



Emra Expressions



Praying For Christmas

Christmas is the time of year when people focus on giving. Searching for the perfect gift, then giving it to that special person and waiting for the smile - the twinkle in their eye that says "I did well!"

This year, we wanted to focus on relationships.

Working with Cru, we made up and distributed over 400 boxes of Holiday food - enough to feed one huge meal with all the trimmings for a family of six and still have leftovers!

The goal was not just to give away food. Anyone can do that - and lots of people do. Our goal was to see relationships deepen, so God is exalted.

This was different because we gave these boxes to Churches - with the mandate of delivering them to people with whom they had a relationship and with whom they were working to win into the Kingdom!

We prayed for the families who will be delivering the boxes and every family who will be receiving them. What a powerful experience.

Imagine you live in South Dallas. Things are tight - but most of the bills are getting paid. The problem is the Holidays are right around the corner and there is no money for a special dinner.


You have been talking with this family down the block and they keep asking how they can pray for you. You have been telling them little things just to get them to leave you alone - but last week you shared your frustration about having to eat Mac and Cheese from a box for Christmas dinner. Then, out of the blue, this family showed up with a box of food, said God told them to give it to you - and wished you a Merry Christmas.

Your relationship with the family that delivered the box takes on a whole new meaning and the reality of a God who can do this for your family changes your perspective of who God is!

That is what we are praying for - that Christmas would go from being about presents to a relationship with Jesus.

If you want to be a part of reaching families through relationships like this one, use the response card and envelope to send a donation that will help us continue this ministry. We teach people how to do this all year long. In 2017 you can help change eternity for people you will never meet - who don't even know they are counting on you!!!

In His grip,


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