

# Appalachian Mountain Ministry

The Appalachian Mountain Ministry has been hard at work the first five months of the New Year. We have taken 18 loads of donated clothes, furniture, household goods, and bicycles up to the sites supported in Appalachia which equates to about 180,000. We currently are supporting Williamsburg, Ky., Knoxville Intercity in Knoxville, Tn., Rogersville, Tn., Sneedville, Tn., Oneida, Tn., and Copperhill, Tn. Each of these sites support roughly nine counties. Rogersville and Sneedville are two of the poorest areas in Tennessee. The Knoxville site cares for roughly 14,000 people in the intercity of Knoxville and they are also very needy. With the help of people in the Rehoboth Baptist Association and others who are contributors to the ministry we hope to take 500,000 lbs. to the mountain brothers and sisters this year.

The Rehoboth Association has so graciously helped to support us by approving the building of a warehouse on the Association property to assist us in our endeavors. We are deeply grateful and appreciative of everything the Association is doing to help us. Without the Disaster Relief ministry we would not be able to support these needy people in the mountains, as we use their truck. We are so blessed. We hope to be in our building by fall and we are looking forward to that as we continue supporting the ministry.

We have been blessed by receiving word that we would be getting roughly 150 mattresses and box springs from a local hotel that is replacing their entire stock of mattresses. This will greatly help the people in the mountains as many of them do not have a bed, mattress, or box springs. God is so good and we want to continue growing this ministry.

If you would like to help sponsor this ministry you can send you financial donation to the Rehoboth Association marked for Appalachian Ministry. This donation is tax deductible and will be greatly appreciated. Also you can bring any clothes furniture of household goods to the current packing area which is located at 746 Lake Joy Rd. You can unload it on the carport is Ms. Anna's house and we will pack it and see that it is shipped. (Please don't put items at the association van parking area.) There are Tax Deductible forms for items you would like to get a tax break on in a folder on the table on the carport. Please fill them out and leave them in the box or send them to the Rehoboth Assoc. office and you will get a signed copy back. We do ask that the items you are donating be in serviceable condition and not unfit to send to the people in the mountains. We are currently not sending any large TV's as they do not have space in their homes for the large TV's.

May God Richly Bless You. I would only ask that you allow God to lead you in how you would like to help this ministry. If you would like to help pack, we pack every Tuesday beginning at 8:00 A.M. If you would like to help load the truck please provide your name and email address and you will receive an email each time that the truck is being loaded. We are currently trying to load each Tuesday evening beginning at 6:30PM as it should be a little cooler and men will be able to be off work. Thank you for your prayers for this ministry.

Love in Christ,  
*Pete Soots*, Appalachian Mountain Ministry Director

