



## Rehoboth Baptist Association

Appalachian Mountain Ministry, Pete Soots, Director

December 2021

This is the time of the season when everyone is in the giving mode more so than the receiving. We are definitely in the mode to be able to give as the weather has brought situations which has completely uprooted thousands of people leaving them with absolutely nothing. The Appalachian Mountain ministry is in contact with one of the hardest hit areas. We are awaiting word when we can take a load of miscellaneous items to the Central City and Mayfield areas. They have reported that they currently have plenty of clothes, but are in need of plastic storage totes to keep clothes and items dry as they find them or get new ones. Additionally, they are interested in linens, and miscellaneous household items which we have quite a few boxes already packed that we can take immediately upon notification which should be on Monday. He also indicated that he would like some toys for children which we also have. We sent three boxes of about three hundred coats or more to our representative partner in Whitley County Kentucky that is cleared to go in on the December 28th which will allow them to have them. Would you like to help you can send checks to the Rehoboth Appalachian Mountain Ministry marked for tornado assistance in Kentucky and we will ensure that it gets in the right hands to help the people there? This is not going to be a one month need, but an ongoing need, as people have nothing, they are starting over. My thought was had it not been by the Grace of God, it could have been Warner Robins. Some of us would think differently if it were us that got hit, but we can make a difference by helping others to rebuild so they can restart their lives.

Appalachian Ministry will be closed effective December 21, 2021 until January 4, 2022. When we open back up, we will have items that we will not accept such as: Gym equipment, Items that are not complete, Items that are broken, Christmas ornaments, large picture frames and pictures, computers that are not working, liquids, broken furniture, if you got rid of it because it was ripped, or the leather has peeled off, we will only have to send it the dump. We have spent over \$4500.00 this year on sending items to the dump. **Set them out on the street. We are not the dump.**

We have limited space to store items and we need to store the items that they really need not broken items that they have to throw away because they have no means of getting them fixed. Please help us!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

If you have coats, please send them to us through January 30th because the need is great with all the havoc the tornadoes have caused. We will move them as fast as we get them in to the sites in Tennessee and Kentucky. We appreciate all the help you have provided.

**There is always room for volunteers to help us pick up and load furniture for shipment to the needed areas. Please call Pete Soots 478-396-9316 Phyllis Johnson at 478-396-9065.**