



RBA—Appalachian Mountain Ministry

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We have a partnership with a new site in Ruston La. This site came to us through the North American Mission Board in Atlanta and the Georgia Baptist Mission Board. It is in the delta areas of Louisiana and is extremely poor like the Appalachian Mountains. They have several sites that they support and are in the midst of opening 4 more. The clothes and household goods that we provide are helping them to do that. They have several services that they provide that we are studying and see how we could perhaps undertake one or more and help our people in our local areas. We have taken 5 semi loads since April and two of our trucks.

We continue to pick up items from Lizella Baptist Church the last Saturday of each month and continue to try and get other churches to collect items and set up a day when we can pick them up. We have discontinued taking large TV's, large gym equipment, and items of furniture that are not in any condition to be given to away.

Please pray for the Backpack ministry. There are many churches that are not participating in this ministry, but I believe if they knew what these bags mean to the boys and girls in the Appalachian Mountains, they would be eager to help. The food for instance that is in the bags in many cases is the only food children will have for Christmas Dinner. What are your children going to be eating? Please pray about this vital ministry as we have a goal of 1500 back packs from Rehoboth for this year. Let's step up to the plate and support our Heavenly Father in this endeavor.

We are in desperate need of drivers to drive to Jellico, TN., Knoxville, TN., Copperhill, TN., Greer, S.C., Jefferson City, TN. and Ruston, La. If we had enough drivers it would be one trip every 4- 6 weeks or longer. If you are interested, please contact Pete Soots at 478-396-9316.

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