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CHOICE CHRISTIAN GREETINGS TO
ALL OF OUR PARTNERS AND FRIENDS!!

Praise God for all that He has done!!

Dear Partner,

Because of your sharing spirit as a result of God at work in your life, it is my pleasure to present this update on TLC's latest distribution for the annual back-to-school event. The team served pre-school through 8th grade children at Beaver Creek Elementary School in Topmost, Kentucky, as well as pre-school through 4th grade children at the private Mountain Mission School in Grundy, Virginia. We all returned home very encouraged, exhilarated and hopeful about the future.

In addition to my husband Ed and me, the following people served on the team: New Life Clown Ministry, "Grace `n Mercy" and "I-Say-Ah," Diane and Nick from Pennsylvania; Marge and Larry from New Jersey; Sue from Missouri; Virginia from Iowa. Also, professional photographer Andrew from Texas graciously donated his services to take pictures of hundreds of children and numerous activities. (Photos on www.tlcministries.info) There were approximately 200 children who received clothing and other articles at the school in Topmost. The children who were not present at the time of the distribution received their gifts the following week.

A lady made me very happy when she thanked me for not only the clothing but also the fact that the Gospel message was presented; her children also thanked me for the gifts.

Sue, a new member of the team, gave a glowing report of how her heart was touched by the warm reception and deep appreciation shown by the recipients of TLC's donations. She was especially impressed with a parent who expressed a desire to teach children; she had lost a child to illness, which was her motivation for wanting to give back by teaching other children. Sue—a teacher herself—was gratified to provide this lady with information as to how she could access funds to attend college and pursue her goal of teaching children. Sue remarked about her observation of gratitude from parents and children who stood in awe of the fact that so many people outside of their communities cared so much about them; and it became very real to her when she saw the light in a little boy's eyes when he received a shirt that she had made.

Virginia—who first learned of TLC through Nancy Zieman's "Sewing With Nancy" public television program on which I appeared—told how she was lead to make dresses, hats, scarves, mittens and care bags. From this work, a very real desire welled up in her heart to meet children in Appalachia who were the benefactors. She considered it well worth the long drive from Iowa to participate by handing out care bags and by helping in a program put on by the clown ministry wherein the Gospel message was proclaimed.

This was our first visit to the Christian school in Grundy, and we were heartened by the manner in which warmth and love were displayed by children and staff. When the clowns asked for recitation of Bible verses, many hands were raised as excited children were anxious to respond. It was evident that the Word of God was being well taught and put into practice as demonstrated through such good manners and respectful attitudes. The enthusiastic hugs and expressions of thanks and love were appreciated by the TLC team. We were invited to return and we hope to do so next year. It was our pleasure to make new friends at this school.

Due to the generosity of all of you volunteers who made these gifts possible, and all of those who helped distribute them, this was among the most rewarding distributions. The following items were donated by TLC to Topmost, Kentucky, Grundy, Virginia, Mt. Unger and Chillicothe, Ohio, and Lewisburg, West Virginia with a Biblical tract entitled *God Knows My Name* included with each outfit:

Boys' outfits: 241. These include pants, shirt, briefs, t-shirts and socks.

Girls' outfits: 254. These include dress, slip, undies, socks, purse and barrette. In addition to those complete outfits, there were 149 dresses.

Boys' pajamas: 26 pairs.

Girls' night gowns: 26.

Shoes: 264 pairs for boys, and 284 pairs for girls. As always, the Shoe Fund is ongoing and the price is \$15/pair for both girls and boys.

Personal care kits for girls and boys: 649. (Please see our website for recommended contents or contact me.)

School kits: 398.

Baby Items: 508 articles of clothing; 9 36-oz. cans of formula; 140 children's books.

I repeat my request for **dresses in sizes 10, 12 and 14, and slippers in sizes 4 through 12.** Let's all pray for God's guidance and provision to fill these needs. Is He speaking to you or to someone you might recruit?

We look forward to providing **winter coats** again as usual. We purchase high quality coats that retail for twice the amount of our low price of \$30 each, and welcome your monetary donations for this great need. As God has enabled in past years, we hope to clothe 1,000 children with coats for the coming winter.

For those who are able to knit hat, scarf and mitten sets, there is a knit pattern on the website for the correct children's sizes (www.tlministries.info). Or, please send me a #10 SASE and I will mail the pattern if you prefer.

For the Christmas mailing, we also welcome pull-over style sweaters for girls and boys in sizes 4 through 14 (any color but black); night gowns and pajamas for girls, and pajamas for boys, as well as slippers for girls and boys; and quilts for babies and young children.

My very special word of thanks comes to each of you who partner in this ministry. Together, we accomplish much and we are all blessed to have such a volume of beautiful clothing donated for the children. Your generosity and willingness to be a partner makes all of this possible.

THANKSGIVING DEADLINE is OCTOBER 15.

Feel free to ship earlier.

CHRISTMAS DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 15.

Feel free to ship earlier.

REMINDER: LONG SLEEVES ONLY on garments for Thanksgiving and Christmas, and **please mark sizes on all garments.**

Current and past TLC newsletters appear on the website, and it would be appreciated if you would share this information with as many people as possible. Those who do not sew are invited to participate in this ministry by purchasing boys' or girls' clothing in sizes 4 through 14, or by making a monetary donation to TLC Ministries to enable us to make the purchases. This is a convenient way for many to make a difference in the lives of young people, and I praise God for each one who responds. Please make this a matter of prayer, as there is a very real need to fill this gap in God's mission.

Please remember to include TLC Ministries in your prayers as we continue to reach out to our needy children of Appalachia where the impact of the economic downturn we all feel is exacerbated. You can rest assured that every donation you make is used for the benefit of children who desperately need help.

An envelope is enclosed for the convenience of those who may wish to help financially. Your gift sent today will be very much appreciated, as **this is our only appeal for the holiday mailings.** Please investigate employers' corporate matching gift programs.

BLESSINGS ALWAYS!

Joyfully in **HIS** service,



Carole Franceski
Founder & Director

*Then the righteous will answer him,
"Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed
you,
Or thirsty and give you something to drink?
When did we see you a stranger and invite you
in,
or needing clothes and clothe you?
When did we see you sick or in prison and go to
visit you?"
The King will reply,
"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of
the least
of these brothers of mine, you did it for me."*

Matthew 26:37-40 NIV

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"Whatever your hands find to do, do it with all your might..." Ecclesiastes 9:10