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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 4th grade children at an elementary school in Topmost, Kentucky, as well as pre-school through 4th grade children at a church in Pikeville, 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 and Roger from Missouri; Phyllis and Jim from Texas; and Tina and Bryan and their son Brenen from Kentucky. Unfortunately, Virginia from Iowa could not join us this year.

There were nearly 200 children who received clothing and other articles at the school in Topmost and more than 40 in Pikeville. We left additional clothing, shoes and personal care kits for another 40-50 children which the church will distribute over the next few weeks.

This was our first visit to the church in Pikeville, and we were heartened by the manner in which warmth and love were displayed by children and staff. The children actively participated when the clowns asked questions about the Bible. 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. It was our pleasure to make new friends at this church and to be invited to return. The enthusiastic hugs and expressions of thanks and love were appreciated by the TLC team.

Due to the generosity of all of you volunteers who made these gifts possible, and all of those who helped distribute them, this was a VERY successful distribution. The following items

were donated by TLC to Topmost, Flat Gap and Pikeville, Kentucky, to Mt. Unger, Ohio, and to another ministry in Litchfield, Kentucky. A Biblical tract entitled "Kids, You Are Special" was included with each outfit.

Boys' outfits: 423. These include pants, shirt, briefs, T-shirts and socks. In addition to those outfits there were 33 shorts and 25 shirts and pants sets.

Girls' outfits: 522. These include dress, slip, undies, socks, purse and barrette. In addition to those complete outfits, there were 200 dresses, 29 skirts, 45 tops and 48 pairs of socks.

Boys' pajamas: 25 pairs.

Girls' night gowns: 34

Shoes: 248 pairs for boys, and 276 pairs for girls. As always, the Shoe Fund is ongoing and the price is \$18 per pair for both boys and girls.

Personal care kits for girls and boys: 350. Please see the TLC website for recommended contents or contact me. Our cost of these items is less than \$4.00. If you would like us to buy them and save the postage, just send us a check and we will provide.

School kits: 243 including 48 back packs donated by VBS and the "Sew n' Sews" from Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church. The VBS children donated school supplies to fill the back packs. In addition, TLC provided the teachers 370 items of school supplies for the classrooms.

Baby/Toddler Items: 635 articles of clothing plus 53 onesies, 19 blankets, and 66 pairs of shoes.

Other items: 41 pillow cases, 4 sheets, 22 towel and wash cloth sets and 35 draw string bags.

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 1,200 **winter coats** again this year. At \$35.00 per coat, this is a huge expense and we welcome your monetary donations to the Coat Fund.

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.tlcmministries.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 are able to accomplish much and 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.

We acknowledge each donation as it is received; however, occasionally we receive packages that do not have the sender's address on them. If you sent us a package and did not receive a thank you note, please contact us. Our heart overflows with sincere thanks and deep appreciation to everyone for your consideration of these less fortunate children and for your generosity toward them. The impact you make is incalculable and you are very special to Him and to this ministry. May God's choicest blessings be yours now and always.

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 you make.**

Current and past TLC newsletters appear on our website, (recently redesigned by Stephanie, Andre and Liz!!) 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. Amazon will make a donation to TLC if you purchase via that link. **If you are receiving this via e-mail or from our website, you can either mail your contribution or use the Pay Pal © icon on our web site.** If you have recently sent a gift, please accept my sincere thanks and appreciation.

If you have moved or plan to move, please send us your new address so we can update our files. **Also, we would appreciate it if you would send us your e-mail address, if you have not done so already, to facilitate communication and to eliminate the cost of postage. WE NEVER SHARE OR SELL OUR CONTRIBUTORS' CONTACT DATA.**

BLESSINGS ALWAYS!

Joyfully in **HIS** service,



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