



MERRY CHRISTMAS

As Christmas draws near, our hearts are full of gratitude — not just for the gifts under the tree, but for the incredible blessings that come through people like you. Because of your prayers, your giving, and your belief in our mission, NELA Youth has continued to be a light for young people walking through darkness — those who face poverty, violence, and neglect on a daily basis.

This year, we've seen countless reminders that hope still shines brightest in the hardest places. We've witnessed students find confidence again, families receive practical support, and young hearts begin to believe that their lives do matter. Every mentoring moment, every outreach event, and every shared meal has been a small reflection of the love that was born in Bethlehem — a love that still changes everything.

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we're reminded that He came for the broken, the forgotten, and the hurting. That same spirit is what drives NELA Youth — to meet children right where they are, to offer safety, purpose, and the reminder that God is with them no matter what they've been through.

This Christmas, we invite you to continue standing with us. Whether through your time, your prayers, or your financial support, you are making an eternal difference. Together, we are building something that lasts far beyond the season — we're building lives filled with promise, hope, and faith.

From all of us at NELA Youth, thank you for being part of this mission.

May your Christmas be filled with peace, joy, and the warmth of knowing your impact reaches far beyond your home — it reaches into the hearts of those who need it most.

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." — John 1:5

With gratitude and hope,
Andrea Jones & the NELA Youth Team





HIGHLIGHTS



- In our outreach event this past November, we discussed our shared identity as members of the body of Christ and the importance of supporting one another. When disagreements arise, it's essential to address the issues calmly rather than reacting impulsively. We also took time to express our gratitude. The event included games, delicious pizza, and a fun piñata!
- Congratulations to our FRUIT Rewards winners for their active participation and embodiment of the fruit of the Spirit. Well done, Ivy, Myiah, Seven, Dekedia, Malaysia, and Dmo! We celebrated together at Excalibur with pizza, go-kart racing, rock climbing, and plenty of games!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY Myiah, Taiden & Ava



PRAYER: We thank You for the precious gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ — the Light of the world who shines in even the darkest places. As we celebrate His birth this Christmas, we lift up every young life touched by NELA Youth — those facing poverty, violence, and neglect — and ask that You surround them with Your protection, peace, and unshakable love. Lord, strengthen our hands and hearts as we continue this mission of hope. Let every act of kindness, every word of encouragement, and every gift given be a reflection of Your compassion. Bless our supporters who give so faithfully, and may their generosity multiply in ways that transform lives for eternity. In Jesus' holy name, we pray. Amen.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- PRAYER FOR THE KIDS
- Volunteer at our monthly outreach meetings
- Pizza (10-12) donation for our 1st Sat. outreach
- Gas cards
- Snack size chips & drinks
- Financial donations



As we close out the year, we want to finish strong for our kids. We have a big vision for 2026 — reaching MORE youth, providing MORE meals, and expanding our programs. But we can't do it alone. Your year-end generosity helps us start the new year ready to serve even more families. Give today at

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