

"Therefore, Go!" Melody Smith's Monthly Outreach Update



July 2, 2024

Refugee Family Ministry – Last Saturday, 20 people gathered on our campus to learn about Islam and gain a greater understanding of Muslim culture and beliefs. So much invaluable information was shared by our hosts and it allowed those in the training to develop deeper compassion for our refugee neighbors. We will be coordinating a “Mission in Your City” where we will tour local areas to experience Muslim culture so that we better understand the people we are trying to reach. Please let me know if you are interested in joining us!

[1 Corinthians 9:20-22](#)

Texas Ramp Project – Craig Cannon met with a representative from Texas Ramp Project to discuss a partnership. We learned that they have 45 projects in queue so there is plenty of work to do! We are recruiting a team of builders to get this started this fall. Our initial goal is to build one ramp per month. If you like to work with your hands and desire to make an impact in people’s lives, please consider joining this team!

Vault shoe drive – I am thrilled to share that we collected 81 pairs of shoes for foster children in the community!! Our goal was 50! Shoes will be distributed by the Vault Fostering Community on July 31. Thank you to everyone who participated in this drive!



Thanksgiving in July – Our annual “Thanksgiving in July” is upon us and we are excited to partner with CAM, Fisher House, and Communities in Schools of San Antonio this year! A display and donation station will be set up in the church lobby. We invite you to participate!



THANKSGIVING IN JULY



WEEK 1 (JULY 6/7)
Fisher House - Toiletries



WEEK 2 (JULY 13/14)
CAM - Rice and Beans



WEEK 3 (JULY 20/21)
Communities in Schools of San Antonio
Stuff the Bus (School supply drive)



WEEK 4 (JULY 27/28)
CAM - Undie Sunday



DivorceCare – Shepherd has been the proud hosts of GriefShare and DivorceCare for a number of years. These programs are almost exclusively outreach. In a recent DC class, the group bonded so tightly that they decided to continue meeting after their 13 sessions were complete. Three from that group will be the facilitators for our upcoming DC class beginning in August! It is incredible to see the leaders multiply and the program flourish. Thank you, Steve Deskin and Alice Klement, for your leadership and oversight of this wonderful outreach program.

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