

## MISSIONS

Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action is dead. -- James 2:15

The CELEBRATION OF MISSION EVENT will be at 12:30 on Sunday, May 3, 2015 at Community of Grace UMC in Huntington, in conjunction with the Western District Conference.

In 2014, churches in the WV Conference raised more than \$96,000 in cash for WV Mission Projects. The three missions being emphasized in the Western District for 2015 are COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OUTREACH MINISTRIES, GREATER CLARKSBURG COOPERATIVE PARISH, and TYRAND COOPERATIVE PARISH. All of these missions are fighting the cold with food, clothing, heating vouchers, and home repairs. Each is unique in the services they provide for their communities. Some emphasize food pantries, thrift stores, camps, Christmas toys, and home repairs. Others provide emergency assistance with rent, utilities, and prescriptions as well as disaster shelters. But, they cannot do their work, if we do not do ours! The churches of the WV Conference must do their part in providing for these missions.

What can YOU do? You can help by donating ANY of the items on the following list. I will have detailed lists in Sunday school classes. Thank you in advance for helping some of God's children that you may never meet!

Items needed:

- Food items - non-perishable foods, healthy snacks, canned foods, dry beans, and peanut butter
- Baby items - bottles, sippy cups, diapers, clothes, wipes, formula, food, blankets, clothes, lotion, shampoo, mattresses, beds
- Personal care items - toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, deodorant, disposable razors
- Children's items - underwear, socks, gloves, toys, school supplies grades K-12
- School supplies - 70 sheet spiral notebooks, glue, crayons, loose leaf paper, highlighters, rulers, book bags, erasers, scissors, folders, pens, pencils
- Cleaning and home supplies - dish washing liquid, laundry detergent, bleach, sponges, all-purpose cleaners, window cleaner, toilet cleaner, toilet paper, paper towels, garbage bags
- Home repair - hammers, nails, paint brushes, rollers and pans, work gloves, shovels, rakes, tape measures

As you can see, the list is very long, as are the needs. So, please don't come to church empty-handed, come and share God's goodness

## FEBRUARY FOCUS - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Three year-round ministry sites include: Heart and Hand, Coal Branch Heights, and CDOM main office. Ministries include: Food Pantry, Thrift Store, School Supply Drive, Summer Day Camp, Campership Program, Christmas Toys and Food, Housing Rehab Program, Prison Re-Entry Volunteer Program, Garment Printing Services

Needs list: snacks, toilet paper, paper towels, garbage bags, dishwashing liquid, non-perishable foods, diapers, bottles, baby clothes and blankets, baby beds and mattresses, wipes, formula, baby food, baby shampoo and lotion, school supplies K-12, tools, building supplies