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

*Praise God for all that He has done!!*

Dear Partner,

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 4<sup>th</sup> grade children at Beaver Creek Elementary School in Topmost, Kentucky, as well as pre-school through 4<sup>th</sup> grade children at the New Hope Community Baptist Church in Jackson, Kentucky. 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: Grace 'N Mercy (Diane) and I Say Ah, (Nick)--New Life Clown Ministry, from Pennsylvania; Sue from Missouri; and Virginia from Iowa. There were nearly 200 children who received clothing and other articles at the school in Topmost and approximately 40 in Jackson.

Here are some thoughts from the team:

Virginia: After the drive from Iowa, I joined other TLC volunteers at Prestonsburg, Kentucky. It was such a joy for fellow volunteer Sue and me to talk with some of the children in kindergarten and first grade in the school at Topmost. They exhibited wonderful expressions of gratitude and excitement as they opened bags of clothing, care bags and school supplies. It was a distinct pleasure, also, to hand to each child at the church in Jackson a personal care bag that I had made; it gave me great satisfaction to see their happy faces. I was just as interested and blessed as the children were in the unique presentation of the gospel message by the clown ministry of I Say Ah & Grace 'N Mercy. What a privilege it was to play a role in this TLC distribution!

Sue: This was the second time I have helped distribute back-to-school clothing in Appalachia. The warmth in which the workers were received was such a blessing. To me, it was a miracle of God that TLC Ministries was given permission to share the love of God so openly with children in a public school; all were blessed by the program presented.

As I spent time with youngsters in kindergarten and first grade, I was moved by their show of love and gratefulness for the new clothing. One class gave TLC workers a "huge group hug"; WOW...they

literally knocked me over with their enthusiasm! It was great. Children at a local church were likewise enthusiastically receptive to the bounty this ministry gave them. After the program, a grateful grandmother expressed her thanks for the ministry and told me that her daughter--a single mom rearing two children, who could not afford to buy shoes for them—is a Sunday school worker and had been praying specifically for shoes. God answered her prayers by providing shoes and meeting all of her children's back-to-school needs through the ministry of TLC, for which this family was very thankful. The number of lives touched by this ministry is inestimable, and it is so personally rewarding to me to give with no expectations to receive anything in return. It is a real pleasure to feel the children's love and warm smiles. Listening to God and doing His bidding for the glory of His kingdom through the TLC Ministries is my personal goal.

Diane: A quote from my devotion today: "There is one force that the darkness cannot conquer, the force of loving acts of kindness done in Jesus' name." The New Life Clown Ministry has joined TLC Ministries for the past 16 years in Kentucky. We were specially and richly blessed to share Jesus in the public school this year; just imagine! Our God is awesome! We were well received. As we were distributing the clothing, a little girl whispered to Grace 'N Mercy, "You are so kind." And YOU volunteers are all "so kind" for being a part of this outreach. Blessings, I Say Ah & Grace 'N Mercy.

This was our first visit to the church in Jackson, 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 church.

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 and Jackson, Kentucky, Grundy, Virginia, Mt. Unger and Chillicothe, Ohio, and Alderson, Rainelle and Rupert, West Virginia with a Biblical tract entitled *God Knows My Name* included.

**Boys' outfits:** 266. These include pants, shirt, briefs, T-shirts and socks. In addition to those outfits there were 13 shorts and 36 T-shirts.

**Girls' outfits:** 347. These include dress, slip, undies, socks, purse and barrette. In addition to those complete outfits, there were 155 dresses and 14 T-shirts.

**Boys' pajamas:** 33 pairs.

**Girls' night gowns:** 46.

**Shoes:** 249 pairs for boys, and 300 pairs for girls. As always, the Shoe Fund is ongoing and the price has increased to \$18 per pair for girls.

**Personal care kits** for girls and boys: 450. (Please see our website for recommended contents or contact me.)

**School kits:** 350.

**Baby Items:** 242 articles of clothing.

I repeat my request for **dresses in sizes 10, 12 and 14**, and **slips in sizes 4 through 14**. 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 cost of \$30 each, and welcome your monetary donations for this great need. As God has enabled in past years, we hope to provide 1,000 children with coats this 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](http://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.**

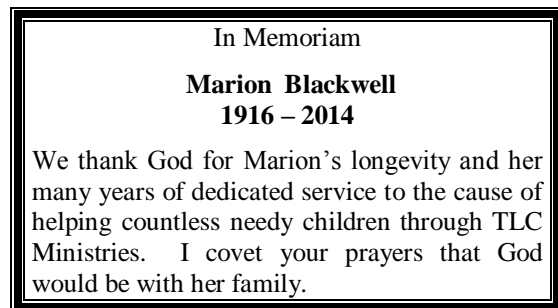
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**REMINDER: LONG SLEEVES ONLY** on garments for Thanksgiving and Christmas, and **please mark sizes on all garments.**

Current and past TLC newsletters appear on our 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.

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.** Also, please investigate employers' corporate matching gift programs. And, on our web site is a "donate" button for those who use PayPal and a link to [www.AmazonSmile.com](http://www.AmazonSmile.com). Amazon will make a donation to TLC if you purchase via that link.



**BLESSINGS ALWAYS!**

Joyfully in **HIS** service,

*Carole Franceski*

Carole Franceski, Founder & Director

**MATTHEW 25**

*37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39*

*When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'*

*40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it for me.'"*



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