the abuse and mistreatment of Jesus, this young man exclaimed, “*That is the saddest story I have ever heard!*” This little guy had simply never heard, at least in a way that he could understand and grasp it for himself.

Please understand, this is not the first time we have had this experience with children in our community, and undoubtedly, it will not be the last. Even so, it still amazes me. This is not China. This is not Russia. This is not deep in an African jungle. It happens time and time again in this little West Texas community.

This, my friends, is what we are all about. Thank you so much for your help in this critical work of “*taking JESUS to neighborhood children, youth and families.*” We are so deeply grateful to the Lord for each and every one of you!

In Him and for them,

Kevin



Elementary students listen closely as staff and volunteers teach at a Backyard Bible Club about being set “Free Indeed” by Jesus.

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House of Faith kicked off our 321 program for middle and high school students for the year a few weeks ago. This semester we have adapted our current Backyard Bible Club unit, Free Indeed, to fit our teenagers as well. In a nutshell, the unit is about lies the devil wants us to believe, and how Jesus sets us free from those lies weighing our hearts down.

This year, we are also placing an emphasis on connecting students into small groups at 321. This is done in a similar manner as our teenagers already do with House of Faith at summer camp, so they can share and discuss what being free in Christ is all about in a more conversational setting.

We are excited for what God is doing in our youth, and we couldn't do it without the support of the community who believe in what He is doing at House of Faith!

Written by staff member Ryan Moran



THANK YOU, SAN ANGELO COWBOY GATHERING!

House of Faith was honored to be chosen as the beneficiary for the 2019 San Angelo Cowboy Gathering in September. We are grateful for their generosity! We are also thankful for all the volunteers who participated in this event with us!

Pictured right: SACG Director Terri Holland, pictured here with staff, volunteers and students at the Reagan Backyard Bible Club, presented House of Faith with a check for \$8,000.



H-E-B LAITY LODGE PARTNERSHIP FAMILY CAMP



In September we were privileged to participate in a partnership camp provided by Laity Lodge Family Camp near Leakey, TX. This camp allows us to spend time building relationships with our families, while they are having time to strengthen their relationships with each other. We are beyond grateful to the LLFC staff for all they do to provide an amazing camp! Families enjoy worshipping together, playing together and participating in a variety of activities like kayaking, biking, archery, arts and crafts and many others.

