



Rehoboth Baptist Association
Appalachian Mountain Ministry
Pete Soots, Director
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I pray each of you will enjoy your Thanksgiving Dinner and day when we can meet with our family and loved ones and share in their lives. We as a country and as Christians have so much to praise God for. God is good all the time.

I received a call the other day from one of my partners in the mountain country of Tennessee. She was quite upset and wanted to share it with me. She was upset because she was calling in the students in her school and was asking them what they wanted for Christmas. The first little boy was eight years old and he said he wanted a blanket so he could stay warm, then he said he would like to have a candle and she asked why, and he said so that he could see at night because they did not have electricity. The second little girl was nine and she asked for an electric blanket to stay warm with, and she would like to have some snow boots. The third little boy was nine and he asked for a blanket and if Santa could bring him a bike, he would enjoy it. When she told me what was being asked for, I tried to think of what our children were asking for: computers, Xbox, dirt bike, TV, Stereo system, and other very expensive items. Isn't it funny how these children in the mountains are more concerned about staying warm and being able to read at night than they are having a toy to play with, especially a high cost toy. If this does not touch your heart, then it is time to go to your knees and pray to God for help to understand the needs of the children in Appalachia.

We are collecting coats right now and hope to have many more to send up to the mountains so that these children might be able to be warm this winter. If God is tugging at your heart you might want to go through your closet or go to the store and buy a coat and bring it over to be shipped to the mountains.

If you are interested in volunteering some of your time to a worthy cause, we have just the item for you. A group of good, hardworking Christians, having fun working together, and having a ball doing it. Call Phyllis Johnson at 396-9065 or just show up on any Tuesday at 0800 hours are flexible to your need.

If your church would like to provide a lunch for the volunteers you can arrange that by contacting Phyllis Johnson at 396-9065.

Love in Christ,
Pete Soots, Director of Appalachian Ministry

