

1. Christmas comes once a year and we maximize its impact every time. [Tree of Hope](#) enabled us to give gifts to 692 people (each child on the list received 2 gifts).
2. Since [Tree of Hope](#) led us to give 19% of those to people in our church, that means 81% went to outreach families. That seems like a healthy ratio of caring for those outside the church.
3. The generosity of our people is not new but it still kind of rocks my world when we finish a big project like this. You all rock!
4. Our pastoral staff is top notch and I thank them for letting me see my son for **Christmas Eve** and Christmas Day. I have not been away from here on the 24th of Dec. since my mom died in 2001 so it was a nice gift to me.
5. Our pastoral staff is so top notch, they delivered "One of the best ever" **Christmas Eve** services in our history, with 1,500 people attending the two services. Now please join me in filling up Sunday mornings like you did Christmas Eve! We have the room!