

"Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy." Ps. 107:2

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Dear Co-Laborers in Christ,

"ARISE, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee." Isaiah 60:1

For the holiday season, we challenged our church family to open their hearts to the LORD and to open their eyes to the needs of those around them. We also encouraged them to shine because so many need Jesus, the Light of the world.

Our hearts are open and overwhelmed by the needs of those in our community so we deliver three food baskets a month. At the end of November, we took some of your special Christmas gifts and one Saturday provided an extra evening meal to all the individuals and families connected with this ministry.

Once the church was decorated for Christmas and pre-school was closed for the holidays, a flurry of activities began. With the special gifts from you, we began shopping for the church children's presents and stuffed treat bags for everyone. Gifts were also purchased for the elderly and shut-ins in our community. As we delivered those gifts, we visited the grandmother of one of our former pre-schoolers who is being treated for cancer. She was convicted by the Bible verses he sang at home but never made time for God. The cancer made her realize time is short and she accepted Christ as Savior.

The Saturday before Christmas was our Special Visitation, a special time to shine for Him. We handed out candles, invited people to the services, and encouraged them to seek the Light. Then on Christmas morning, sixty-two people attended the worship service, the choir sang the cantata, "The Light Has Come", three ladies expressed their need for the Savior, and the children were excited and thankful for their gifts.

It is amazing what can be accomplished when we open our hearts to the LORD and open our eyes to the needs of those around us.

In Christ,

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