

CHRISTMAS PARTIES!

At the end of every year, we love to ring in the Christmas season with exciting Christmas parties for everyone in our ministry. From our Children's Ministry all the way up through our Adult Bible Studies, we celebrate the birth of Jesus with presents, food, & most importantly, the powerful story of how Jesus came to earth as a baby to save a broken and dying world!

This year, we were able to bless more families than ever before thanks to the generosity of so many in our community. Every kid and teen in our ministries received a Bible from the Gideons and nearly 250 children received gifts provided by New Heights Church, First Financial Bank & Spirit of Texas Bank in our Children's Ministry, After School Program & Hearne Ministry. Hoodies were given to every kid in the Children's, Hearne, and Teen Ministries. Teenagers also received gifts thanks to the generosity of First Baptist Bryan. We were blessed to have almost 100 men & women this year gather together to celebrate and fellowship at their Christmas parties. But above all the gifts & celebrations, our heart this year was that every child, teenager & adult would know the love of Jesus this Christmas season.

At the end of this year, it was a blessing to be able to focus our eyes and hearts on the birth of our Savior. It is our prayer that the families of SOS would experience the gift of Christmas through the relationships they've built at SOS, the generosity of our community & the faithful love of Jesus.

RAISING UP THE NEXT GENERATION

SOS SADDLEWOOD OUTREACH

For over 28 years of ministry in the Brazos Valley, SOS Ministries has carried out the mission to "Rescue, Restore, and Release" families from drug and gang infested environments where abuse, poverty, & violence have been a way of life. Since the beginning, we have witnessed God perform countless miracles through our outreaches in at-risk neighborhoods across the community where not just one life was transformed, but entire families' generational cycles of poverty, hurt, and abuse were broken.

Our recent outreach at Saddlewood Apartment Complex began by receiving calls from the apartment managers. They were desperate about all the random shootings and violence that was going on and needed SOS to bring the love, peace and presence of Jesus there. In the words of JJ Ramirez: "The Lord began to put the same gut feeling I had back in 1993 inside of me and called me to go back out there. So we began praying and asking God for strategy during our Thursday night Bible Study. I called anybody that felt they were a son or a daughter to this Ministry to join us because I believe God is on the move to raise up the next generation of the Kingdom's Children."

With hearts filled with the courage, love and peace of Christ, SOS Ministries took an army of believers to Saddlewood. We broke up into teams with each team reaching out to a certain number of apartments. Each team was shared the love of Christ with the residents, prayed and blessed their home, and offered to buy Christmas gifts for over the 200 children that live in the Saddlewood apartments. Every Thursday evening for a month, we went back with hopes and prayers to share the Gospel with each household and bring Kingdom love to them.

JJ adds: "Our vision is to go to neighborhoods like

Saddlewood and be pastors there. And through that, we can raise a new generation of pastors and leaders to do what I did with the gangs 30 years ago. This way, we will raise people that are not only productive for the society they live in, but also productive to the Kingdom of God. What we are called to do in Saddlewood, and all across the Brazos Valley, is to raise up an army that is the walking manifestation of John 15:13 and is willing to go out there. Whatever time you're called upon by the Lord is the moment to rise up and act. Our calling as a church is to be a tangible expression of God's unconditional love so that we may witness these people's walk toward the Lord and their growth in faith. As the church, we are to keep believing, praying, and hoping for the next generation to rise up and take the torch. I am only ONE man, so this is on ALL OF US to raise the next generation with the heart of Christ to go into these communities and see if the Lord is calling them to be the father to the fatherless, to defend the case of the widow, and so much more."

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As we continue to build relationships, we will deliver Christmas presents door to door at Saddlewood and pray with the families as God provides opportunities. THANK YOU to First Financial Bank for their partnership with us to provide Christmas gifts.

SOS Ministries is so grateful for the amazing team of volunteers who have joined us at Saddlewood. We have witnessed many residents step out and shared their struggles, pain, and willingness to receive the Good News with us. Please pray with us for those in Saddlewood who have decided to give their lives to Jesus as we support them in their newfound walks with Him.



After School Program Thanksgiving



Teen Ministry Thanksgiving



After School Program Christmas



Teen Ministry Christmas Party



We are so thankful for all the support we received in making our Thanksgiving & Christmas parties special for the kids and teens in our ministries. We had holiday feasts, SOS hoodies, and Christmas presents for over 500 kids, teens, and their families!



DID YOU KNOW?

SOS has over 300 volunteers partner with us each year! People serve with kids, teens, men, and women, as well as Friday Night Worship, and special events. We could not fulfill God's vision for this ministry without our selfless, hard-working volunteers.



Volunteer Appreciation Banquet 2021



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 16

Saddlewood Angels Delivery

Dec 17

Last Friday Night Worship of 2021

Dec 18 - Jan 2

Office Closed

Dec 25

Merry Christmas!

Jan 7

Friday Night Worship is back

Jan 22

Volunteer Training Day



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