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**In Her Own Words**

*By Executive Director Kevin Reynolds*

**Celebration of 25 Years!**



## Backyard Bible Club



Our school-year programs kicked off this week! Pictured above are students participating in our Monday night 321 program for 6th-12th graders, and our Backyard Bible Clubs for students in PK-5th grade, held at 15 elementary campuses each week.

Please join us in praying for our students to be drawn closer to Jesus this year at House of Faith!

## House of Faith Volunteers Are Important and Appreciated!

Our Backyard Bible Club volunteers give 3 to 4 hours of their time, one afternoon per week, to be at one of House of Faith's 15 Backyard Bible Clubs that meet on Wednesday or Thursday afternoon. We could not do what we do without this army!

If you would like more information about being a House of Faith volunteer and to learn how

**you can make a difference,**

please contact **Annie Zesch** at House of Faith:  
325-486-8637 or [annie@hofministries.org](mailto:annie@hofministries.org).



Volunteers met at House of Faith in September with their Backyard Bible Club teams for the annual "Volunteer Orientation" days.



# HOUSE OF FAITH NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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



## In Her Own Words By Kevin Reynolds, Executive Director

As is true from time to time, we receive notes, letters and cards from friends and partners. These words of encouragement are breaths of fresh air to us, and reminders that people do walk alongside us in this calling to “Take JESUS to neighborhood Children, Youth and families.”

One such letter came last month from Janet Phillips, and I just had to share it as we close out and share highlights of our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration that took place at the end of August. Janet is a precious saint who goes way back with us as a dear friend and faithful partner. I have copied her letter here unedited.

*I feel very passionate about the impact that the House of Faith Ministries has had on the city of San Angelo. It is hard to imagine the growth of a group that started 25 years ago with 63 children at its first Backyard Bible Club. Something good started that day and continues with each year as more children and their families learn about the peace and feeling of belonging that walking with Jesus offers. Children learn the meaning of happiness, understanding others, and appreciation of friendships. We must realize that all of us, in whatever stage of life we are in, benefit in some way from the ministry of House of Faith who now can count the number 2,100 as the students involved in House of Faith at the end of the 2019 school year.*

*It is truly amazing to think of how many other lives have been touched over these last 25 years as participants share what they have learned and how House of Faith has helped them through the years.*

*Thank you House of Faith staff and dedicated volunteers for all you have done to continue sharing the message of Jesus Christ.*

There are so many of you out there who, like Janet, have supported us these many years in so many different ways. We are so very grateful for each and every one of you and all that you do to help us. Thank you, thank you, thank you! We love you and so appreciate your partnership with us.

In Him and for them, *Kevin*

*Below: Students participating in group time at the Goliad Backyard Bible Club*



*House of Faith Is...former students, Justin McClure and Sean Gutierrez. These young men have been forever changed by Jesus and are married and raising children to follow God with all of their hearts.*

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## Our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: A Day of Celebration

House of Faith celebrated our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in grand fashion! We had three amazing events in one day to celebrate what the Lord has done and will continue to do.

Our first event of the day was an appreciation brunch held at the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts celebrating and thanking our volunteers and supporters. We sincerely would not be who we are today without the army of people who have come alongside the mission of "Taking **JESUS** to neighborhood children, youth and families."

Our 25<sup>th</sup> Celebration continued in the afternoon with an amazing Family Festival in the old Neff's area. Young and old enjoyed inflatables, food trucks, a petting zoo and horses too, along with music, gaga ball, chalk wall photo back drops, and a water gun challenge which provided families a chance to enjoy time together while celebrating with us!

We capped off the day with an electric atmosphere at our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert at the River Stage where the pre-show artists included MIZA, Kasey Scott Band, Against The Odds and Relent, followed by performances by rap artist, Adrion Butler, musical guest Jonathan Traylor, and San Angelo native and former House of Faith student, DJ Overcomer.



Several House of Faith students were a part of the big 25th Anniversary Concert at the Riverstage by singing the House of Faith song. These students participated in several practice sessions to prepare for the event and brought a lot of excitement and energy to the stage!





## Concert

*Pictured left:* DJ Overcomer, former House of Faith student Jimmy Cortez, was excited to perform for a hyped up crowd at the House of Faith 25th anniversary concert at the Riverstage.

## Family Festival

*Pictured below:* Children and adults enjoyed all kinds of fun at the Family Festival; the rock wall was a popular attraction for all ages!



## Appreciation Brunch

*Pictured above:* Priscilla Ramos (former House of Faith student) and her children, who currently attend House of Faith, look at the many photos walking them through 25 years at House of Faith.

*Pictured right:* Mike Schmitz demonstrates House of Faith curriculum to mom and daughter duo, Mandy Villareal and Mallory Govea, both former students and now faithful volunteers.

