

# HE IS MY NEIGHBOR

**DECEMBER 2017**

**A MINISTRY ON MIGRANT WORKERS SINCE 2009**

**[CHRISTMAS SPECIAL SHARING EVENTS REPORTS](#)**

**12/9 Haden Park - Chris L. and Fort Bend C.C. team, Jesus, Bob**

Matthew 25:40

"The King will reply", 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Christmas time is always a special time of year, but this year's ministry event held at Haden Park was special even in comparison to joyous, ministry events of years past. We had 27+ volunteers and 55+ migrant brothers participate in raising prayers up to our Lord to celebrate Christ's birth and Christian love. Each of our migrant brothers prayed and received a holy message of redemption and salvation, a couple, including long time, local migrant brother Fabian, stepped forward to accept Christ's redemptive blessing.

We had many others outside this 12/9 event pray for and support this special ministry event, including our HIMN Directors Wanchan, Kris, Oleg and Bob. A thank you and God bless to each of them for their tireless support to this and our collective, kingdom work in 2017!

Pastor Jesus had a guest pastor join him, Ilario, in delivering the scripture message of redemption and hope of Christ's passion, death and resurrection bring us all. Both pastors share a passion and fire for preaching that reached a fever pitch within the first hour or so of our special Christmas event.

Most of those 27 volunteers came to us from a local, Christian church in Missouri City, Texas. Many of the dozen or so teenage male and female volunteers performed several Christmas songs such as "Felix Navidad" by Jose Feliciano an old Christmas Spanish holiday classic and other hymns that blended both English and Spanish lyrics. What an enjoyable time to see all of our migrant brothers both singing and clapping along to the songs in surprise that such young, mostly Asian volunteers would learn the Spanish language as a show of Christmas inspiration to the migrant brothers. Lost count how many migrant brothers came up to me and shared what a moving and blessed event they felt they received, many were touched by the Holy Spirit and felt lifted them up. The Holy Spirit taught us volunteers how we must continue and increase sharing with and serving others in Christ's name. A powerful holiday message.

As I moved and met with many of our migrant brothers they commented how tasty the hot meal was, with baked chicken, side dishes of hot, fresh cut green beans and corn, dinner rolls, hot coffee and deserts. On a cold morning of 31 degrees a hot meal and hot drinks can warm the body and soul all at once.

As He-Is-My-Neighbor closes 2017 we ask for you to continue to pray and lift up our migrant brothers from the threats of this world, the threat of deportation, the threat of poverty and struggles to find work and provide for their families, the threat of ill health

and cold weather, the threat of language barriers and understanding English. We pray for these and other blessings of recovery, healing and provision in Christ.

Thank you all for your prayers and Christian love in 2017!

For His glory,

Chris  
HIMN Staff Volunteer











## **12/16 @ Bellaire - Fort Bend Community Church, Bro. Paco and Team**

### ***Special Christmas Sharing Event***

After sponsoring five prior annual Christmas events, Agape I small group underwent major restructuring in 2017, resulting a drastic reduction of volunteers this year. However, despite our initial worries and despair, our merciful God encouraged, guided, and provided, and each one of us come out of this experience with a renewed realization of His powerful and unchanging love for us and all these people that we serve. Each one of us also have a reinforced faith in God; knowing



that He will provide as long as we walk in His path.

We have countless testimonies, both individually and corporately, on God's guidance. Each one is worthy to fill an entire page.

God's work is truth amazing; he works in all hearts that belong to Him to accomplish His own purpose, which in turn benefits all those who love Him. Back in September when Hurricane Harvey hit and caused major flooding. A sister in my group pleaded for us to help a coworker whose house was entirely flooded. We went over and helped cleaning the house and packing up belongings. It was just a simple deed out of Christian love. However, God used it to provide for the gifts for the migrant workers for our Christmas event. The company heard about this good deed and rewarded this sister one thousand dollar and she in turn donated the entire amount plus company match - a total of \$2000 to our Christmas



event for gifts. This single gift provided more than 80 warm jackets for these migrant workers, and it warmed our hearts even more than those who wear the jackets.

This is just a sample of many testimonies that come out of this one single event. There were too many to write down here.

This was our first truly collaborated event between Agape I and Paco's Spanish

church. Carlos and the Spanish church led the group in singing five beautiful psalms to honor and worship God. The rest of the volunteers prepare the food and gifts.

The initial turnout was somewhat "disappointing". I counted a few over 50 migrant workers that listened to the sermon. However, this "disappointment" helps set up as a rather astonishing surprise when it came time to call for those who repent and reconcile with God. I have never seen such a big group of people who came forward to accept the grace of salvation provided by Jesus Christ. This group of more than ten did not worry about the food or gifts that we were about to pass out. They were eager to



receive the most wonderful gift: Christ's salvation. It was truly a sight to behold, seeing so many men and women gather and wanting to be saved. I brought more than ten bibles and did not have enough for each one of them.

God is good; God is faithful, as He has shown again and again. As long as we are willing to obey and follow him, He always leads with love and faithfulness. Please pray for all those who received salvation that day would faithfully follow their savior in all the days of their lives.



**12/16 Westpark - Wanchan and Fort Bend C.C. team**

### **12/23 Bellfort - Oleg, Sugar Land Chinese Baptist team and others**

This Saturday on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December, we went to the West Bellfort area by the Amigos Food Market for the HIMN neighbor ministry. Pastor Oleg, Pastor Douglas, Paco, Bob, Wanchan and Jerry arrived around 8 AM and began to setup the food and drinks. It was a cold morning, so we had prepared hot tea, hot dogs, and bananas for the workers in that area.

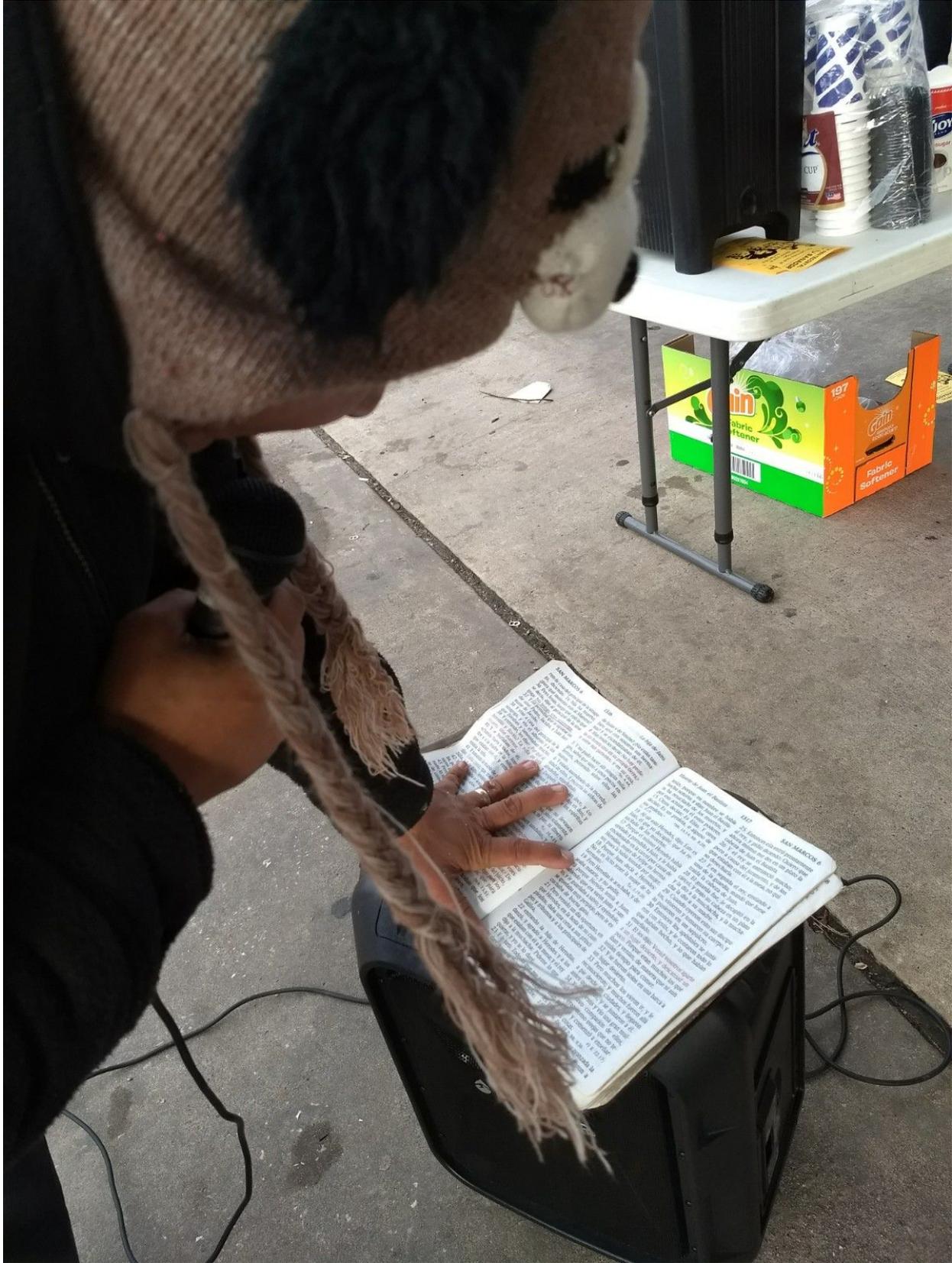
After setting up the mic, Pastor Douglas began to preach as we invited the workers and people to the area to come eat breakfast. A decent sized crowd came and some were touched and moved by God's word through Douglas' preaching. We handed out Bibles and pamphlets with information about the gospel of John, the good news of the gospel, and Pastor Douglas' new church.

After closing out in prayer, Pastor Douglas had to leave and we began to hand out gifts. We had about 13 gifts and a few bags with hygiene products and work tools, but there was far more people than gifts. Paco decided to play a game with the gifts. He would ask questions about the bible and whoever answered correctly would receive a gift. In the end, everyone had the opportunity to receive a gift and they were happy. This reminds us that everyone also has the opportunity to receive the gift of Christ Jesus and the gift of salvation. We concluded with prayer and thanking God for this day and opportunity we have to witness. Please continue to pray for the people that we witness to during these ministries and may God bless their lives and continue to shine His light on them.

Amen.

Jerry H.

Sugar Land Chinese Baptist Church



Chilly morning where God's Word was faithfully shared. Trusting the Spirit to bring the harvest.





Paco helped with gift distribution and going to Westpark location to give leftover food.

