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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 and this year we added two and dropped one. This season shipments went to nine locations: Big Clifty, Jackson and Topmost, KY; Chillicothe, and Otway, OH; Alderson, Rainelle, and Rupert, WV, and Grundy, VA.

In October, Ed and I visited three schools in WV and had lunch with the Principals and met some of the teachers and children. This was our first visit and what a bitter sweet experience! Between 75 and 80% of the children at these schools live in homes where the income is below the poverty level. We are blessed that, through your generosity, we are able to bring a little joy into their lives.

The children expressed heartfelt thanks for the clothes, sweaters, coats and shoes they receive from TLC. The teachers told us that many of the children do not have adequate clothing. They keep some of the outfits to distribute during the year to children that come in with clothing that is unfit to wear – torn or too small.

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

Coats 1084 Our goal is 1,000 but your giving has enabled us to exceed that goal for the past 3 years. Can we reach 1,200 in 2015? The cost of coats has increased to \$35.00. This is the first increase in a number of years. The Coat Fund (\$35.00/coat) is on-going.

444 3-piece sets (Hats, scarves and mittens), 102 2-piece sets (hats and mitten), plus 245 hats, 164 scarfs, and 24 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, 482 (pants, shirt, underwear, socks). Many of the outfits included a toy car or a beanie baby. We accept store-bought jeans for **BOYS ONLY** in sizes 4 through 14.

Girls' outfits, 409 (dress or jumper/blouse, tights or socks, slip, undies, hair bow, bracelet, barrette, small crocheted purse). Many of the outfits included a beanie baby.

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

Sweaters, 119, plus at least 50 that were included in the boys' and girls' outfits.

Shoes, 403 pairs. The Shoe Fund (\$18.00) is ongoing.

Christmas came early this year for the Shoe Fund. The day after Thanksgiving, we were the very grateful recipients of \$1,500.00 in gift cards from Payless Shoe Source. We applied in October, never expecting to win because we won last year, but we were blessed again this year. These will help us with our Easter shoe purchases.

We also shipped **432** quilts, blankets, afghans and baby blankets, **184** nightgowns with slippers for the girls and **106** PJ's with slippers for the boys, plus **31** bedroom slippers, **10** Ponchos, **74** Pillow cases, **222** pieces of infant clothing plus **35** sleepers, **7** Teddy Bears, **4** sports balls, **5** Raggedy Ann Dolls, and **13** dolls.

Personal Care Kits, 503. 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.

Our next shipment will be for **Easter**, which is on April 5th next year. So the deadline is **March 6, 2015**. 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 2015.**

Your generosity continues to be unbelievable as evidenced during 2014. 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 2015 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.

As in 2013, we are mailing 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.

BLESSINGS ALWAYS!

Joyfully in **HIS** service,



Carole P. Franceschi
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

12/2014

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