

THE MESSENGER

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“Leading others to know Jesus Christ”

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Treasuring His Word

From the Pastor's Heart:

Jesus said, “He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me... And whoever in the name of a disciple gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink, truly I say to you he shall not lose his reward” (Matthew 10:40, 42).

Many thanks go to those of you who are filling the shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Please return those to the church by November 18, so that we can get them into the hands of those who will get them sent around the world to share the gospel with these precious children. The following story is just one example of the kind of joy that can come through just one shoebox.

When Karen Herrera received a shoebox gift through Operation Christmas Child, she began a journey that led to one of the happiest days of her life. The 10-year old girl living in Guadalajara, Mexico, had never heard about Jesus until the Gospel was presented at her shoebox distribution. After Karen received her gift, she enrolled in “The Greatest Journey,” the 12-lesson discipleship course that teaches children more about following Jesus. Karen shares, “I feel happy because today we had a graduation and threw our hats in the air. Most of all, I’m happy because I got a New Testament.” Karen enjoys studying natural science in school and loved learning about God’s creation in the first lesson. Her favorite lesson, though, was when she learned about Jesus’ resurrection. Karen has already started sharing the Gospel with her siblings and cousins. “And I started to be more obedient to my parents,” she said. Beaming from ear to ear on graduation day, Karen walked across the stage to receive her graduation certificate and New Testament. A few minutes later, she tossed her hat high in the air among colorful confetti, celebrating the fact that her greatest journey had begun.

May God bless each Operation Christmas Child shoebox with the touch of His grace and gospel!



2018 GOAL is 400 Boxes
 Please help us help others! **Deadline to return your filled shoeboxes is November 18th.** You can pick up your shoeboxes outside the Sanctuary starting this Sunday.



DEACONS OF THE WEEK:
 JIM PITTS, CARY ROBINSON

CHURCH SECURITY:
 KEVIN DAVIS' TEAM

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOV. 11, 2018

8:15 A.M. - ORCHESTRA PRACTICE
 9:15 A.M. - SUNDAY SCHOOL
 10:30 A.M. - MORNING WORSHIP
 6:00 P.M. - PRAISEMAKERZ CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE
 6:00 P.M. - EVENING SERVICE
 7:00 P.M. - SNAC

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 14, 2018

5:00 P.M. - FAMILY SUPPER
 5:30 P.M. - AWANA
 5:45 P.M. - PRAYER MEETING
 6:30 P.M. - CHOIR PRACTICE
 6:30 P.M. - E3 STUDENT MINISTRIES

TUESDAY, NOV. 13, 2018

6:30 P.M. - STITCH 'N PRAY

Peace by Piece meet every 1st and 3rd Friday @ 9:00 a.m. in the Campbell Bldg.



Fellowship Dinner

November 7th Lasagna, BBQ Bread, Corn on the Cobb, Salad, Tea, and Dessert

November 14th Chicken & Dressing, Sweet Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Salad, Tea, and Dessert