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## Restoration House Christmas 2014/15

Merry Christmas!

Someone commented that our Christmas/New Year's celebrations at Restoration House this year was like the movie "Groundhog Day" where the actor woke up each morning to relive the same event over and over. I have to chuckle because although I never saw the movie, I guess with four parties it did in fact feel that way.

As one day came to a close I began to write, "Although it is nearly midnight here and Christmas is almost past for most, ours will extend through tomorrow. This morning the house was filled with sounds of everyone cooking, preparing and cleaning for our guests to arrive. There were at



least 62 people at Restoration House today for one party. *(I counted at least that many, but with everyone running around it was hard to count, so there may have been more...lol.)*"

Two orphanages were represented that day with a vast age group from small children all the way up to youth that are about to age out of the system. It was wonderful to hear them laugh and to watch their faces during the play, the games and of course a visit from Santa Claus.

They heard the message that Jesus loves them as they watched Joseph,

Mary, baby Jesus and the three wise-men. Then the story of Grandpa Nicholas and his wife Marta who had a visit from the wise men telling them that they would have a visit from Jesus.

They received a visit from a man on his journey needing directions, a poor girl needing help and the wife of a sick man needing medicine. Of course Grandpa Nicholas and Marta helped each one but were frustrated that they had not received the promised visit from Jesus.



The wise-men returned with the message "If you have done it to the least of the these you have done it unto me. Jesus did visit your home."

The younger children were so excited to see Santa Claus. As he came down the steps I thought one little boy was going to come right out of his skin dancing, wiggling, and jumping when he saw the white bearded, red suited, jolly old man. (*Sergey did such a great job!*)

Many of the children got up to recite poems about Christmas and to sing songs. As they received their gifts, Santa was often heard speaking blessings over them and giving exhortations to the older youth.

Each guest received a backpack filled with socks, underwear, toothbrush, toothpaste, shower gel, hat, scarf, gloves, headphones for the guys and mirrors and lotion for the girls.

One of the boys said, "***These backpacks are very expensive and all of the gifts. Where did they get the money to buy all of this stuff?***"



We were so moved as one little boy asked for help to show him how to use everything. We watched as Olya and Sergey took him into the bathroom mirror and helped him open his gifts and showed him how he looked dressed in his hat, scarf and gloves. I can tell you the look on his face was priceless.

We watched our residents reach out to the younger children in such a caring way. We saw only compassionate, giving hearts that day.

We were told our guests from Nazya were bad kids who no one else would take. We saw no sign of that during their ten day stay. When younger children arrived for our party, the Nazya kids immediately began to reach out and care for them.

Our new friends helped to clean, serve, make salads, punch, hot cocoa and cinnamon rolls.



We ended the night with a celebration for Baris who turned 18 the next day. His plans were to leave us on his birthday so we decided to celebrate the night before with some fresh homemade cinnamon rolls and a small party. Something happened that made him decide to stay...he found out that there are people who care about him.

WOW! Four parties, more than 70 pounds of candy, 131 participants, more than 1400 gifts, 2,000 cookies plus...BUT MOST IMPORTANT...the message of God's love for each one.

To answer the question of young Sergey who asked where we got the money to buy all this stuff? YOU MADE IT POSSIBLE!

Thank you so much.

Together, we ARE making a difference...  
Together, we ARE reaching the world for Jesus!

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928.645.3012

February 8  
Northpark Foursquare Church  
Roy, UT  
Pastor Craig Wyjack  
801.731.4295

February 15  
Christian Worship Center  
Roy, UT  
Pastor Dean Sisk  
801.394.5835

March 1  
Penryn Faith Center  
Penryn, CA  
Pastor Bob Owen  
707.643.3180

March 4 & 8  
Church of the Redeemed  
Vallejo, CA  
Pastor Alvin Armstrong  
707.373.6356

March 11 & 15  
Iglesia la Roca  
Rancho Cucamonga, CA  
Pastor Manuel Torrez  
909.944.7497

March 15  
8:50AM (Kent speaking)  
The Open Bible Church  
Rosemead, CA  
Pastor Frank Contreras  
626.571.2054

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