

## BACK TO SCHOOL CLOTHING AND SUPPLIES

As summer winds down, the time has come for children and teenagers to prepare to head back to school, which also means parents must begin the task of gathering school supplies and clothes for a new school year. Preparing to go back to school can be a financial challenge, leaving many children and teens to attend their first day of school without the necessary supplies to have a successful year. At SOS, we strive to eliminate the stress of the season by doing our best to assist as many families as possible with their back to school needs. Each summer before school starts, we take families to purchase back to school clothes and supplies so they feel prepared to begin the school year. Whether it is purchasing new school clothes or essential school supplies, we hope to bless as many of our kids and teens as possible. SOS is committed and willing to go to great lengths to see the children and teens that we serve succeed. We believe that if we can help the children of SOS prepare for school, we are better equipping them to be a light for Jesus in their schools. Would you consider partnering with us to help us provide back to school clothes and supplies for the kids and teens at SOS? To be a part of helping our kids and teens prepare for school, see the insert or visit our website at: [www.saveourstreetsministries.org/give](http://www.saveourstreetsministries.org/give)

Thank you for partnering with SOS to help our children and teens start the school year with all the supplies they need! Your faithful "YES" gives us the power to reach out and be a tangible expression of the love of Christ to the families throughout the Brazos Valley!

## INTO THE LOVING ARMS OF JESUS

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY

"It was the summer of 1994 & I was taking Dena, a girl in my Teen Girls' Class, home. She suddenly grabbed me by the hand & said, 'Ms. Carmen, will you come inside & tell my family about Jesus? I told them I was going to bring you by tonight!' I went inside & shared the most beautiful love story with them...the Gospel of Jesus! That very night, the whole family received Jesus in their hearts! Dena's aunt who was raising her asked, 'If I invite my friends, will you come to my home & teach us the Bible?' It was from that encounter that our Women's Ministry was birthed!!" —Carmen Maxwell, Assistant Director

For the past 30 years God has used SOS to bring daughters and their households to His Kingdom. Our Women's Ministry is a place where women come with all their hurt, pain and mistakes and are unconditionally loved. It is a love found through using God's Word to encourage and form loving relationships and accountability. During our Tuesday Night Women's Bible Study, women are encouraged to love their families in a way that glorifies the Lord based on the teachings in Titus 2. They are taught to use Kingdom truth to break generational curses in their lives & their households. Prayer and God's Word are central in this ministry so that women encounter God and become living testimonies of the love of Christ. In the words of one of our ladies, "SOS Women's Ministry is a sisterhood. I am thankful that the same women who were my prayer warriors through 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 be a part of it."

As well as our Tuesday night Bible Study, a few other activities in our Women's Ministry include the annual "Retreat" where our women get away for a weekend in an intimate setting to meet with God and grow closer together! Our Women's Ministry also holds "ARISE" Conference every year which serves as an outreach event for the women in our community. Each woman prays for 5 friends that do not know Jesus for a month and then invites them to join us for our ARISE Conference with door prizes, worship, testimonies, and a Gospel Message to invite them into the loving arms of Jesus!

We are incredibly grateful to be a part of women surrendering their hearts to the Lord and choosing to fully live for Him at our Women's Ministry. It is an incredible opportunity for more than 60 women to be poured into through our weekly Bible studies & various events throughout the year. Whether it is our ARISE Conference, weekend retreats, Women's Tea Party, Garage Sale, or other special events, women are receiving the love of Jesus & truth from His Word.

Ladies! We would love to invite you to join us every Tuesday night at 7:00 PM at SOS for our women's Bible Study, as we journey through God's Word in an encouraging atmosphere where deep relationships are formed, healing occurs, and women dive into scripture to grow together in Christ! We would LOVE to have y'all join us!

**"Women are receiving the love of Jesus & truth from His Word."**



Women's Ministry Retreat 2022



Women's Ministry GIANT Garage Sale



Back to School Shopping



On Location

# WINTER IN JUNE -Carmen's Story from Summer Camp

For the past 30 years, God has faithfully used our summer camps as a life-changing experience for our kids & teens to encounter Jesus in new ways. Through new & lots of FUN activities, our kids & teens are connected back to the Gospel & learn to take a step in faith in all areas of their lives. Each camping trip is an opportunity for incredible stories of God's miracles, and for kids & teens to encounter His goodness. Here's what Carmen Maxwell, our Assistant Director, shared about a camping trip from years past:

*It was a hot June in the late 90s and JJ & I had taken over 30 teens camping in Somerville. The weather was still and there was absolutely no wind, which made the heat even more unbearable. At 3 in the morning, the girls began complaining and telling me they could not sleep in the scorching heat. I told them, 'Why don't we pray and ask the Lord for anything that's on your hearts?' They began to pray and ask God for a breeze. They even began praying more boldly, 'Lord, will you please make it snow?!' The powerful prayers began running through the whole tent and all the teens kept talking to the Lord in one accord! There was such a holy excitement in the tent at 3 AM! Eventually, they settled in to get some sleep.*

*Within 30 minutes, the wind started blowing into our tent and it even began to sleet! The teens excitedly jumped out of the tent saying, 'God heard our prayers! He is so good!' The sleet soon turned into slush and caused the temperature to drop by about 40 degrees! The girls were running around shouting, 'God made it snow! God made it snow!' What started as unbearably hot was now really cold! We didn't have enough blankets and warm clothes for that unexpected blessing! JJ & I had to make a quick executive decision and take the teens back home because it was now too cold for everybody! From that point on, the teens became fervent in their prayers, and to this day, they still remember God's blessing of bringing "winter" in a really hot June!*

THANK YOU for your prayers and support over the past 30 years! We thank God for the lives He has transformed during every camping trip! God is so faithful, and we are excited for His good plans for His children and their families!

## DID YOU KNOW?

God blessed our Women's Ministry GIANT Garage Sale with **OVER \$20,000** this year! A huge THANK YOU to National Charity League Inc., Aggeland Chapter, our Women's Ministry Leadership Team, and all the servant hearts who came to volunteer, donate items, shop, and help with this event!



## 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.

Visit [SaveOurStreetsMinistries.org](http://SaveOurStreetsMinistries.org)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

July  
28-30

Women's Ministry Retreat

Aug.  
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First Friday Prayer & Worship

Aug.  
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Back to School Shopping

Sept  
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Women's Ministry ARISE Conference

Oct.  
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"REVIVAL" Banquet



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