

**SEPTEMBER 2024** 

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Monday Night Children's Ministry Bible Study Kids kindergarten- 6th grade to come learn more about who God is through Bible lessons, snacks, exciting games, worship and other fun activities! 6:30-8:30 p.m. | SOS | Every Monday

#### After School Program

Volunteers invest in the daily lives of over 130 kids through Bible Studies, extracurricular activities like cooking, dance, guitar & sports, and academic tutoring. Volunteers serve at least 2 days a week. 3:00-5:00 p.m. | SOS | Every Monday-Friday

#### Hearne Children's Ministry

Kids kindergarten- 6th grade to come learn more about who God is through Bible studies, snacks, games, crafts and other fun activities! 6:00-9:00 p.m. | SOS | Every Wednesday

#### Teen Ministry

Teen Ministry is a time for youth, 7th- 12th grade, to join us for fun activities, build relationships, share life events, and study God's word. 7:00-8:30 p.m. | SOS | Every Thursday

#### Vocational Training Program

Volunteers help teach skills as well as disciple the men & women in the vocational training classes including plumbing, welding & CDL training where they also learn life skills such as financial management to become more employable and skilled workers. 6:00-9:00 p.m. | SOS Workshop | Every Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday

### **GOD'S PROMISE OF REDEMPTION! MIKE'S STORY**

As we prepare to celebrate all God has done within SOS Ministries, we remember our good God's faithfulness and transforming revival through the testimonies from years past. Meet Mike, one of the residents at our Men's Home Discipleship Program. God has written an incredible story of redemption, revival, healing, & transformation in Mike's life displaying His love and grace.

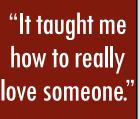
Mike was known in the community as one of the biggest meth addicts in the city. He grew up around gangs and drugs his entire life and joined a gang as a kid. At home, Mike saw drug abuse and physical abuse all the time. His dad was the one that gave him his first joint and soon, Mike was

getting high with his dad and his mom.

"I said I would never stick a needle in my arm. I would never abuse women the way my father did. But it passed down to me. I got introduced to meth. I started selling it and robbing drug

dealers. I was doing whatever it took for me to get high, causing me to end up in prison and was in and out for years. I felt trapped like things were never going to change. The harder I tried the deeper I fell into my addiction, and it took control of my life."

Mike had children but was in no condition to see them, much less, be a Dad. He knew he had to change but he didn't know how. He reached out to one of his childhood friends. Someone he used to do drugs with, and that friend had begun his own journey for change and connected Mike with JJ. Mike told JJ, "I just want to be free."



Reluctantly, Mike came into the men's home and as all this was happening, Mike's elementary aged daughter, began praying. She prayed every night that Mike would come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior. She knew their family needed a miracle.

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JJ tells us, "You don't see people come off of that kind of drug use unless the power of God is in their life." With the mighty work of God, Mike surrendered. "I reached out to God and He heard my cry. I asked Him to change me. I haven't had a drop of alcohol or anything since God answered my prayer. It had to have been my daughter's prayers that saved my life. I feel like I have a purpose now that I have hope. I look forward to waking

up in the morning and seeing what the day brings, how I may help somebody or pray for someone, or how I may be able to share my story to someone that needs to hear."

JJ nicknamed Mike, "Miracle Mike". God gave SOS a ringside seat to see His power and His glory almost instantaneously in

Mike. As JJ says, "There's nothing greater than to be able to see God's hand move in a person's life, especially like Miracle Mike. I'm so proud to be able to call him one of my sons in the ministry."

Mike told us, "The SOS Men's Home taught me how to change and how to live a Godly life. It taught me how to really love someone. And thanks to that love they showed me, I can now show my daughter and my sons. I'm so thankful for SOS. I have a family now. Friends that truly care for me. Praise God. I wouldn't be where I'm at today and I wouldn't be heading where I'm heading if it wasn't for JJ and SOS."



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After School Program



Vocational Training



The Jack Threadgill Vocational Training program has been the means for life and generational transformation 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. Since the program began in 2019, we have trained OVER 120 men & women in a highly employable trade (either plumbing, welding, or earning their CDL-B) and equipped them with financial and relational skills to build better lives for their families!

A huge THANK YOU to Twin City Properties, United Way of the Brazos Valley, Paul Hundl-Custom Fabricators & Repairs, and all our generous volunteers and donors for making this program possible at NO COST for our students. 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 real-world job training skills, but our PRIMARY goal is to allow every participant in our program to hear the Good News of Christ!

We thank God for the blessing of our plumbing & CDL training kicking off this month! We also continue to explore opportunities for continued expansion of the VT program, to possibly include HVAC, Electrical and Floor/Carpet Installation in the future. To volunteer or sign up for the Jack Threadgill Vocational Training Program, call or visit the SOS office or contact Craig at craig@saveourstreetsministries.org



Thanks to Marshall Verne Ross & United Way Youth Leadership Cabinet, this summer, we had the privilege of sending 25 kids to Stoney Creek Ranch and 10 teens to FCA Camp!



## IGNITE THE <u>Next generation</u>

We need your help to raise the remaining \$155,000 before THIS October to FINISH the campaign! The heart of this capital campaign is to create space for more families to experience God's love. We are excited to announce we have raised \$735,000 towards the Challenge Grant from the J.E. & L.E. Mabee Foundation! Visit SaveOurStreetsMinistries.org



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# <u>UPCOMING EVENTS</u>

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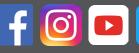
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Teen Ministry TEEN TAKEOVER

23rd Annual Banquet-"MADE FOR MORE"



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