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CHRISTMAS

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Tillie Burgin, Director, with a Bible study teacher and volunteer

Merry Christmas and Happy New year to each of you. My prayer is that as you receive this newsletter you will feel God's presence.

I wish you could have seen the little blonde-headed, 7-year-old boy yesterday when his mom found a leather coat for him in just the right size. It had special patches all over it. It was one of those special moments when I realized that smile would not be on this child's face if you had not given it.

The mom was so excited. She just kept saying, "It's a perfect fit." He kept looking at me with big blue eyes and a big smile, and then he jumped into my arms. I knelt to hold him. Wow! I know God blesses me with mo-

ments like those, and I want to share them with you, because one of you out there gave that coat.

I thank you for every gift and donation you bring. The people are so grateful. They walk out our doors with a smile, and many times I hear, "Bless you, Ms. Tillie." I in turn say, "Thank God, and thank Him for those He prompted to give to the Mission."

You are loved, and I pray that this season will be filled with joy and peace that only God can give. He is still the Giver of all Gifts. Thank you and please know you are loved and prayed for daily.




MISSION ARLINGTON AT CHRISTMAS TIME

The Christmas Store Begins December 11th and Ends December 23rd (Closed Sundays). Hours of Operation: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



NEEDED THROUGH CHRISTMAS EVE

- ◆ New and/or nearly new toys for our Christmas Store. We are expecting to help more than 21,000 people for Christmas.
- ◆ Volunteers to help us stock, organize, and run the Christmas store. We need you anytime that you can come.
- ◆ Items to help keep people warm, such as coats, sweaters, and blankets.
- ◆ Food, such as hams, turkeys, and canned vegetables.

LIVES THAT WERE CHANGED



DEBBIE CALHOUN

Editor's Note:

This letter came to Mission Arlington staff. It blessed us, and we wanted to share it with you.

"Hello Everyone! I was sitting here drinking my morning coffee thinking about all of you and decided to write you a note.

My son Chris is now 15, and Patrick is 12. They are both 'A' students, and Chris is in honors classes in high school. His father is now in his life again.

I would love to hear from Linda Gray (a Mission Arlington Bible Study

teacher) if she is still with you. She was a wonderful person!

Unfortunately, I can't just stop in for a visit, as I have moved out of state. I now live in Louisville, KY, and I am going to a church here.

I want you all to know—Ms. Tillie, Debbie, Lauren and all of you— you made an impact on my life, and I thank you.

I have been off any kind of assistance for about 8 years now, and we are doing well. I'm still a single mom simply because my children must come first.

Again, thank you for your encouragement and support in those rough years of my life.

All my prayers

Debbie Calhoun



Christmas Gifts for Mission Arlington Families

Wiping away the tears and Making Dreams Come True! At Year's End, YOU can help!



- ◆ \$50 sends Mission children and teens to Summer Camp.
- ◆ \$40 helps students get started in school with supplies.



- ◆ \$400 supports a missionary couple's salary for one month.



- ◆ \$20 provides prescription medications for one who is sick.
- ◆ \$55 helps us purchase antibiotics and other medicines.
- ◆ \$250 puts ten stainless steel crowns in children's mouths.
- ◆ \$100 helps provide dentures for the Saxe dental clinic.



- ◆ Donated cars help families without transportation.



- ◆ \$75 provides Bibles & supplies for our Mission churches.



- ◆ \$60 helps us take people to the doctor and to work.



- ◆ \$125 helps us provide food for a family of six for one week.

COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT GIVING

How can I give a Monthly Donation?

- 1) You can send a MONTHLY CHECK to: 210 W. South, Arlington, TX 76010. We can give you pre-printed envelopes to assist you in mailing checks to us.
- 2) You can do a CREDIT CARD DONATION online at our website at: www.missionarlington.org On the Home Page, go to the bottom right hand side and click "On Line Donations." Follow instructions.
- 3) You can authorize us to automatically charge a monthly credit card dona-

tion for you on the 1st or 15th of every month. We will send you a receipt and thank you in the mail.

How can I give a Memorial or Honor gift?

- ◆ You can give using any of the methods listed above.
- ◆ Mark your donation "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" and give us the name. Note the name of the person or family to receive the acknowledgement.
- We will mail that person or family a card letting them know we have received a donation in their name or in memory of their loved one.