

## Instruction Guide for the 2015 CHRISTMAS PRISONER PACKETS

### 2015 PROJECT TIMELINE

*These packets are NOT intended for local projects.*



#### **October 31, 2015** Associations return commitment cards to SCBC.

Cards indicate the number of packets each association commits to providing. NOTE: *The number of packets you were asked to provide is the number needed to give every inmate a Christmas packet.*

#### **November 2015** Churches deliver packets to the local Baptist Association office.

Association volunteers check bags to be sure all are complete. Extra items can be delivered along with prisoner bags on the day of collection.

#### **December 7, 2015** Baptist Associations deliver ALL packets to St. Andrews Baptist Church.

Volunteers check contents, add Christmas card and a Scripture portion and prepare packets for distribution to chaplains. **Please register as a volunteer or call 803.227.6180 to sign up!**

#### **December 8, 2015** Chaplains pick up packets to distribute to inmates.

For more information go to our website: [www.scbaptist.org/missions](http://www.scbaptist.org/missions) or call 803.227.6180



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*This ministry is made possible by South Carolina Baptist Churches giving to missions and ministries through the Cooperative Program.*

Please take all Christmas packages to your Association Office.

Contact your Association Ministry Assistant for the due date!

All Volunteers Welcome!

ALL packets MUST be delivered by 12:00 noon on Monday, December 7 to St. Andrews Baptist Church 230 Bush River Road Columbia

#### APPROVED PACKING LIST FROM SCDC

- \* One **Black** non-retractable pen (no wire clip and no other color pen)
- \* One junior legal or no larger than 5½" x 8" Writing Tablet (**no wire bound tablets**)
- \* One Adult Toothbrush (**individually factory-sealed**, no multi-packs)
- \* Five First-Class **#10 Stamp-Embossed** Envelopes (purchased at US Post Office)
- \* Two Rolls of Candy (LifeSavers, Mentos, Breath Savers type)
- \* One 4 oz. to 6 oz. Bar of Soap (**no travel size**)
- \* One 5.8 oz. or larger Toothpaste (**no travel size**)
- \* 1 gallon size zipper bag



#### WHY ARE WE SO PARTICULAR ABOUT WHAT GOES IN THE PACKET?

1. The Department of Corrections decides what goes in each packet.
2. All packets must contain the same items, quantity and sizes to prevent conflicts among inmates.
3. Extra items are removed in order to keep packets the same.

The packets are given to the inmates by the chaplains with the help of volunteers. If your church would like to be involved in distributing the packets, contact your chaplain. The Missions Mobilization Group SCBC has a list of chaplains. Please call 1-800-723-7242 or 803-227-6180 if you have questions.

**ALL ITEMS MUST FIT IN THE GALLON SIZE ZIPPER BAG WITH ZIPPER CLOSED SECURELY.**

Our goal is to give a packet to every adult and juvenile inmate in a state correctional institution.

This year we need 25,000 packets.

The amount requested of you from your Association is the amount you need to provide to help us meet our goal of 25,000.

### 2015 PROJECT INFORMATION

*The Christmas Packet for Prisoners Project began in 1976. It is a joint project of SCBC and SCWMU. As the project has grown, our churches continue to give faithfully and generously. Last year, you helped raise approximately 25,000 packets. All the extra packets were given to inmates who arrived after the distribution date.*

*Many men, women and youth have no one who cares for them. They have no visitors nor do they receive gifts at Christmas. You make Christmas special for them through this ministry. You provide hope and love. As a result, some have received the true Christmas gift. They have come to know Christ because you care.*