

THE STOREHOUSE OF GOD NEWSLETTER



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*"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this?
Everything comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from Your hand."
1 Chronicles 29:14*



SHALOM

This is the first official newsletter of the Storehouse of God. It's our prayer that *shalom* (the peace of God which passes all understanding) will fill your hearts, minds, and homes.

The Storehouse of God has been a flickering light on Bertha Hill for the last ten years. As most of you know, we started out here in an old coal-mine repair shop, and over the years it has been challenging. But God has been at work, and the flicker is becoming a flame. Numerous children and families have been ministered to through our programs and outreaches; washers and dryers, cars and trucks, bicycles, children's books, refrigerators, toys for Christmas, food and clothes, and lots and lots of prayers which have produced a multitude of tears and hundreds of confessions that Jesus Christ is Lord.

As the above scripture declares, we have only given what has come from God's hand. Thanks to all of you who have given in Jesus' name of your time, talent, and treasure. To God be the glory!

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RECENT EVENTS

On October 31st, over 200 people from the community came to the Storehouse of God for **Light Night** to enjoy a free evening of fellowship. The festivities included a bonfire (hot dogs and s'mores), refreshments, games, candy, balloons, and a hay ride for the children. As the evening was concluded, there was an entertaining show featuring a

Christian illusionist. After the show, Tish Lathroum from Trinity gave a short exhortation and led the audience in a song which resulted in an old-fashioned altar call. By the end of the event, twelve people had accepted salvation through Jesus Christ. Praise God! It feels good to have an opportunity to do something for the kingdom of God.

We would like to say a special word of thanks to the good people of Trinity from Lutherville, Maryland, who came and helped us to minister to the multitudes, and also did an enormous amount of work at the old school.

Coinciding with the release of the first issue of our newsletter, we have officially launched the Storehouse of God **website**. You can follow events by checking out the "News" page, or subscribe to our email newsletter. Visit us at www.storehouseofgod.org.



A local child plays a game at Light Night.



Children enjoying the hay ride.

CURRENTLY HAPPENING

Here are two of the families with whom we are sharing the blessings of our Lord:

Bob and Judy were faced with a hardship. Their son, Bobby, and his wife, Rhonda were both battling drug addictions. Bobby ended up in jail, and in order for him to be released, he was required to live with his parents. Bob and Judy agreed to take him, his wife, and their two daughters (ages 7 and 11) into their home, even though there was not enough room.

Child Protective Services paid a visit to the home one day and demanded that the girls have their own bedroom. The family could not financially afford to build another room, but the Storehouse of God was able to provide building materials and some funds, and the room is now under construction. We are praying that it will be finished before the snow falls.

Bobby and Rhonda have both given their lives to Jesus and have been drug-free for several months. Theirs is an amazing story; this family has given countless hours back to the work of the ministry.



From top to bottom, left to right: Bob, Judy, Bobby, Rhonda, Meghan, cousin Madison, and Brooke



The family works together to build a new room.

Art and Billie (both disabled seniors) recently lost their home to a fire. They escaped with their lives and the clothes they were wearing. Food and clothing were provided through the food pantry, along with a refrigerator. By next week, they will be provided with a car. The vehicle is a little rough, but Art is a backyard mechanic and he is excited about the challenge.



The 1988 Buick which will be provided to Art and Billie.



The burned lot where Art and Billie's home used to be.

Art and his wife Billie are volunteering to help sort clothes and restock the shelves of the food pantry. Praise God! Everyone is valuable and has something to offer.

WHAT'S AHEAD?

Excitement is building as preparations are being made for the upcoming **Christmas Distribution** (December 19th), during which many local families and their children will receive help. It is estimated that between 200 and 250 people will receive Christmas gifts, along with personal prayer. The spirit of the Sovereign Lord always shows up at this outreach.

MINISTRY NEEDS

- Toy donations for Christmas distribution (needed by December 18)
- A light- or heavy-duty truck to haul contributions (our old F-250 was recently totaled)
- Volunteers (including plumbers, electricians, painters, bricklayers, commercial roofers, HVAC, cleaners, and toters)
- Prayer and financial partners (one-time gifts and/or monthly support); no amount is too small, but our appreciation is really big!

Please pray for God's hand to continue touching the lives of children and their families as we stand on this hill, holding up the torch of His love.

Shalom!

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