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A MOST HAPPY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO EACH OF OUR PARTNERS AND FRIENDS!

“To God be the glory; great things He hath done.”

Dear Partners and Friends,

How I rejoice to be able to send you this report on the bounty that you provided through this ministry to the children of Appalachia for Thanksgiving and Christmas 2012! In spite of the economy, you have again demonstrated your willingness to sacrifice in order to help children who have dire needs. In fact our shipments were more than double last Christmas. Shipments have been made to Elkhorn City, Prestonsburg, Salyersville and Topmost, Kentucky; Chillicothe, and Otway, Ohio; and Lewisburg, West Virginia.

We remain ever grateful for all that God has privileged this ministry to accomplish through Him. Many of you have answered our prayer that TLC ministries will continue to expand and bless additional children who will come to know Him as their personal Savior because of your love gifts. As you will see below our numbers of all items are up significantly.

I continually stand in awe of God's mercy and graciousness and to those who give as He speaks to our hearts and compels us to share that with which He has blessed us! All praise to God and THANKS TO YOU—new partners and those of long standing—who are dedicated to TLC Ministries. We can rejoice with all of Heaven because of Him and the way He “makes a way” for each of us to participate in His vineyard.

I pray this report will bless your heart and that you will prayerfully share it with a friend or relative. Many times new contributors become aware of this ministry through you.

Shipments consisting of the following items have been made for Christmas:

Coats 1100 Our numbers are way up because one of you read last year's newsletter where we noted that we were only able to ship 656 and

made a significant contribution in January to ensure that we would meet our goal of 1,000 this year. The need for donations (\$30.00/coat) to this fund is on-going.

Fleece Jackets 900 These were new, heavy fleece jackets with zippers. They were overruns from a major manufacturer and were in sizes small through adult. This was a blessing.

3-piece (Hats, scarves and mittens) sets, 1150. Plus **350 2-piece (hats and mitten sets) and 300 hats.** The children very much appreciate the matching hat/scarf/mitten sets. There is a knit pattern which you may download from our web site; or, if you make your request by mail, please include a #10 SASE.

Boys' outfits, 425 (pants, shirt, underwear, socks). Many of the outfits included a toy car. We accept store-bought jeans for **BOYS ONLY** in sizes 4 through 14.

Girls' outfits, 500 (dress or jumper/blouse, tights or socks, slip, undies, hair bow, bracelet, barrette, small crocheted purse), plus **97 tops.**

A Biblical tract entitled, “God Knows Your Name” was included with each outfit.

Sweaters, 251, plus 11-5 piece sweater sets and 4-4 piece sets, lovely hand knitted.

Shoes, 820 pairs. The Shoe Fund is ongoing **and the costs of boy's and girl's shoes are now each \$15.00.**

We also shipped **530** quilts, blankets, afghans and baby blankets, **175** nightgowns and slippers for the girls and **120** PJ's with slippers for the boys, and **464** pieces of infant clothing including 2 complete baby layettes, **324 Beanie Babies and Stuffed Toys, 100 “Santa faces”** filled with **candy kisses** and **50 children's books.**

Personal Care Kits, 702. You may download a specific list of items from our website, or make your request known by mail, being sure to include a SASE, please. Our cost for shampoo is 65 cents for the 4 oz. bottle, so if you would

prefer to save on shipping costs please include a check for the shampoo and we will provide.

In addition, we shipped 35 ponchos, an assortment of men's clothing to include sweaters, jackets, shirts, and for women, slacks, tops, sweaters and shoes.

The work of the Lord is endless, and our next shipment will be for **Easter**, which is early next year. So the deadline is **March 1, 2013**. You may ship earlier, but **please** not later than this date.

Boys need pants and **SHORT-SLEEVED** cotton knit shirts in sizes 4 through 14.

Girls need solid color or floral patterned **SHORT-SLEEVED dresses**, and **SLIPS**, in sizes 4 through 14; designs and fabric must be appropriate for young girls. **Don't forget to mark the size on each garment.**

Nothing I could say would be sufficient to thank you for your meaningful and valuable contributions to TLC Ministries; I just pray that God will interpret from my heart to yours just what this means to me personally and to the ones who receive your gifts. **Along with my expression of deep gratitude comes my prayer that God's choicest blessings will be yours at Christmastime and throughout 2013.**

It is also my prayer that you would seek the will of the Lord in the matter of sending a year-end gift at this time to enable us to begin now to prepare for the 2013 Easter Season in meeting the needs of children, and may God bless you as you follow His bidding.

Thanks to our webmaster, Stephanie, we now have a Donate button on the home page of our web site for those of you that would like to donate via that method. As always, you can designate your donations to either "Coat", "Shoe", or "General" fund.

In line with our being a good steward of TLC's finances, please notify me if you do not wish to remain on our mailing list and/or if you have a change of address. **If you are receiving a copy of this newsletter via the mail we either don't have an e-mail address for you or can't match it to your name. So, please e-mail us with your complete mailing address.** The way the

Post Office is raising the price of postage we need to maximize the use of e-mail delivery.

Last year in our Christmas Newsletter, we told you that we needed a Manual Gunned Tape Dispenser. One of you donated one after the first of the year!! I can not tell you what a blessing it has been. For Christmas we shipped 100 boxes (16" x 16" x 26"). Each box has 3-24" pieces of tape on the top and 3 on the bottom. That is over 1,200 feet of tape. BTW, they weighed 3,970 pounds – almost 2 tons!!

I send a personal acknowledgment of each gift that is received by TLC, however, sometimes we receive packages that are shipped from a UPS or FedEx store and the only address is theirs. Please include a name and address if you ship that method because we do not want your gifts to go unacknowledged.

BLESSINGS ALWAYS!

Joyfully in **HIS** service,



Carole P. 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