



Appalachian Christmas Outreach

Reports from the Field

“Families received backpacks with such joy and gratitude!”

“Over 80 families came to our event and received the backpacks with such joy and gratitude. Many of them admitted they were pleased to just come to our doors and see friendly eyes (as we are all in our protective masks). We even had a parent cry and ask for prayer as she was feeling overwhelmed with the pandemic and uncertainty. It was a cold evening, and our event was outdoors, but we were so privileged to give to the community through your outreach, especially this year when many have experienced so much loss. Twenty two people made decisions for Christ and were connected with church members for prayer and invitation to our virtual worship! Praise God!”



“This Will Go a Long Way in Telling These Children about Jesus.”

“One mother was very excited to receive the backpacks and put them under her tree. No one opened their bag until Christmas morning. This is a big part of their celebration. Another family is Muslim. They do not celebrate Christmas but accepted the backpacks. They have 8 children in the home under 18 and there was lots of excitement and giggles handing out the backpacks. They felt loved and cared

for during a holiday they do not celebrate. Having the Bible and Christmas story in the bags will go a long way in telling these children about Jesus.”

“Without This, Many Children Would Not Have a Christmas.”

“We had one single mom who had cancer who was so appreciative of the backpacks. She cried and said her son would be so surprised on Christmas morning. We also had numerous grandparents raising grandchildren on a limited income. We saw several foster children of various ages. Without the Christmas Backpack program, many children would not have a Christmas.”

“Several Children Are Now Coming to Church as a Result!”

“It was wonderful to see the expressions on the children’s faces as they received their backpacks. These areas where we work are very low income and many children would not have received much for Christmas had it not been for Appalachian Christmas Outreach. Several children are now coming to our church as a result of our Christmas events at the apartment complex and mobile home park. Such a blessing. Thank you!!

