



You make it all possible!

Christmas 2014

Greetings, friends!

As we prepare for and ponder the real meaning of Christmas, I can't help but to think of all the angels who have come among us this year as volunteers, donors, and supporters.

Your willingness to share and care has helped us to deliver six loads of drywall to families trying to recover from disaster in West Virginia.



Family members helping AOI drivers to unload drywall for a home being relocated and rebuilt after being destroyed by the big wind storm.

Lap robes donated by several groups and individuals being delivered to the elderly and disabled.



We have also delivered over 150 tons of material goods such as furniture, housewares, bedding, school supplies, and baby care items. We are well on pace to again deliver 10,500 CHRISTmas Gifts.

All of you are the angels who announce the Good News to those in need that someone cares. I wish you could all be a "fly on the wall" to see the tears of joy and smiles of appreciation that abound in the areas we serve.

We hope and pray that you will be able to help us continue and grow this ministry which is so important to the state of West Virginia and surrounding areas. We deliver to remote areas where other charities do not exist or are too small to meet local needs. Remote rural areas of the state do not have access to most of the resources needed for daily living.

Some of the things we are in need of include funds to continue the CHRISTmas Gift and Baby Bonus Basket projects. Those projects cost over \$125,000 and need to be self-sustaining. We also need to replace our 2000 box van. She is worn out! I also worry about being able to pay a just wage to our two full-time and one part-time employees.

I would like to invite you to prayerfully consider being a part of our mission to reach out to the people of Appalachia, especially West Virginia and surrounding areas. Remember, we travel to the remote, rural areas where resources are limited or nonexistent. We are also trying to develop a way to practice what we believe about justice for the poor as well as our workers.

AOI has been approved for tax credits through the Neighborhood Investment Program in West Virginia. For any donation over \$500—whether in cash or stock—we offer 50% in state tax credits for business, corporate, or personal taxes. This is a dollar-for-dollar allowance toward your state liability. Credits may be carried over up to five years if you do not need all the credit in one tax year. Credits are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you would like to volunteer time and talent to assist us during the year, we would be glad to have you! We can use help with doing local pick-ups, sorting and packing donations at the warehouse in Moundsville, and making deliveries. Of course, there is also the work of sweeping the warehouse.

If you live at a distance that prevents you from volunteering here, please volunteer where you are by telling others of our mission and need so they can join us in caring for those in need.

I thank those who have been past donors, supporters, and volunteers. For those who have not been able to support us in the past, we would be thankful for your support in the coming year.

God bless you all for sharing and caring. Remember: Together we can make a difference for those who need us the most!

Peace and joy to all!

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Homemade items from five internet groups and others representing 35 states and three foreign countries.



Ready to go! AOI serves 60 areas in 40 West Virginia counties, one Kentucky county, and surrounding areas.