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Here is an up date on a week in the lives of Ethnos.

Another full week with our kids. In the past two weeks we have taken over 50 kids to the River Walk to see the Christmas lights and have dinner at McDonald's (where else). My car looks like McDonald's opened a franchise in it!

We have gone to two different school Christmas programs this week. One was for choir and the other was for band. One of our girls in the choir was upset because she didn't have the snacks she was supposed to take for the class. At the last minute we ran to H E B to get her what she needed. Whenever they need money for school or a field trip they know they can come to us for help. Guess where we went to eat after the program?

We had over 60 kids at our "Christmas party" kids club. We played games, sang Christmas carols and passed out goody bags full of treats. Matt and some of the guys from Renew helped pass out cupcakes and fruit.

This morning we stuffed 400 stockings with all the great gifts that Matt brought to us from Renew. It took our entire team three hours to get all 400 stuffed. Monday we get to have fun and pass out the stockings. Thank you so much for all the great gifts for our kids. For most of them the gifts in the stockings will be the only thing they get for Christmas.

We found out that a family with five kids didn't have a Christmas tree. We had one in our office so we took it down, ornaments and all and took it to the family today. They were so excited needless to say.

I all so found out that a 24 year old mother of seven girls didn't have a tree. We had one that we used at our kids club Christmas party so we took it to her today. She almost cried when we gave it to her. Later when we went back to give her some food she said it was the first thing her kids saw when they came home from school. They were so happy.

A neighbor upstairs from them asked if we had any more trees to give away. She said her little girl would love to have a tree for Christmas. So I guess next year we know what we need to get for our families.

After we finished stuffing the stockings a friend from Daily Bread (a non profit organization) called. They gave us 26 cases of bananas, 60 cases of yogurt and 30 cases of cinnamon rolls to pass out to our families at the courts. We filled up our van, explorer and pick up truck to the tops with food. What fun we had passing out all that food! That took another five hours from the time we picked up, sorted and passed out the food. We had the most amazing day today.

Oh, one more cute little story. As we were unloading the food today in front of our office a hoopi car drove by. In the rear view mirror hung one of the Christmas ornaments that the kids made during their craft time with us. You just have to picture this and laugh.

Well that is about it for this week.

Thanks again for all you do for us and our (and your) families here at the courts.

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