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The Sun Shines Bright Before, During and After Florida and Texas Expos!

You know, when the sun is shining and blue skies are above, it always brings a smile to my face. Oh yes, it may be hot but there is something about the light the sun brings that brightens our day. Researchers have even shown that sunlight is good for our attitude and is a great medicine for sadness. When the Son of God (Jesus) is shining in our hearts the same thing happens. He dispels the darkness, forgives our sin and gives us a fresh attitude. The result: a smile. ☺



We often see this reality at each Expo. A family living with disability comes to an outreach tired and worn down from the burdens of life but as the Son shines into their lives through the love of so many volunteers a smile begins to show. It is amazing what God does for so many when they are brought into a wholesome environment that is permeated by the presence of the Lord.



This joy, only found in His love, often spills over to those serving as they see those in need of God's gracious blessings doing something they never thought possible like getting on a boat, paddling a kayak,

catching a fish or riding a horse. As they witness the power of these common everyday experiences impacting the lives of so many participants, their challenges seem to grow smaller in comparison and then a smile grows on their faces, too.

This dynamic was alive at our recent Expos in Jacksonville and North Texas as God blessed us with beautiful weather both days as well as 446 and 1,024 participants, volunteers and exhibitors respectively. God also brought together fourteen Christ-honoring churches, ten disability ministries and many other disability related organizations and businesses between the two outreaches to bless and be blessed.

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Area Updates

South Florida: God has brought together a great group of volunteers interested in being involved in disability ministry year round and this past month several gathered twice to pray for the needs of the disability community locally and at large. These prayer meetings were hosted by the Community Prayer Room and their third meeting will be this coming June 22. If interested in participating contact Michelle Federico at mdfederico@bellsouth.net.

East Tennessee: Since launching this Outpost in January, God has done amazing things through the area team of volunteers as they have already held four small group activities hosted by three different churches as well as at a local volunteer's home. From bingo, games and crafts to an Italian dinner and backyard burger cookout, they are faithfully ministering to folks living with disability within the community in a variety of ways. If interested in getting involved with this fun loving group contact Tracy Lewis at tracylewis@charter.net.