

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 & Spirit of Texas Bank in our Children's Ministry, After School Program & Hearne Ministry. Global Catering & the Bobbitt Family also provided 100 pairs of shoes & a delicious dinner to the kids in our Children's Ministry! Hoodies were given to every kid in the Children's, Hearne, and Teen Ministries and 75 of our 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 a challenging 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.

JESSICA'S STORY

HOW GOD TRANSFORMED HER LIFE

Jessica came from a family of 10 children. They were very poor and every night each weekend the kids were left pretty much on their own — sometimes even a week or two at a time. Jessica felt broken, lost, hurt, like no one loved her or cared when she was always responsible for her younger siblings. She prayed for God to save her from this life she was forced to live. One day she decided to run away. She ran into a nearby field where she knew it was the place to go if you were trying to hide from the police because of the tall grass. (Years later, this field became the site for SOS Ministries) In the field, she struggled between wanting someone to find her so she could feel wanted, but also wanting to be left alone.

Jessica heard about SOS through a friend in her neighborhood. Carmen remembers how Jessica would start coming periodically, but after a while, she came every single week. During that time, Carmen got to know her story and it broke her heart. Seeing what was going on in this girl's life and wanting her to have a different life, Carmen began to intercede to God on Jessica's behalf.

At home, Jessica's mom was dating a boy who was a few years older than Jessica. They were engaged in sexual activity in the living room and wouldn't stop so Jessica found a weapon - a nearby bat! Soon after, the police removed her from her home and put her in the juvenile detention center. Jessica recalled all the physical, mental, and emotional abuse she had gone through before leaving her home and was so thankful that following her court date, they placed her to live with Carmen, who also housed other girls. When Carmen came into her life, Jessica felt that she was being shown a way out of what she was exposed to

every day. Seeing how Carmen lived, Jessica said, "I want to be like her."

It was an answer to prayer; a gift. Carmen was the answer to her own prayers for Jessica. She recognized that Jessica was always one of those set-apart kids, a little evangelist, and it was a miracle to be able to have the opportunity to show her she was not just a statistic, and to work alongside God's story for her and speak heaven's answers into her life.

Jessica was ready to break all the curses in her life, separate herself from evil, and have eyes that were open and ready to be found. She accepted Jesus into her life and continued to go to SOS to maintain her relationship and to fellowship with other Christians.

Jessica now owns a salon, barbering school, and is building out a cosmetology school. "My goal is to help people." Jessica loves that she can give scholarships to people she feels need one and could benefit from coming to school to learn a trade so they can financially support themselves. "I am

like everyone's mom: giving counsel, loving them, providing opportunities, and being an answer to prayer."

How God has worked in Jessica's life and blessed her is truly amazing! Watching this incredible mom who loves her kids and husband proves the faithfulness of God, His word, and the transforming power of love in a person's life. Jessica knows that she wouldn't be where she is at today if it was not for Carmen coming into her life. When Carmen reflects on Jessica's story, she is reminded that "We have never been commanded to change anybody, we've only been commanded to love them, to share truth, and then we watch what God does with that."

**We don't
change people,
we love them
then sit back to
see God work**



After School Program Thanksgiving



After School Program Showcase



Vocational Training Graduation



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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 375 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 2020



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 18

Last Friday Night Worship of 2020

Dec 19

Christmas Shopping Day

Dec 21 - Jan 1

Office Closed

Dec 25

Merry Christmas!

Jan 5

Men's & Women's Bible Studies start back

Jan 8

Friday Night Worship is back



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