

## ***North Texas Expo Lifts Jesus Higher and Higher in Its 6<sup>th</sup> Year of Outreach***



Well, the forecast was for 99 degree temperatures and a heat index of 105 but that did not deter the 1,039 attendees at this year's North Texas Expo who came out to experience God's blessings in many, many ways. In fact, God blessed us with some cloud cover in the morning and temperatures that only reached 94 degrees on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. The blessings did not stop there as more boat rides were given than at any previous outreach on Lake Grapevine and the official count of 1,039 was the highest turn out we've enjoyed at this venue. Reins of Hope therapeutic riding ministry also gave actual horseback rides to so many first timers and we even heard nearly 50 fish were caught at the fishing pond onsite that day! More prayer

requests were submitted than ever before and to put a little icing on the cake, God brought out 135 people from Gateway church to serve as buddies hosting many participants personally through each activity which was the most folks we had ever had to meet this need.

All of these event highs could not top the scores of thankful responses and joyous smiles we heard and saw at the Expo. We often think, "it's just boat rides, horses and fishing so what's the big deal"? What we fail to realize is that these things we take for granted as everyday opportunities are once a year or even once in a lifetime activities for many individuals and families living with disabilities. Most have never been on a boat, ridden a horse or much less actually caught a fish. Providing these and many more memorable moments in godly ways and in Jesus' name is a small way we at Access-Life hope to lift up the Lord and have a positive impact on those God brings to each outreach.



Never under estimate the love and joy of Jesus you can share with folks living with disabilities in your community personally, too. A kind word, holding a door or even just a friendly smile can shine the light of Jesus into the life of someone in need of a little "Sonshine". It's always amazing to me how when we lift Jesus higher, how His light shines brighter. And when others see His light, they are encouraged, blessed and drawn closer to Him. ☺

