

Showers of Blessings in Jacksonville



Well, for the first time in fifteen Expo outreaches God brought rain to us on event day. We've had rain on set-up day and even a few sprinkles during a couple of events but on April 20th He opened up the heavens and poured out some much needed rain on the Jacksonville area.

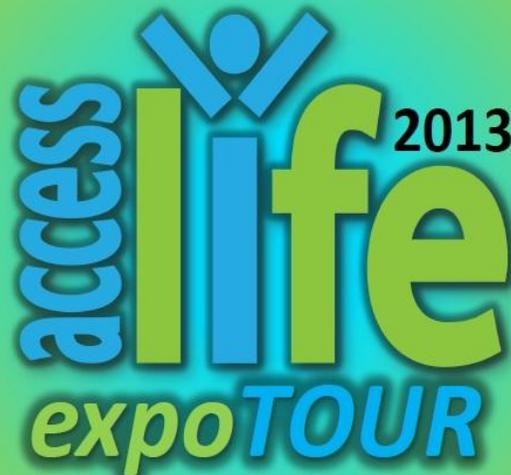
I don't know why God brought the rain then and there but I do know He has a good purpose and plan for the rain which is much bigger than even the Jacksonville Expo.

God is also infinitely good and in turn, He brought showers of blessing to all the 364 people who braved the rain and cooler than normal temperatures that day. From the impromptu "trash bag poncho making" by volunteers and the "where can we buy hot chocolate" scramble by leaders to the smiles of participants unloading in between rain drops and their determination to ride a hayride half way around the lake to take a boat ride in the down pour, God's blessings could be seen everywhere!

Many volunteers and leaders were especially impacted by the number of participants willing to come out despite the less than optimal weather conditions to fish, ride a boat, paddle a kayak, paint a picture, eat a hot dog or just experience the love of Christ shown by those serving.



God showed us many things on April 20th in Jacksonville. We saw the hearts of true commitment by the many volunteers who came out and how God blessed them as they blessed others. We saw God's provision in helping us work through and around the rain and the bonds that developed by the common experience. However, above all of these things, God showed us the depth of need in the disability community for fellowship, adaptive activities, connection and most of all Jesus.



Please join us at an Expo near you! Participant and volunteer registration links as well as flyers, waivers, pictures and videos can be found online at: www.access-life.org/ALE

- **Feb. 16: Palm Beach Co., FL**
- **Feb. 23: Broward Co., FL**
- **Apr. 20: Jacksonville, FL**
- **Jun. 15: North Texas**
- **Aug. 25: East Tennessee [Registration Open](#)**
- **Nov. 16: Central Florida [Registration Open](#)**

Want to join our Prayer and Care Team, and help us lift up the needs of those who request prayer at each Expo to the Lord?

Simply send an email to leanne@access-life.org and we'll add you to the team list to receive emails with these requests!