2020 Appalachian Christmas Outreach

The Appalachian Coalfields Ministry, sponsored by NC Baptists on Mission, meets physical and spiritual needs of those living in the Appalachian Area. One of the greatest ministry needs in this area occurs at Christmastime. We are calling on churches statewide to respond to this need through APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS OUTREACH. Our 2020 goal is 18,000 filled backpacks for distribution.

Your church and association: __________________________________________
Contact person’s name: _____________________________________________
Contact’s Email: _____________________________________________
Contact’s Phone number(s): __________________________________________

WAYS CHURCHES, FAMILIES, and INDIVIDUALS CAN HELP (Check all that apply):

☐ 1) Our church will COLLECT BACKPACKS AND TAKE THEM TO THE NEAREST COLLECTION SITE. State-wide collection will take place Saturday, November 7 at 30+ sites across the state. We will access information on what items to collect and how to pack them from the NCBM website at www.baptistsonmission.org/aco

☐ 2) Our church would be willing to BE A COLLECTION SITE FOR OUR AREA for Christmas backpacks if needed. We can have volunteers ready to meet and assist those who might bring backpacks by on Saturday, November 7 from 9:00 am until noon. We can have either an enclosed trailer or a box truck available for the backpacks to be loaded into for later transport (or will be able to store them in our church until we can transport them). A volunteer (and helper) from our church will then transport the backpacks to either Shelby Mission Camp or Red Springs Mission Camp on Friday, November 13.

☐ 3) Our church would like to PARTNER WITH AN APPALACHIAN MINISTRY/CHURCH FOR AN EVENT to conduct a Christmas event. Event may include preparation of food, games, gospel presentation, etc. We understand that we would deliver and distribute filled backpacks to the ministry site at the event and participate in ministry activities, which will be planned according to the desires and direction of the host ministry center/church. Teams wishing to participate must register through NCBM’s Appalachian Coalfields Partnership. Instructions will be sent to the team leader.

☐ 4) Our church will be willing to DELIVER BACKPACKS TO NEEDED AREAS. Often, ministry areas do not plan to partner with a church to do an event, but still need backpacks for distribution. We have great need for those who would be willing to help in getting the backpacks to needed areas by providing a box truck/covered trailer and drivers to deliver the packs.

☐ 5) Our church can send volunteers to WORK A DAY AT SHELBY or RED SPRINGS MISSION CAMP to process the backpacks that are collected from across the state. This will include examining the backpacks to make sure they include needed materials, sorting them according to age/gender, and preparing them for transport. This will take place from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm on Saturday, November 14. Place a check by the mission camp that you would be available to work at. (Space is limited for this. We will determine how many volunteers are needed at each site and confirm with you prior to the event).

☐ ___ Shelby Mission Camp - Sat. November 14
☐ ____ Volunteers (conservative estimate)

☐ ___ Red Springs Mission Camp – Sat., November 14
☐ ____ Volunteers (conservative estimate)

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