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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,

God is GREAT!! 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.

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. We continue to add new locations, in keeping with our mission to provide clothing to the needy, made possible by your giving. This season shipments went to nine locations: Prestonsburg, and Topmost, Kentucky; Chillicothe, and Otway, Ohio; Alderson, Rainelle, and Rupert, West Virginia, and Grundy and Vansant, Virginia.

It is a pleasure and blessing for me to advise you of the many items we shipped for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Coats 1162 Our goal is 1,000 but your giving has enabled us to exceed that goal for the past 2 years. Can we reach 1,200 in 2014? The Coat Fund (\$30.00/coat) is on-going.

1088 3-piece sets (Hats, scarves and mittens), 564 2-piece sets (hats and mitten), plus 982 hats, 110 scarfs, and 64 gloves. The children really appreciate the matching hat/scarf/mitten sets. There is a knit pattern which you may download from our web site or, request by mail.

Boys' outfits, 412 (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, 439 (dress or jumper/blouse, tights or socks, slip, undies, hair bow, bracelet, barrette, small crocheted purse).

A Biblical tract entitled, “How Many Days Till Christmas?” was included with each outfit.

Sweaters, 258, plus 11-4/5 piece sweater sets.

Shoes, 646 pairs. The Shoe Fund (\$15.00) is ongoing.

We also shipped **539** quilts, blankets, afghans and baby blankets, **189** nightgowns with slippers for the girls and **108** PJ's with slippers for the boys, **1,605** pieces of infant clothing including **44** baby outfits, **3** complete baby layettes, **171** Beanie Babies and Stuffed Toys, and **18** dolls.

Personal Care Kits, 416. Please only include the contents listed (quantity and **SIZE**) on our website. We buy 4 oz. shampoo for \$0.65, so if you would prefer to save on shipping, include a check for the shampoo and we will provide. Pattern for the Care Bags is on our website.

BTW, those of you that belong to AARP can ship via UPS and get a 5% discount.

In addition, we shipped **68** Christmas stockings, **184** pieces of children's clothing, **18** sewing kits, **21** sweat pants & tops, **25** sweatshirts w/scarfs, **26** thermal underwear sets, **160** knee high socks, and **647** items of school supplies.

The above items weighed over **6,500 pounds** and our FedEx bill was over **\$3,200.00!!**

BUT, the work of the Lord is endless, and our next shipment will be for **Easter**, which is later next year. So the deadline is **March 15, 2014**. 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. **PLEASE 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 2014.**

Your generosity has been unbelievable during 2013. Just when the bank account gets low, some of you send an extra-large donation to put my mind at ease. It is like you know!! It is 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 2014 Easter Season in meeting the needs of children. May God bless you as you follow His bidding. If you have already sent a donation, our heartfelt thanks to you.

Thanks to our webmaster, Stephanie, we now have the Pay Pal© icon on 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.

We decided that we would mail a copy of our Christmas Newsletter to each of you. In addition, for those with e-mail we will be sending an electronic copy. For Easter, we will return to only sending an electronic copy to those for whom we have an e-mail address, so if we don't have it please send it.

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, have a change of address, or have not provided us with an e-mail address.

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.

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.

In closing I want to share some notes we received from students at an elementary school in West Virginia:

"Thanks for the coat. I love my coat. It is purple." "Thank you for the wonderful coats. They're soft inside. And the coat will last me the whole winter. Last thing I got to say about the jacket it's awesome." "Thank you for the really nice coat I needed. The mittens, gloves and hat purple white and blue. I like those colors a lot." "Thank you for donating all the things you did! My coat looks very cool. I can't wait to have a snow ball fight with my new gear." "Thank you so much for our coats. I love my green jacket. It fits me just right. I can't wait to go sleigh riding in it. I think everyone in our class got a coat." "Thank you for all the coats. That was one cool thing to get new winter jackets, gloves, hats, scarfs. Just thank all of you that donated jackets. A lot of people needed new jackets."

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*



Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Was Born

12/2013

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