

Hope Rises at the North Texas Expo!



Isaiah 40:31 tells us, “Those that HOPE in the Lord will renew their strength.” The promise of HOPE is vital for each of us as we seek to live each day. As the scripture states, true HOPE comes from the Lord. Yet, for families living with disabilities many are living with NO HOPE, as they don’t know Jesus. It is our goal that each EXPO will bring that HOPE to those who need it. Through each welcome cheer, activity, craft, fish caught, boat ride given, rock wall conquered it is our desire to create an atmosphere that will strengthen, encourage and bring HOPE and joy to each participant who attends.

This year’s North Texas EXPO marks the 43rd outreach since the ministry began in 2010. While many of the day’s activities are similar to the very first Expo the HOPE God brings to each Expo is fresh and

something only He can do. We are thankful that He uses us and the volunteers who serve as His conduit for this HOPE. This year, we were particularly thankful to have such a flexible team of volunteers that took on new roles and responsibilities and while stretched a bit came through with flying colors. The comradery that develops each year between the faithful who serve annually is such a blessing. Some volunteers we only see one or two days a year but the bond of serving Christ together is strong and brings an instant smile to our faces when we see each other again.



There is a similar bond that develops between the volunteers and participants who connect each year at the outreach. With our Spring Fling and Jingle and Mingle Outpost activities now in place, there is even more opportunity to build and strengthen the Body of Christ in North Texas through more encouragement and support. In fact, our second Jingle and Mingle Christmas activity is set for December 8th and it will be exciting to see God bring folks together to celebrate the birth of Jesus again this year.

All in all God brought out 1,056 total attendees to the outreach on June 9th. We were also blessed by having 6 churches and 20 area organizations involved in a variety of ways. One church even brought out 175 volunteers to serve as buddies and make new friends with the participants who joined us for the day.

From the over 2,500 bottles of water, hamburgers, hot dogs and bags of snacks donated and served to the many boat rides, rock wall climbs and new Hover ball activity, God ensured the outreach was again a successful out pouring of His grace, mercy and love which ultimately bring HOPE!