



September 19, 2012

Concord Baptist Association
P.O. Box 1884
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Attention: David Pittman

Dear Brother David,

We are so grateful for the financial assistance our church received from the Missions Ministry Assistance Fund for our trip on July 26-29, 2012. Our mission team consisted of 21 people - fifteen adults, four youth and two children. This was a great experience for each of us.

We traveled 700+ miles to Myra, Ky—the poorest town in Kentucky and the 16th poorest town in the USA. We supported a local ministry called “Manna From Heaven” on their “School Day” when the poor families in the area came down from the mountains and received free school supplies, family toiletries, food and clothing.

Our church family provided 200 backpacks full of school supplies and over 150 bags of clothing. We took two 5 X 10 trailer loads full of supplies. We gave out children and youth Bible Story Books along with gospel tracts and other Christian materials. We assisted Manna From Heaven minister to over 450 individuals with the Gospel, school supplies, food, and clothing.

We reported to our church at a special Mission Dinner when we returned home and there is interest in returning this Christmas and next spring. I am so grateful for the increased awareness of missions that this trip has encouraged and for the assistance from the MMAF that made this possible.

One side note... I did not realize until we arrived in Myra, that this is in the vicinity of the infamous Hatfield and McCoy's. We were able to visit the nearby cemetery and explore the area where this family feud took place many years ago. An extra blessing on the trip for sure.

May the Lord continue to use the MMAF to provide encouragement and blessing to many more mission teams as we serve together to build His Kingdom.

In Him!

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Pastor

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