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The Son Shines Bright in the Heart of Texas



Well, this year's 13th annual Access-Life Expo in the heart of Texas on Lake Grapevine between Dallas and Fort Worth was yet another God blessed success. Leanne and I were always so amazed to see how God worked through the hearts and minds of His people to bring things together. It is such a rewarding site to see the body of Christ come together and everyone doing their part to do great things for God. I love how everyone has a role and responsibilities but no one role is more important than another. It is even more inspiring to see all of the participants and volunteers come together to bless and be blessed while blessing one another in the process. There is just something about God's economy that is so encouraging as He permeates the atmosphere of each of our events, activities and outreaches with His presence making good things happen.

This year was probably the quickest setup and tear down as well as smoothest event we've had in North Texas. God was definitely there working and impacting the lives of all 729 attendees in ways that only he can. From volunteers to participants, He was busy touching hearts, inspiring minds and bringing more of heaven to Earth each second of the day. From the smoked turkey sandwiches and freshly grilled hamburgers to the boat rides, kayaking and bank fishing, smiles were seen from one side of the event to the other. Even the bingo tent, tie-dye t-shirt decorating area and prayer and care booth were exuding His joy. Also, the easel art, sand cross craft, gospel bracelet area and picture frame craft were full of busy hands and meaningful mementos for participants to take home. Of course, the snow cone, popcorn and cotton candy station was constantly busy feeding folk's pallets with special treats that many do not have the opportunity to taste very often. Finally, this year we were excited to have a special needs exhibitor who brought out accessible bikes for people to ride that put lots of Sonshine on participant's faces.

Overall, it was another amazing event where the gospel was shared, Bibles were distributed in every goody backpack, people living with disabilities were given the opportunity to do things they may never have done before, parents and caregivers were able to get a little bit of respite and siblings were blessed with meeting friends outside of the typical family dynamic. It was a huge day of blessings for so many and thank you so much for everyone who prayed, gave, served and shared so that God's kingdom could expand as we planted seeds that we know God will water unto the fruition of lives reborn and transformed.

