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Family Camp Worship on Sunday Morning

“When I thought about The Way Out, I thought it was a bunch of people who were going to try and cram God down my throat and tell me what a sinner I was. Boy was I wrong!” Paula Rosas

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The Rosas Family (Paula center) at Family Camp

When I got home, I asked my husband and kids if they wanted to start going to church with me. All of them said no except my thirteen year old son, Gilbert (*Gibby*). The following Sunday, my two children, Katrina and Gibby, went to church with me. My son had the same experience that I did. He too felt the Holy Spirit. On June 26, 2011, my son and I were baptized. All of my family came to church to watch and support us. My father, who was recently diagnosed with lung cancer, also went. Pastor Barry asked me if my dad would like to be anointed with oil and prayed over for healing. I was not sure how he would respond, but to my joy, he agreed! My mother-in-law, Helen, was recently diagnosed with cancer too. She was also anointed with oil

and the congregation prayed for healing for both of them.

Two weeks after the baptism, my husband, Gilbert, told me that he would like to start going to church and guess what? He also felt the Holy Spirit come on him. After service I asked him if he would like to pray with Pastor Barry; he said no, but when the Pastor walked up to us as we were leaving and welcomed my husband, Gilbert decided that he would like to pray after all. While we prayed with Pastor Barry, Gilbert asked Christ into his life! The following week Terryl bought me my first Bible, and I have been reading it every day.

The Gathering is a small church but abundantly filled with the Spirit. Since the first day I began going, I have attended every Wednesday night for Bible study and every Sunday for service. Katrina is going to Kids' Corner on Tuesdays; my 15-year-old daughter, Marissa, has been attending the youth group, Zion, and my son Gibby is going to be starting soon. Recently, my whole family enjoyed a weekend of Family Camp where we sang worship songs around the fire and had a church service under the mountain sky. My mother-in-law also wants to start coming to church on Sundays now too.

I have been at many churches before, but none have made me feel the way I do when I am at The Way Out. I can't thank Pastor Barry and Terryl enough for showing me the way. The Lord has used them to change my family and me for the better. I also thank each and everyone of you who give to The Way Out to make ministries like The Gathering possible. Your example makes me want to be a better person.

Paula Rosas

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New Addition by Michelle Bruce

It's a boy, and his name is Josiah Douglas Bruce! Leslie gave birth to a beautiful baby boy on June 9th, while Ryan proudly stood by her side every step of the way. Josiah was born at 8 pounds, 21 inches. He is an amazing, healthy little blessing to the Bruce's and their ministry. Who knows, maybe we have another pastor or worship leader in training. No matter what little Josiah does in the future, we know he will bless many.



Little Josiah Douglas Bruce with proud Daddy Ryan.

Survivors & Victors
 by Michelle Bruce

Every Tuesday at 4:30PM, kids between the ages of 9 and 11 come to the "big green building" on Norwalk Blvd. to enjoy a time of games and bible stories. Ryan and Leslie Bruce have been extremely dedicated to this group of young kids known as Victors and Survivors. This program gives kids all over our city an

opportunity to learn about God, make new friends and stay out of trouble. This group has been a part of our ministry since our beginnings in 1983. Adults that now attend our church and bible study were once kids in Survivors and Victors. Many of them say that if it had not been for this program, they would not be walking with God today. They agree that this group gave them hope for their futures and allowed them to understand that they were worth so much and it didn't matter what friends or family thought of them because they were special in God's eyes. Now their children are attending and learning that same message and are given that same hope. Recently the club took 23 kids to the beach, and they had a great time swimming and building sand castles together. The smiles that these kids have while they are at The Way Out assure us that we are doing exactly what we were called to do in this city.



City Girls enjoy a day at the beach.

We want to make the Christian club experience for our youth even better. We are currently converting one of the old classrooms into a clubhouse theater for our kids. This project has already begun and it is scheduled to be completed by September 10th. You can be a part of this exciting new project by making a special financial donation or by donating one of the items we need listed below.

Can You Help Us?

- **Clubhouse Theater: 2 Plasmas 37"** \$1,600.00
- **Clubhouse Theater: Sound System** \$1,000.00
- **Mold removal from flooding** \$5,000.00
- **Bathroom Renovation** \$500.00 per bath
- **New Computers for study lab** \$600.00 per unit. (need 9 units)
 Brass donation plaque fixed to each computer.
- **Me First!® Educational Game** \$375.00 (Interactive electronic)
- **100 Stacking Chairs** \$2,430.00

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Pictured on envelope cover:
 Cousins and Katrina at Family Camp