

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

**From all the staff, volunteers
and community members of
Family Empowerment Centers!**



Our First Ever Alpha Class

What an exciting fall we had hosting an Alpha Class.

Everyone seemed to really enjoy the classes on Wednesday nights and our all day retreat. Many of the participants said that they would invite others to attend if we held another Alpha class in the spring.

One of the Highlights we have as a community-centered organization is the rich diversity of people who come together at events and programs like this where we grow and learn together despite the many things that could separate us.

Hanging With College Students



We hosted a Sunday night dinner for our Moody Bible Institute volunteers, more than 50 this semester, as a way to thank them for their service this semester. It was fun to play pool, eat some chili, and talk about non-work related things for the evening.

Meeting Together As Men



Our men have been through the whole Bible together in the past year. Each week they discover the richness and passion of God's story. The stories of their lives are diverse, but that just adds to the richness of our learning experience.

Thanksgiving Basket Outreach



Our 2016 Holiday outreach went very well as we served over 200 baskets/bags of food to families in need the week-end before Thanksgiving. We also were able to pray for each family as they received their baskets. A shout out to all the volunteers that served.



Teaching Seniors About Thanksgiving



We had a unique opportunity to share with a predominantly Muslim and Hindu audience the meaning behind Thanksgiving. Carol went all out dressing as a pilgrim as she taught them about their beliefs in the Bible, sin and salvation, and Christian living.



After School Program: Learning, Laughing, and Playing



This past Thanksgiving our after school students had the opportunity to think and express the reasons why they were thankful. Many of our students created thank you cards for their friends and family. It was encouraging to read what our students are thankful about. For example: having a place to sleep, a parent that cares for them, an after school program and a place where they can come each day to play with their friends. Each day we have the opportunity to be thankful and we are thankful for the moments we share with our after school students.