



RBA—Appalachian Mountain Ministry

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The year 2017 was a blessed year for the Appalachian Ministry. We moved into a new building and the support of material from businesses, and private families has been greater than ever before. We delivered an estimated 890,000 lbs. of house hold goods, clothes, furniture, Bibles, and furniture to the Appalachian Mountains.

Endeavoring to be good Stewards of God's money, we began using a commercial trucking company to do our heavy lifting. We saved \$12,000.00 by using mostly by using a semi-truck to carry 16 loads of approx. 44,000 lbs. on each load. This over four times the amount we could haul with our 26-foot truck. We only used our truck to haul furniture and bring back gaylord containers and pallets from Kentucky. This was a great savings. We still used our truck to haul loads to South Carolina and Copperhill Tn. because they do not have the means to accept such a huge load. Our goal is 1 million pounds in 2018.

The back-pack project netted 889 back packs from the Churches in the Association. While this was a great year we are setting a goal of 1200 back packs for 2018. To accomplish we will be working with the churches providing increased information on the need and we are working with Bro. Bill Barker who has just been employed by the Ga. Baptist Missionary Board to have responsibility for the Back-Pack Ministry to the Appalachian Mountains as part of his responsibility. Bro Bill is a product of the Appalachian Mountains in West Va. He and I have worked to further support the sites in the mountains that we help support. I hope to have him come to Rehoboth and have a meeting with POCs from each church that will participate in the Back-Pack ministry. This year they did not have enough back packs furnished to fill all the requirements. This is an important ministry as the children receiving might only receive the items in the back pack as a Christmas present. Let's work together and ensure that every child in the Appalachian Mountains gets a back pack.

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