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Each December Hosanna Church hosts an annual community outreach called, “Imagine Christmas.” The event is free to the public and will be held Friday, December 14 and Saturday, December 15, 2007. The purpose for Imagine Christmas is to provide hope to our local community during the holiday season. In general the holiday season can bring depression and anxiety to many especially in this post-Katrina environment. For the past two years “Imagine Christmas” has served as a conduit of hope for many. The event provides a safe, family–centered outlet for the community. There will be an inflatable park, small rides, a sleigh ride, and pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus. The event will feature many local youth groups and professional entertainers who will perform age appropriate compelling dramas. Children will have the opportunity to win door prizes such as bikes, ipods, skateboards, x-box etc. Most importantly, each child who attends will receive a gift.

Please allow me to share why this event is so important to me.

My husband and I came to Imagine Christmas in 2005. We were so overwhelmed by the giving and kindness of this church we started attending Hosanna. We were coming on Sunday Mornings. At the time we were just that, “Sunday Morning Christians.” Little did we know how our lives would be turned inside out in 2006. The troubles began when I had a miscarriage; following was one crisis after another. My husband and I were in the process of divorcing. We were convinced there was no hope for us. We have two little girls 3 and 4. Their lives were turned upside down as one can imagine. Our Pastor started ministering to my husband and eventually to me when I would listen. The ministry team at Hosanna Church never gave up on us although we had given up on ourselves.

Through the power of Jesus and the Ministry of Hosanna Church, our family was restored and it all happened because we came to an “Imagine Christmas.”



There are many families in crisis or approaching crisis that can receive hope and encouragement this holiday season. My family is a testimony of the success this event can bring.

The following pages detail sponsorship levels and our wish list for donations. If you would like to be a part of “Imagine Christmas 2007,” become a sponsor today. Your business/organization will be listed as a sponsor on all literature distributed at the event. We anticipate an attendance of more than 5k people.

Thank you for considering helping Hosanna Church with “Imagine Christmas.” All contributions are tax deductible. Make checks payable to Hosanna Church. Regardless of whether or not you can support us on this particular event, I appreciate the ability to share what we are involved in and why we believe it’s important.

Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to share my personal story and the potential effect Imagine Christmas can have on families just like mine.

In Him always be Blessed!

Lisa Ripp