



Regional Education Center

"Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me." Matthew 25:40



Fall / Winter 2015

Thanks to all our REC Ministries partners and donors we had one of the most successful years ministering in Jesus' name to the needy since we were organized in 2009. As Christians, we care about urgent spiritual needs and desperate physical needs. We have had the privilege of showing the love of Christ by meeting physical needs.



Some benchmarks for 2015

- We started 2015 with 600 people fed through the FBC Food Pantry, we ended the year with a total of 5,575 served over 90,000 lbs. of high quality, nutritious food.
- 1-15-2015 introduced new branding including logo and signage / on line giving

- Fifteen FBC individuals trained in food handling and USDA
- 3-31-15 The Center was approved as a certified USDA distributor, giving out four to six thousand lbs. a month.
- In May we were able to purchase a twenty-foot heavy duty food trailer.
- Website created
<http://www.recministries.net>
- Judy and I attended the NAMB Send conference in Nashville and Mission Service Corp Training in Minnesota. We were appointed as missionaries (NAMB)
- September 2015 we were approved to pick-up donations of up to 4000 lbs of food a month from an Atlanta distributor.
- October REC Ministries Launch
- We obtained our first full time office worker through Vista-Volunteers.
- Participated in the Live2Lead Conference at LMU as the beneficiary organization



- Developed agreement with Walmart to receive shelf pulls, bakery and fresh fruits and vegetables
- Partnered with Wofenbarger's Chapel for food distribution mission, over 130 families reached.
- Partnered with Red Oak Baptist Church in GA for Christmas/Backpack Party. 40 volunteers from FBC participated in activities of the day.
- Commissioning Service held with Tennessee Baptist Convention participating
- Recognized with award from Second Harvest of East Tennessee.

Five churches, ten businesses, and twenty individuals have contributed food or funds for the support of the ministry this year. The participation in the computer training classes and the volunteer tutoring program remains strong, with great growth potential.

Judy and I solicit your continued prayers and support for 2016 and anticipate a year filled with the miracles that only God can do.

Ministry Partners and Volunteers Help Feed over 6000 in Need this year

This year, with your support, the Regional Education Center Ministry has served over 6000 neighbors in need, provided fifteen

families with family literacy services, and mercy ministries to families who are hurting. Volunteers have added over 20,000 lbs. of donated food from Atlanta, 12,000 lbs. of USDA, 35,000 lbs. of Second Harvest, and community donated for a total of over 70,000 lbs. of food distributed. This food has targeted children, (statistics say one in five children go to bed hungry each night), the elderly, (who face a choice of good quality of food or their medicine) and those below the poverty level. This distribution takes on an even more important meaning as the economy has taken a down turn and brought anxiety to us all. It has made life more challenging to our community. There seems to be little hope that jobs will return anytime soon. But we believe there is always hope and that is why we continue to support this ministry.

Up-Coming events at the Ministry Center Bring Hope

Judy and Roger have been very busy this season planning upcoming ministry events. They met with Second Harvest in Clinton recently to talk about a Food Recovery Program, watch for more on this ministry coming soon, Kathie and Dewey Aiken from the Appalachian Regional Mission met them in Ashville, North Carolina on November 23, 2015 with children's backpacks filled with school supplies and Christmas presents for our community children. These backpacks will be combined with others brought by The Red Oak Baptist Church from Georgia to provide a Christmas party for all ages in the gym of the First Baptist Church of New Tazewell. There will be face-painting, games, food, and presents for children who may not normally have Christmas.

December 9, 2015 promises to be a red letter day in the life of the ministry center as we launch our first community outreach center with Wolfenbager's chapel. This church has set 80 families a month as a goal to serve.

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Classes are starting soon

We are partnering with Selling around the World and Southeast Community College to offer the first six classes in 2016. Orientation will be at the Regional Education Center in Tazewell and classes will be held at SECC campus or The Palace.

Ministry Partners are the Key

Thank you to all our ministry partners for your prayers and financial donations. You have been a blessing to thousands of people, as you honor God with your support for the Regional Education Ministries. Our programs could not exist without the support of our partners.

*Blessings,
Judy and Roger*

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VOLUNTEERS FROM FBC NEW TAZEWell & RED OAK BAPTIST GA

DECEMBER 19TH BACKPACK PARTY

