

Friday, February 12, 2010

Dear Christy:

As you know, our Crosspointe Church Life Group served dinner at the Good Samaritan Inn last Saturday night. There were about 40 folks there plus our band of 9, and 5 of our own kids...quite a little party!

Our group is a bit "out there" so we agreed to have a theme "Fiesta in February". Since the



weather has been so miserable lately we thought everyone would be ready for a bit of fun. Our menu consisted of taquitos and chili with all the fixings (cheese, sour cream, etc.) corn bread muffins and lime aid with floating sliced limes. For dessert we made brownies and "blondies".



To add to the fun we broke our group into 3 teams, each competing with another for the "Best Chili Recipe" award as voted on by our dinner guests.



Each team had cooked their chili ahead of time as well as baked the muffins and brownies. Once we got to the kitchen we got busy heating up the chili and preparing the sides. The kids really got into the spirit of things and loved working with the staff



and adults in such a huge kitchen.

Of course, they also enjoyed the wearing the professional equipment and preparing large quantities of food...



...they have never seen so many taquitos and chili in one place!

After dinner was served we played a trivia game with our dinner guests. All the questions were about Mexico and its customs, music and food. We had made a visit to the Dollar Store earlier in the week and had plenty of prizes for both kids and adults who shouted out the correct answer to the trivia questions.



We then brought out dessert and served each table an assortment of

brownies and "blondies" and topped of drinks while folks visited and got to know each other.



Many of the kids wanted their pictures taken so we got permission from the parents and clicked away. We would like to print these pictures and frame them and return to

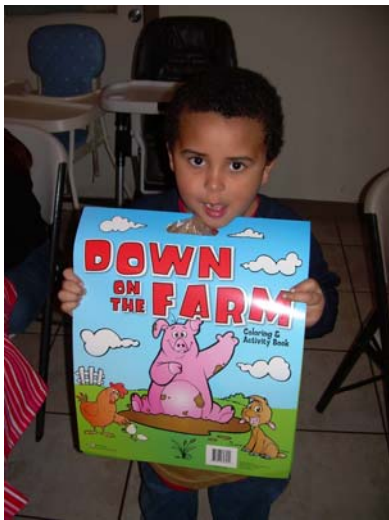


give them to the families.





Afterwards, while the adults cleaned the kitchen and mopped the floors, all the kids played together and showed off their prizes.



Before we left, Lisa gave us a great tour of the Good Samaritan Inn and shared with us the philosophy of the program. We were all very impressed and already thinking of ways to improve our service and support of this wonderful cause. While we prayed we would be a blessing to those we served, we walked away feeling ourselves blessed by those we met. The children at the Inn were fantastic and so much fun; and the adults were so interesting to meet and talk with.



You may be wondering which team was voted “Best Chili” by the residents...Team #2 headed up by Helen Nicklas! ...her new cookbook “Award Winning Chili for 50” will soon be available at Amazon.com (just kidding!)



Best regards and God bless!

Life Group Members:

Stan & Lisa Mills
Amanda Matheson
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