



# RBA—Appalachian Mountain Ministry

## September 2019-Newsletter

**Pete Soots, Director**

This has been a furious month. We are in the midst of gathering in all the backpacks that will soon be going to the Appalachian Mountains. The boys and girls are anxiously awaiting getting these back packs as they know there will be a toy in there and probably some food. Doesn't that sound a little weird that they would be anxiously awaiting a toy and some food. Think about our children. They are thinking about a smart phone, TV, car, motorcycle, or computer. Quite a difference isn't it. Please realize that these children might only get the food you put into the book bag for their Christmas dinner. It is hard to believe but it is true. Many people sleep on the floor up there. I recently was up in the mountains and seen 6 homes that were nothing more than yard buildings 12X8 and five people were living in there without water lights or bathrooms. It is like a 3<sup>rd</sup> world country. Please pray to God and ask Him what He would have you to do for them.

We have been on the road a lot during the month. We have been to every site in the mountains plus a new site that we just picked up in Stearns, Kentucky. The address is on Rattlesnake Ridge so you can guess what kind of roads you must go on to get there. The people were so friendly and so appreciative of the load of furniture and clothes that they got that is were unbelievable. We take a lot for granted but we had a new driver take this load and he was astonished at the conditions and how happy the people were to see that truck pull up. Until you see it, it is hard to believe. Please pray for them winter is coming and it will be rough on them.

We have a goal of 1500 for backpacks this year and we are falling short so anything you can do and have over to the center by the end of October please help to reach this goal for the Association. This is a very vital part of the children's life up in the mountains. Pray again and ask God what He would have you to do. If you need a list of the items, please call Phyllis Johnson or myself and we can get it for you. **Thank you so much!**

**Lastly, I would like to ask the Pastors to prayerfully consider having a presentation brought before their congregations on the Appalachian Mountain Ministry.** I truly believe after meeting people that bring goods to the center that they do not understand the needs of the people in the mountains. I would love to come and present a presentation to your church and explain the ministry and what it is accomplishing in the mountains. It would take no more than 45 min. I would even entertain speaking with the pastors on a one on one bases prior to them making a decision to present something to the church. I can be contacted by phone at 478-396-9316 or reached by email at [Chief0506@cox.net](mailto:Chief0506@cox.net).

Serving an Awesome God,  
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