

Blessings Felt on Both Sides

This year's Manna of Life Toy Drive at the Saratoga Family Inn on January 10, 2009 was a total success despite that Toys for Tots was not able to sponsor our efforts for the first time in about eight years. It appears everything is reflective of the current state of our bad economy. God bless us, all.

Despite all the hurdles we had to jump through, God had his plan fulfilled. Every homeless child at the event was blessed with toys, food, music from a performing DJ, face painting, a puppet show and even a theatrical skit. What an event!

Our very good friend, Pastor Jeff, (who is also a puppeteer and pastors in the homes of people in Manna's stomping ground) brought food and The Gospel to our guests. He also brought with him, a wonderful group of young people who performed their very own puppet show production.

We had purchased a number of 2 Gig mp3 players for the teenagers that were expected to attend, but I believe, just as The Lord planned, we had seven left over players. After the day's events, Pete Gonzalez, (Manna of Life, VP) made an announcement. The puppeteers, who happen to be from underprivileged homes, would be receiving the mp3 players because of their great, selfless contribution. This was the icing on the cake. To see the kids get so excited that they jumped up with gratitude and happiness was a blessing. Pete later shared with me that one of the kids asked him, 'Do these mp3 players really work?'

Once again, the blessings were felt on both sides. I guarantee no one was blessed more than the group of volunteers who face painted, performed live music and the skit, handed out toys, the puppeteers and the DJ. Anyone who witnessed this spectacular event of sharing God's love experienced the blessings.

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