

*Changing the World, one life at a time  
with Mercy, Love & Grace  
Through Christ Jesus, Our Lord*

Thanksgiving Distribution  
October 15, 2017

Total Served during Easter Distribution  
3,591 Individuals, 2174 Children

God is our Jehovah Jireh, my Provider

Christmas Distribution  
November 15, 2017

Together, we are making a  
Difference in the kingdom of God!

From the Heart,

During the many years of being a missionary, we have experienced change. Change in the weather, change in attitudes, change in people, change in churches, change in need, and change in evil in the world. During this last trip, we always see pain and heartache in our children's eyes, but to have one beg you to take them home with you literally tears at your heart. Many of the changes affect the children we serve and they are trying to take matters in their own little hands to get a better life. Many people don't think about the changes that are going on around us, but as a missionary it's up close and personal. We see the good with the bad in all situations. I Praise God, we serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ which will never change.

*For I am the Lord, I do not change  
Malachi 3:6*

## Easter Distribution

It is exciting to report about our Easter distributions in the Appalachia Region and Central Kentucky. We broke them up into two distributions to make it easier and they were outstanding!

Please check our Facebook, Shutterfly or website for pictures taken during our Easter Distribution.

Through the generosity of all of you, our donors 2,174 outfits were received and hand delivered to the children. The following is a breakdown on the distribution details.

**895 boy's complete outfits**  
**1,150 girl's complete outfits**  
**129 infant and toddler outfits**  
**2,057 care kits**  
**2,045 pair of shoes**  
**2,174 Easter Blessing Bags**  
**45 tons of food**  
**4 tons of food Blessing in a Backpack**  
**20 tons of paper products & diapers**  
Total family members served 3,591

**This was the first trip where every child other than the babies got a new pair of shoes. Praise God!!**

**Thank you all for making a Big DIFFERENCE!**

## Stories from our Trip

So, by the time our trip was coming to the end, my heart was so heavy laden. Our children carry so many burdens at a very young age. You can always see the pain in their little eyes. God knew I needed to see Hope and Love again in the mountains and a dose of encouragement myself. I was registering when a small figure walked up and was standing in front of me. She was beaming a smile from ear to ear. I looked at her and then did a double take and looked again. Could this be our same little girls that carried so much heartache and pain in their eyes at Christmas? Yes, it was, Praise God, their situation had changed for the better and you could see the peace and love in their eyes. I knew, she never knew the tears I cried for her, but I just had to hold her and give her a kiss. Upon doing so, a tear ran down my face, this precious child wiped away my tear, she said "why you sad?" I couldn't really say anything except, honey, "I'm not sad, I'm happy." She looked at me confused and kissed my cheek. Her one little kiss, kissed all my boo boo's away, all my heartache and sadness. Only through the eyes of a child!

## Items Needed

Boy's clothes - any size  
Girl's clothes - 8-18  
Boy's and Girl's - Socks & Underwear  
Purses, Bracelets and Hair bows  
Small Toy's  
Personal Hygiene Items  
Toothbrushes  
Monetary Donations Appreciated  
Walmart Gift Cards to Purchase Items

## You are Loved Tract

**Moments with the Book (814) 623-8737**  
If anyone wants to order us tracts call them, they offer a discount.

## Pattern for Prayer Squares

For those of you wanting to help make the Prayer Squares for me, I have posted a pattern online. Please contact me if you need a pattern.

## Purses and Bracelets

Due to the high volume of girls we have and the number of volunteers that have either. We are running low on purses and bracelets. We also accept sown purses. There are many cute patterns on the internet. I have posted a couple on our website that would be easy for a beginner.

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## Facebook Followers

I am not a very technology or computer savvy person, but I want to thank each of you which follow us on Facebook. I know, if we are on a trip and run out or have a need, I can voice it and within days you are responding to that need. So many times, God has answered our Prayers through each of you through this strange new world of technology as Facebook.

## Back-To-School Deadline is

**June 15, 2017**

Be sure to mark the size on each garment you make. Please enclose a list of all your items inside your package along with your address.

## CLOTHING PACKS

Please add the ABC's Tract or order the tracts "You are Loved." See above for ordering information.

**Items for Boys** - Outfits consisting of:

- 1 Pair of pants and shirt
- 1 Pair of briefs and socks

Requested Sizes 3T - 18 Youth

Place items in gallon Ziploc with size written outside with permanent marker.

**Items for Girls** - Outfits consisting of:

- 1 Dress or pants outfit
- 1 Panties and socks/tights
- Bracelet and hair bow

Extra's: Slip and Purse

Requested Sizes 3T - 18 Youth

Place items in gallon Ziploc with size written outside with permanent marker.

**Items for Infants and Toddlers**

- 1 Onesies and 1 outfit
- 1 Pair of socks and toy

Requested Sizes Newborn - 2T

Packs of diapers may be sent, we divide the diapers between families.

We also accept individual items of clothing if you can't afford an outfit.

## Back to School Packs

We need at least 1,700 Back to School Packs for our 2017 Summer Trip to the Appalachian Region. Please use gallon Ziploc bags and mark on the outside whether Elementary or Middle/High. Also, please add the ABC's Tract or order the tracts we are using You are Loved.

## Elementary School Pack:

Pencils, crayons, composition/notebook paper, rulers, erasers, scissors, and glue stick.

## Middle/High School Pack:

Pencils, coloring pencils or markers, composition notebook/paper, rulers, erasers, ink pens and calculator.

If you do not have time to shop, but would like to provide a Back to School Pack, each bag costs \$10.00. You can also order through our Wish list through Dollar Days, the link is found on our website.

## Additional Ways to Help

**The Shoe Fund** - The Shoe Fund is ongoing as we like to provide a new pair of shoes with each outfit. Cost of shoes is **\$18 per pair**. If this is where you wish your monetary donation to be applied, please note on your check.

**The Coat Fund** - The cost of coats is \$25.00. Coats are purchased by the ministry with donated funds. Please indicate that your donation is for the Coat Fund.

**Personal Care Kits** - shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, lotion or lip balm, comb, tissues and washcloth.

## SHIPMENTS and CORRESPONDENCE


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Your donations have helped make our Easter 2017 Distribution our largest. Together, God blessed so many children through each of you. Thank you for allowing us to be your Hands and Feet sharing the love of Christ to the underprivileged children and their families in the Appalachian Region and Central Kentucky.

Thanks to all of you, for loving our families and children as much as we do, and for sharing your love and Prayers with our family.

The life of a missionary is hard. Your heart gets broken with all the brokenness on each trip.

I knew when Carole passed the baton to me, I would have my hands full and I was very nervous about each of you. I now, Praise God for the opportunity of getting the chance to serve and grow together, as a family with you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything you do for us.

I Love you all! 

*Together, we are making a Difference!*

*Tina & Bryan Decker*

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted. Luke 4:18a*