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Dear Partners and Friends,

It has been an exciting 29-plus years that God has blessed me mightily with the privilege, in collaboration with you dear people of God, and all those who have participated throughout the years, to do His bidding through Tender Loving Care Ministries! When He called me in 1986, I had no idea that He would lead countless workers to come alongside me to provide clothing and other necessities to the tens of thousands of children in some of the neediest areas in the nation nor that it would be a thriving ministry for such a lengthy period of time. He is an awesome God and is still in the business of performing miracles!

**It is with mixed emotions that I tell you that God has led me to retire as Founder and Director of TLC effective June 30, 2016.** However, He has provided a wonderful Christian woman of God, Mrs. Tina Decker to whom TLC Ministries is now entrusted. She and her family, through Putting Prayers to Action Ministry (PPA), are already serving the Lord in many ways in central and eastern Kentucky, West Virginia and southwestern Virginia, and are well prepared to add this ministry to their ongoing work in His vineyard.

TLC has been supporting PPA for a number of years and made a trip to Big Clifty last September to discuss the possibility of her taking on the responsibility of TLC. While there I participated in a number of house calls in which she provided clothing and food to needy families.

I went back again in early January to discuss in more detail the added responsibility involved with incorporating TLC into PPA. I came away from that meeting knowing that I had selected the right person to take over for TLC. On this trip I participated in two food distributions that served over 450 families. We also had discussions with her CPA regarding her accounting of monetary and in-kind donations and he was very positive about the process she had in place. As a result of the in-person meetings and discussions with her CPA, I am very confident that you will be well served if you continue to provide your support to her!!

While it is a blessing to know that this ministry will continue in such capable hands, I must confess that I have tears in my eyes as I pass on this “baton”, as my heart is still with the children we have served for so long. But, I will continue to serve those children through PPA and prayfully so will each of you.

I am including a letter from Tina in which she describes her ministry and some background on her and her wonderful family. I pray that you will continue to be as generous as you have been in the past—in sewing and providing for these children through Tina’s ministry. I am very confident that she will continue the mission I started over 29 years ago!!

*You shall give to him freely, and your heart shall not be grudging when you give to him, because for this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all you undertake. For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Deut. 15:10-11a*

As you know we never share your personal information, therefore, it will be necessary for you to initiate communications with Tina and provide your e-mail/street address. See her letterhead for phone number and mailing address for sending packages which you can begin doing immediately.

I encourage you to view her website--[www.prayerstoaction.com](http://www.prayerstoaction.com)--and to be a part of this God-blessed ministry. NOTE: They currently have two websites [www.prayerstoaction.com](http://www.prayerstoaction.com) and [www.puttingprayerstoaction.com](http://www.puttingprayerstoaction.com) and are in the process of consolidating them into one. In the meantime, check them both out and provide comments on what you like about each of them.

I don't know of any words that would sufficiently thank you and let you know how much you have blessed me with your significant contributions to the children of Appalachia. I pray that God will interpret from my heart to yours the measure of deep gratitude and appreciation I feel for every mite you have given in His name. If it were not for the incalculable and generous assistance from each of you, and my husband Ed, this ministry would not have existed this long. May He bless you according to His riches in glory as you remain faithful to Him in ministering to "the least of them," His children.

In Christian love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carole Franceski". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Carole Franceski