



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Called to Serve

If we are not careful, “Merry Christmas” will seem trivial with all the gloom that has gone on in the past few months. I have never experienced such travail in my spirit as I have with this disaster. And yet getting up the next day to go and help others was my first thought. So that’s what I did. That’s what we all did.

Right out of the gate, we pushed to serve the many children in our region who lost everything, who were left with not even a toy to play with. We sent team members to area disaster sites to play and pray with the kids. Next, we started a “Backpack For Kids” project for every child that was “without” so they would be given whatever we could to fulfill their needs. **We did this as many times as we could, over and over and over again... until we had reached 100s of children’s needs.**

Because that’s what we do in East Tennessee, **we serve our God by serving each other.**

And all the while never considering stopping our service to the **800+ kids in the region that expect our after-school suppers, homework help and just fun activities** to be waiting on them at the end of a long school day, every day.



**Our goal is to give
Christmas to 550
children in our care
that are in need
this year.**

**Your gift of \$125
will allow a child
to experience
the magic of
Christmas.**

You see, I'm not "privileged" because I grew up with more than others. That's how others define privileged. **I'm "privileged" because God gave me a mission to serve those less fortunate than I,** to serve those whose dad isn't home anymore and won't be, to serve those whose mom can't help with homework because of their second job and so... **WE SERVE.**

We are "privileged" alright, and if you are reading this and have ever helped us, you know what I mean. So, remember, in this season, we give because He first gave to us. We give because God's plan was to send us a Savior because we could never survive the flood on our own. We could never survive the loss on our own. **We could, only by His Grace, give what was given to us, freely, fully and gladly through the one we call JESUS. And what do we give? Exactly what He gives us... HOPE.**

So, MERRY CHRISTMAS! (Now that sounds better.) For 25 years I've written to many of you. And every year by the grace of God you have helped us meet the needs of children who have no one to help them. **Would you help me give HOPE this year to 100s of children who will not have any Christmas at all if we do not continue what we started 25 years ago? Each gift of \$125 will allow a child to experience Christmas.**

May your Christmas be filled with joy, grace, and the everlasting love of God.

Sincerely,



Troy R. Hensley
C4K Executive Director



83%
of our families
earn less than
\$20,000 annually.

Give the magic of Christmas!

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