

## **Hope in the city at Christmas time**

For many of us, Christmas is a special time of year. But often, for those who live in the city, the holiday memories are not so special. Sometimes the holidays have been a time of abuse, neglect and disappointment. Their memories often cause them to anticipate the holiday season with fear, anxiety, and little hope.

The Gospel Center makes Christmas time a big deal for those in our community. We invite our entire neighborhood to our house for a Christmas Eve party. A huge, festive, delicious, spread awaits their hungry bellies! Fellowship with each other fills lonely hearts with joy. We gather around the Christmas tree for a short Christmas story and a small gift for everyone. The evening ends with a candlelight service in the sanctuary, offering the hope and love that the Christ of Christmas can bring to their hearts.

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