



Merry Christmas from all of us  
at Operation Blessing



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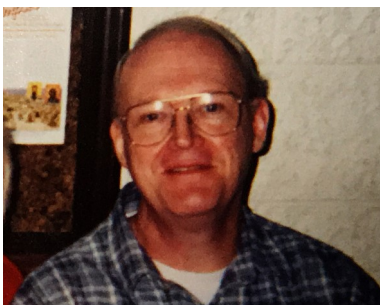


Thank you Koraes Elementary School for collecting and donating coats for those in need.

God Bless you, your students and staff.



Our friends from Stone Church of Orland Park collected toys for our annual toy give-away on December 14. Mike Dizanni, director of Children's Ministry and Janine, Church Secretary, and Colin, 5 years old, and the best helper in the world. They delivered toys to us with great joy.



Unfortunately we have to notify you of the passing of a long time volunteer, Charlie Volkstorf. Charlie passed away on October 16th. He volunteered with us for 12 years, and served on the Board of Directors as our treasurer for 4 years. His positive attitude was contagious and, no matter what physical ailment he was dealing with, he always showed up with a smile and a song celebrating Jesus. He is survived by his wife, Mary, also a long time volunteer. Please keep Mary in your prayers.



This month we would like to acknowledge John and Helen Taylor for all the hard work and dedication to our ministry. They have been volunteering for 25 years here, and help with fundraising, maintenance, and bringing tracts to give to our clients. They've been married 58 years, have 7 children and 18 grandchildren. Thank you Taylors.

## Operation Blessing's Annual Toy Giveaway



We gave away over 50 bikes. One lady was very happy and excited. She went to a volunteer and hugged her very hard. She told the volunteer she had gotten a wonderful bike for her daughter. It was the girls birthday that day. The daughter is going to be so surprised and blessed. It made the volunteer very happy.



We will be closed beginning Monday, December 23 through Monday, January 6. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 7.

We would like to allow our volunteers to enjoy some much-needed rest and time off.

### November Statistics

Heads of Households	1280
Individuals	4659
Professions of Faith	59
New clients	143
Prayed for	1099

Terry Wuethrich, President; Hank Frickenstein, Vice President; Brian Cottrell, Secretary; Marsha Jakobi, Treasurer; Lynn Whittall, Director at Large; Steve Bailey, Manager