

THE WORK OF JESUS! **IFNNA'S STORY**

"God was

with me

in all my

Each year at the banquet, we get to hear amazing stories of how our good God transforms the lives of many. Last year, we heard Jenna's story on how Jesus healed and saved her:

I was raised by a single mother as the second oldest of four. I've never met my father. We lived a rough life and although my mom was a believer we weren't raised having a relationship with God. My mom married and had twins by the time I was a teen. I began rebelling and she didn't have time to discipline a reckless teen. Shortly after turning 16, I met a guy who was 5 years older than me. He was controlling, jealous and possessive with a temper that he called "love". I was too naive to

understand what love was. At age 17, I was already living a very poor adult life as a step-mom and wife to a man who had brainwashed me to believing this is what love looks like. And at 17, I had my son.

struggles. Over the next few years I tried leaving only to find myself back to square one and now dealing with my partner's addiction. My mom was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and I was literally living through my own private hell. In 2011, I left my partner, my mom was in remission, and with a degree in hand, my son and I moved to Brvan. We had a rough first year financially. I was working two jobs to support my son and myself. Despite dragging my son from job to job and living without much, we had the best relationship, full of love and laughter, but, the constant stress began making me angry and bitter. I started drinking and living a party life to numb my stress. In 2013 I caught myself at a point where I knew I needed something else. I began going to church and trying to figure out who God was. A friend told me about SOS Women's Bible

study. So one night I attended, and I was in awe of the openness and vulnerability of these women. I realized I wasn't alone with my struggles! I became a regular on Tuesday nights, but on Friday nights I was out there again living a party life. I had no idea how to live the life God had called me to live.

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In 2016, my mother's cancer got worse, and so did I. After her death, I hit rock bottom and went back to using alcohol to numb the pain. I was depressed and lost. My relationship with my son was so distant. My relationship with a man who really cared for me also ended because he couldn't see me self- destruct. I remember crying to Ms. Carmen on the phone as she prayed over me. I

> remember sitting outside on the porch as I cried out to God "I am done with this life! I have nothing left to lose God! Please help me!" And He did! A breakthrough at last!

> I was welcomed with open arms when I returned to SOS. I've now overcome depression, anger,

and sadness. The hurt person I once was has been healed and restored through Jesus and this ministry. My relationship with my son is restored and the guy who kept going to the Men's Bible Study to pray for me, even after we had stopped seeing each other, is now my loving husband and the best step -father for my son!

SOS Women's Ministry is a sisterhood. The same women who were my prayer warriors while mourning the loss of my mom were there to pray over me at my wedding. This ministry is my safe haven and I am now blessed to call it my workplace. I get to witness hurting people, like I once was, get healed like I am now. I am so grateful to use my story to help people see the work of Jesus!

VOLUNTEER **OPPORTUNITIES**

<u>Children's Ministry</u> This is a time for kids ages 5-12 to come learn more about who God is through bible studies, games, crafts and other fun activities! 7:15-8:30pm | SOS | Every Monday

After School Program

This program keeps kids off the streets until 5pm while teaching them trades or skills that will expose them to potential job opportunities in the future. Volunteers are needed to assist teachers. 3:30-5:00pm | SOS | Every Monday-Friday

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This is a time for kids ages 5-12 to come learn more about who God is through bible studies, games, crafts and other fun activities! 6:00-8:30pm | SOS | Every Wednesday

Teen Ministry

Teen Ministry is a time for youth, ages 13 and up, to join us for fun activities, share life events, and study God's word. 7:30-8:30pm | SOS | Every Thursday

Vocational Training Program

This program is a 12-week course that connects licensed plumbers & mentors with those interested in experiencing hands on training and gaining employable trade skills. 6-9pm | SOS Workshop | Every Monday & Tuesday

Friday Night Worship

This is a night of worship, fellowship, and a message from SOS founder and director JJ. Help is needed with the Nursery & Kids, Worship team, and Audio/Video. 7:30-9:30pm | SOS | Every Friday



Children's Ministry



After School Program



Teen Ministry





The Jack Threadgill Vocational Training program has been the means for life and generational transformation for people since its first class in summer 2019. Through the vision of J.J. Ramirez and Jack Threadgill, SOS has been able to provide groups of men and women with the opportunity to change the trajectory of their lives through the Jack Threadgill Vocational Training Program classes in CDL training, plumbing and welding AT NO COST. So far, 40 men and women have participated in our Vocational Training Program. We have also started our FIRST VT Commercial Driver's license Class with 6 men and women to graduate. This class was so popular it filled up to capacity in only one day! Our next VT Plumbing Class will being on September 20th and we expect to have another full load of students.

We are exploring opportunities for continued expansion of the VT program, to possibly include HVAC, Electrical and Floor/Carpet Installation in the future, as well as holding an additional CDL class this fall. Our sponsors, volunteers and most importantly, our Heavenly Father continue to bless the Jack M. Threadgill Vocational Training Program. As always, our secondary goal is to provide realworld job training skills, but our PRIMARY goal is to allow every participant in our program to hear the Good News of Christ!

Plumbing Classes Begin on September 20th! To sign up for the program or to help as a volunteer, call or visit the SOS office or contact Craig at craig@saveourstreetsministries.org



About **30 teenagers** attended our Friday Night "Back to School Teen Takeover" and some even stepped forward and gave their hearts to Jesus!

Save the

Mark your calendar for this year's 20th Annual Banquet on Tuesday, October 5th sponsored by: Galleria Spa Salon Boutique and KBTX Media!

UPCOMING EVENTS



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Sept Children's Ministry and After School Program Begin



Vocational Training Program Sept **Plumbing Classes Begin**



Nov **SOS Women's Retreat** 12-14



