



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

2017 has been OUR BEST YEAR!
 9,558 CHILDREN SERVED *16,499 individuals*
 God is our Jehovah Jireh, my Provider

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

Putting Prayers to Action

From the Heart,

As a Missionary, God Blesses me with seeing the joy, smiles and hearing the laughter of the children you bless and I try so hard to bring it to each of you the best I can on Facebook. There is nothing like the laughter and smile of a child. Not only do children warm your hearts, but they warm your souls and remind you of the reason you stay up late stitching those last few stitches of that dress, knitting those extra pair of slippers, finishing those hair bows, putting all the details into the purses (as to add a penny and a small toy to each), crocheting those knit sets and finishing one more afghan and shawl. You get the same feeling when you find another doll to send us, to bless just one more, little girl. Also, that is why it takes me so long to prepare this newsletter from crying from the many memories. Life in the Appalachian Region and Central Kentucky is harder than most areas. The world nowadays, is running short on love. A plain bag of items not given with love, can cause division and strife which our families don't need. Love doesn't come to be seen, Love isn't in a value, it isn't in wrapping paper, **love is from the heart, sealed with a kiss and prayers.** Hey, even the Grinch figured this one out! It doesn't have to be a holiday to tell someone you care about them, that you love them or give them a gift. WHO SAYS YOU HAVE TO WAIT TILL CHRISTMAS or another special day TO SHARE LOVE? I sure don't and I don't think Jesus did either.

Love is YEAR AROUND! That's what our families need and the world does too!

Don't Save It All For Christmas Day, Find Your Way To Give A Little Love Every day!

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." ~

1 John 3:16-18

Christmas Distribution

Through the generosity of each of you, our donors **2,739 outfits** were received and hand delivered to the children. The following is a breakdown on the distribution details.

- 1,127 boy's complete outfits**
- 1,343 girl's complete outfits**
- 269 infant and toddler outfits**
- 3,287 care kits**
- 2,223 pair of shoes and 1,115 Coats**
- 3,785 Christmas Blessing Bags**
- 42 tons of food**
- 22 tons of paper products & diapers**
- 3,243 Knit Sets**
- 687 Blankets & Quilts**
- 327 Dolls & Large stuffed Animals**

This is the first year we were able to bless every child with an outfit. We even got to bless some with dolls this year. We are getting closer to furnishing every child with a coat.

Stories from our Trip

Prior, to our leaving on the Mission Trip I found out the news that a precious young mother of two of our little girls got killed in a car accident. My heart sank as I thought of those young girls without their momma. During the event, I turned and saw the most precious sight of Deidra's precious children looking up at me. I asked the grandparents if pictures of the mother would bother them, they said no, they didn't have many. I Praise God for this treasured memory that I was able to give back to them for the memory of their momma.

NO HAIR

We knew we would be doing visits, but what I didn't realize is Darcy had started chemo and had lost all of her hair. All she wanted for Christmas was a Baby Doll with NO HAIR. As we were packing, my sister-n-law, Jennifer brought this beautiful baby doll to me.

It had a small piece of material with the words Baby Doll No Hair written on it. God had already taking care of Darcy without us even knowing. Praise God, He is always Leading the Way!

Fuel as Manna

We have always provided the fuel for our trips, pickups and deliveries and even all the visits I do for the families, but sometimes, our budget gets very tight. This time, we knew that God was going to have to intervene because Bryan had been out of work. We were having to take three trucks and trailers. We decided it was time to ask our donors for assistances and God would take care of the rest. I Praise God, because within one week all the gas was paid for and it is amazing. Now, we have donors who actually provide the donation to furnish a load of food to feed all of our families and another donor donates fuel to pick it up. God is so GOOD!!

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The Enemies Darts

Our last day, Jeff fell extremely ill. I knew it was an attack from the enemy. I told Jeff and Jennifer what I felt. I told Jeff, the enemy was trying to keep him from meeting the person that God had sent them to minister too. That night, I had scheduled to be at the Hope Center to see their Christmas skits. During their first song, I was already in tears and blessed within the third, the whole team had been sobbing like babies. Now it was our time to minister to them. When we opened the floor up for prayer the flood gates of Heaven flew open. There were approximately 40 girls that came up needing prayer, rededicating their life, praying for their children and for strength. One came up needing more, this was what all the darts had been for, she needed much more, she needed Jesus as her Lord and Savior. Jeff had the honor to led his first lost soul to Christ and this is what the enemy wanted him to miss.

In the Hands of God

Each time, we hitch to our trailers and set out on the road the enemy in nipping on our heels. I wanted to share this story to let you know how much our family depends on your Prayers and the Power of Prayer. Bryan goes to drive one of our trucks that has been sitting after the mission trip. He notices, it isn't driving right, he takes it to his buddy only to be told that the drive shift is about to fall out of it. Yet it has been on the long mission trip and God led us safely home. In the Hands of God is where I want to Be and Stay!

Words to one of my favorite songs

When you get down on your knees
Tonight to thank the Lord for His
guiding light And pray they turn out
right thank God for kids.

Easter Deadline is

March 15, 2018

1. MARK SIZE ON GARMENT
2. LIST ALL ITEMS IN BOX
3. ADDRESS ON BOX

Items for Boys –Outfits consisting of pants/jeans, shirt, briefs, t-shirts and socks. Newborn - 18

Items for Girls - Outfits for girls include a dress, pants/jeans, blouse, slip, purse, tights/socks, undies, hairbow/barrettes and bracelet. Sizes Newborn - 18

Items for Infants and Toddlers - For infants and toddlers, we are in need of toddler underwear 2T-4T and Socks

The Coat Fund – The cost of coats is **\$25.00**. Coats are purchased by the ministry with donated funds. Please note on your check

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**. Please note on your check.

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

The Fuel Fund - **\$10.00** The Fuel Fund will help with going to pick up loads of food for our families and transporting all the of your items. Please note on your check.

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2017 brought many challenges to Putting Prayers to Action, to me and my families. It was a year, I had to hold and sing to some of my elderly for the last time, I lost some of my precious children, only to find out others had cancer and I had to say goodbye to way too many young mothers, due to illness, car wrecks and suicide. So, life in the Appalachian Region has been very hard on my families and me in 2017. If I didn't love, I wouldn't hurt so deep.

It was only because of your gifts throughout 2017 that we were able to minister to over **16,499 people**. So, as we start 2018 your gifts are extremely important to us because they provide resources that make an immediate impact – that will help us through these heart wrenching – and tough times.

Please consider making as generous a gift as you can. Please continue to keep us in your Prayers as we are committed to serving our children and families – for God, for you, for your loved ones, for every person that donates to make it possible.

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*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*