



Appalachian Christmas Outreach

Reports from the Field

“We are so grateful for this opportunity!”

“Over one hundred families attended our Christmas events this year! Families felt so encouraged by our group prayer, the Christmas story time, and a personal testimony that was shared. All were excited about the backpacks and many told us how grateful they are to receive these necessities and treats, especially during this time of the year. While the children played, our prayer volunteers walked among the adults and had impactful moments through meaningful conversations. This year’s event was truly a blessing and we are so grateful for this opportunity to continue serving our community!”



“Excited to be able to wash her hair.”

“As we got toward the end of our event, we realized that we did not quite have enough backpacks to go around to everyone. So, we simply took what was left and poured the contents out on a table and let the children come by one by one and pick up several items each. A little girl came by and picked up a zip-lock bag containing shampoo. She said her mother had lost her job and was not able to buy shampoo and she had not had her hair shampooed in over a week. She was excited that she would be able to wash her hair. A little boy came up and picked up a Bible and said his family was large and there was only one Bible. He said his dad read every night to them and now he would have his own Bible to read from!”

“The children who peeked inside their backpacks were so excited!”

“Such a wonderful blessing. The children who peeked inside their backpacks were so excited about what they saw inside. They loved the hats and scarfs that were hand-made by one of the churches. One backpack had been made just for someone who loved to fish. It included a fishing pole and various gear. We asked around to see if anyone knew of someone that loved to fish. There was one young boy that fit the bill. He was so excited to receive this backpack! The Gospel was presented, and salvations were recorded. Praise the Lord!”

