



The SaltShaker

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Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt has lost its savour, Wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Matthew 5:15

THANK YOU for your AWESOME response to the ministry to the workers at the Eastern Carolina Agricultural Fair again this year! SO MANY of you helped collect items, provide food, and volunteered your time that I wanted to give you an update and share a few pictures of the week. Thanks so much for your help!!



The chicken bog meal on set up day, October 1, went well and is something that the fair workers look forward to each year. The weather was great and we were able to be outside this year. Thanks to the men at Elim for cooking the chicken bog and to all of the other churches that provided items for the meal – chicken bog, green beans, slaw, and homemade bread (thanks Barbara Owens). We served around 250 people.

The FREE yard sale was held on Friday, October 4 at 10 am. Practical things like toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, detergent, shampoo, soap, shaving crème, razors, blankets, sheets, duffle bags, etc. were collected. Many of you shopped with coupons to collect these items during the year.



Tables were set up with the yard sale items on them and each guest was given 10 tickets to make their selections. The “shoppers” gathered early and lined up as volunteers were setting up the sale. The workers were SO GRATEFUL! THANK YOU for your donations!!



Sunday morning, October 6, a FREE breakfast was provided by the Family Builders SS Class from Southside Baptist Church and worship was led by the Freedom Riders. The menu consisted of grits, sausage, biscuit & gravy, peaches, milk, OJ and coffee!



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Every person has a story. This year on the first night at the chicken bog meal, we met a young couple with 2 preschool children. They asked if we had any winter clothes for their children. They told us the sizes and we were able to get them some clothes. We found out later in the week that they were actually living on the fairgrounds in a tent. We were able to find them more blankets and get the children coats and a new pair of shoes.

On Monday, October 7 and Tuesday, October 8 we offered free haircuts, free blood pressure checks, reading glasses, doughnuts and coffee, and children's ministry. Over thirty-five haircuts were done. A HUGE THANKS to our two barbers, Blue Smith and Pam McGee!



One lady we met several years ago had no teeth. After talking with her, we discovered that she wanted to get dentures, but she just couldn't afford them. One of our volunteers took some of the books we had left at the yard sale several years ago and sold them. The money was put in a line item in the budget for this specific need. This year we were able to get the dentures for this lady and put a smile back on her face!!! GO GOD!

On Tuesday, October 8 we offered family photos. The couple below has been married for 48 years and she is on oxygen all the time. After they both got haircuts, they wanted a photo to send to his 98 year old mother! They were such a sweet couple and it was a blessing to get to know them.



On Saturday night, October 12 we provided "Snack Sacks" for all the fair workers after the fair closed. This gave them something to eat while they took down all of the rides. Thanks to Southside's youth group for coming to put the 150 Snack Sacks together!

Thanks to EVERYONE who made 2013's Fair Ministry at HUGE SUCCESS!! God truly used you to bless others!!



The human trafficking task force sponsored an informational booth at the fair. The purpose was to provide information to the community on the trafficking issue. Thanks to the volunteers that manned the booth!

