

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 many families 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 our generous donors. Each child received a Jesus Storybook Bible and a warm blanket as well as a warm meal thanks to Global Catering, Brotherhood of Christian Aggies, and Philadelphia Sisters. Nearly 40 teens enjoyed a delicious meal donated by First Baptist Bryan, DoubleDave's & Chicken Express. They also received gifts provided by Brenham National Bank and other generous donors. We were also blessed to have nearly 70 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 experience 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.

GOD TRULY LOVES US!

JESSE'S STORY

At the beginning of this year, The Lord showed JJ Acts 2:22 where it said we will get to see God's signs, miracles and wonders this year. Throughout 2022, we have witnessed God perform countless miracles where not just one life was transformed, but entire families' generational cycles of poverty, hurt, and abuse were broken. Following is a story of God's redemptive power that STILL changes and restores hearts for His glory:

My name is Jesse. I grew up in the streets and by the age of 13/14 I was in a gang. I had my first son at the age of 16. I was blessed with 5 boys and 2 girls. I got into selling drugs at 17, and by 28 I was working for two different cartels. At the age of 40, my world came tumbling down. I sold a big amount of cocaine to an undercover. The police found 16 pounds of marijuana and a lot of cash in my house. I was charged with manufacturing & delivery, possession and money laundering, and was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

In prison I found Jesus. Out of my 20 years sentence, I made parole after six years. Glory to God! My 20-year-old son kept asking to go to church and I kept slacking and slipping back to drinking because of the downfalls I was having being denied job after job. I asked God to lead me to the right church. One Sunday evening I told my son, "Let's go look and see if we can find

an evening service." We passed a couple of churches and there was nobody there. I said let's go check out SOS Ministries. I saw a group of men standing outside of a home. I told my son to turn in so we could ask them if they knew anything about when and where we could go to church. We pulled up and this guy welcomed us and began talking about the Bible Studies and services on Fridays. Well, that man was JJ.

After our second Friday at SOS, my son told me he wanted to be baptized. We invited his brothers and sisters to his baptism.

During that Service, JJ shared a message that I felt God was speaking into my kids' hearts. That same night, my 14-year-old daughter and my 26-year-old and 29-year-old sons accepted Jesus Christ! It was one of the happiest days of my life! I knew then that God was answering my prayers.

God has brought me to SOS to be a testimony to others and to let you know He is always by your side. He DOES listen and care for us. No matter what you're going through, trust God because He truly loves us!

We are so grateful to see God STILL moving through every single program at SOS and bringing more hearts to His Kingdom! Our hopes & prayers this Christmas is for Christ to fully transform your life and for you to rejoice in all God's signs, miracles and wonders in your lives!

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Baptisms- November 2022



Teen Ministry Christmas Party



Adult Bible Study Thanksgiving



CDL & Plumbing Classes Graduation



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 300 kids, teens, and their families!



DID YOU KNOW?

SOS has over 300 volunteers that 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 2022

IGNITE THE NEXT GENERATION

The heart of this \$6.5 Million campaign is to create space for more families to experience God's love through SOS. The campaign will expand our programs and facilities to widen our reach and deepen our impact for Jesus in the community.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 16** Last Friday Night Worship of 2022
- Dec 21** Office Closed
- Jan 2** Vocational Training Program CDL Class Begins
- Jan 3** Friday Night Worship Returns
- Jan 6** Vocational Training Program Welding Class Begins
- Jan 9**



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