

## East Tennessee and Central Florida Wrap-Up God Blessed 2016 Expo Tour in Grand Fashion

**Mission Statement:** To develop and execute programs and events that share the love and Gospel of Jesus Christ with people living with disabilities, and to connect them to Christ-honoring churches, organizations, resources, and people within their community.

**Programs:** Access-Life Expos, Access-Life Outposts, Fishing with Friends, Crafting Community and Prayer and Care

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### Area Updates

**Jacksonville, FL:** The first annual **Big Wheel Deal** wheelchair basketball game to benefit the **Access-Life Expo** in Jacksonville, FL will be at Christ's Church Mandarin's gym on **November 13<sup>th</sup>**. If interested in supporting, playing, cheering or just attending this free and fun event contact Doug Goddard at [doug@access-life.org](mailto:doug@access-life.org).

**North Texas:** Quarterly **Prayer and Care** fellowships are a mainstay for this area Outpost with their next gathering set for **November 17<sup>th</sup>**. If interested in participating and praying for the local disability community or submitting a prayer request or praise contact Bill Matheu at [bill@caltexfunding.com](mailto:bill@caltexfunding.com).

**East Tennessee:** Our Outpost Team in this area held their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual **Ice Cream Social** on **September 27<sup>th</sup>** and we've posted a brief write-up with several pictures on our BLOG at [www.access-life.org/lifelink](http://www.access-life.org/lifelink). If interested in attending one of their future activities contact Mary Hayes at [mhayes3887@gmail.com](mailto:mhayes3887@gmail.com).



From the new site logistics in East Tennessee like grading a gravel bank on the lake and building a plywood boardwalk for wheelchair access to the fifth anniversary celebration in Central Florida where four participants prayed to receive Christ, God has been present these past three months helping us overcome challenges and growing His family. He also blessed us with some amazing weather for these final two outreaches of the year and brought out 913 folks in East Tennessee and 580 people in Central Florida to bless and be blessed under the covering of His love.

The blessings did not stop at the Expos either as the trailer that carried all of the ministry equipment to Tennessee when returned to Florida was unloaded at the Central Florida Expo and refilled afterwards with mobility items and medical supplies donated by the event attendees. It is now in South Florida with the items being inventoried and packed to be shipped to Belize for our outreach there on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. As part of God's economy, a new larger trailer was donated to the ministry a few months ago which is where all of the Expo equipment is now stored for future transportation. Pretty cool, huh?

As great as all of these physical blessings are, the spiritual blessing of those who met Jesus for the first time, were given a few moments of peace in His presence or experienced the joy of knowing the truth of Philippians 4:13 ("I can do all things thru Christ who strengthens me") by taking their first boat ride, catching their first fish or being cheered for the first time are the true milestones of the ministry. One onlooker put it this way, "Seeing an Expo in person is like seeing the hands of God put fingerprints on the lives of those He loves".



Even more amazing is how God works in the lives of many of those in His family who



cannot attend but are still able to be a part of these moments through prayer and giving. So, if you are one of those folks who is interceding and providing from a far please know that God sees your efforts and we appreciate your support. Together as His children we can make a difference for His kingdom – One Expo at a time!