

# The Presence Project

**what?** To be the presence of Jesus to the Conejo Valley community during the Christmas season

**when?** Anytime in December

**who?** LifeGroups, Friend Groups, Families, Individuals or a mixture of all the groups

**why?** "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." MATTHEW 5:16



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*The Presence Project gives us an opportunity to be the "hands and feet" of Jesus to our community.*

## how?

1. Gather your group and meet.
2. Start with prayer for the Conejo Valley.
3. Brainstorm opportunities to serve. Attempt 12 ideas. Write them down for everyone to see (whiteboard).
4. Each person votes on the top 3 ideas they like most. The opportunity with most votes wins.
6. Plan your event/outreach/service day.

## Ideas:

Ask if you can pray for them at each event.

**Neighborhood Christmas Caroling.** Go door to door, hand out gift bags and sing to neighbors spreading joy.

**Give Gift Bags/Baskets** to people who work on Xmas Eve.

**Pray and pay.** Visit laundromats and pay for wash/dry.

**Visit a store and purchase gift cards.** Walk isles and give a gift card to families that may be in need.

**Wrapping Station.** Create a gift-wrapping station at the mall/store and wrap gifts for free.

**Free Gas.** Pick a gas station, let the owner know, and pay for the first \$10 of gas for the patrons.

**Starbucks.** Wait in line and pay for people's order.

**Block Party.** Throw a Christmas Block party for your neighbors. Have fun! Set aside time to pray for them.

**Adopt a Family.** Find a family in need and adopt them for Christmas. Have your group pray for the family.

**Street Corner.** Find a busy street corner and decorate signs wishing people a Merry Christmas/Jesus Loves You/etc. Have fun and spread God's love.

**Fast Food.** Pick out a Fast Food place and purchase a portion of people's meals for Christmas.

**Movie Night.** Wait by the box office and purchase the first ticket for people going to the movies.

**Borderline 12/Fire Victims**  
**WWW: 805help.org Facebook: 805 Help**

Lots of different opportunities to serve and donate goods and services. Check website—updated daily. Click on "I WANT TO HELP"

Create a "Drive" and collect things that are needed such as socks, hygiene products, etc.

www.vccf.org: Ventura County Community Foundation. 100% of your financial contributions help those in need.

After your project: *Could you share with us what your group accomplished? Pictures would be a plus!!! Send an email with a brief description of your project to [bill@bridgechurch.us](mailto:bill@bridgechurch.us).*