



## Tabernacle Children's Ministries Reaching & Teaching Boys & Girls With the Gospel Fred & Donna Aljets



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Dear Friends; PASTON AMOND And folks at MANAMA thai

The opportunity to focus on Christ is all around us as Christmas is here. Everywhere you look there are reminders of that glorious birth. The great carols are being sung and many are taking time to think about their relationship with the Lord. The children are excited beyond measure and anxious to check out the packages under the tree. Truly, it can be a wonderful time but for some, it is a trying time.

Our Christmas program happened Sunday, December 15 at Lighthouse Baptist Church. It was a gloomy, cold day but, that being said, the children were there (all 24) dressed and ready to share the songs and scripture they had worked hard to learn. Some were unable to come due to the remaining ice accumulation but we still had about 75 folks some. Our pastor gave a clear presentation of the Gospel and many were touched by his message. One of the children's, mom came wheelchair bound having just found out about a serious health issue and a battle with Gillian Barre syndrome, but she was there to see her child. Another mom is facing her own serious personal challenges, but the grandparents were there. The excitement of the night could be felt as the children raced to the platform and began to sing the songs they had learned. The Gospel message was threaded throughout the evening and even our children got into the spirit shouting out Amen as pastor spoke. The finale was the handing out of the gifts our congregation purchased specifically for each child. Of course, it never hurts to have cookies and cake following. It was a great deal of work but is it ever too much work to present something that brings the message of salvation to many people? We rejoice in the response that the message had with our adults. We could praise God with the angels.

The next couple of weeks are down weeks for kid's club and chapels due to where the holiday falls but we plan to back up and running the first of the year. Your faithfulness and words of encouragement, keep us "old" folks moving forward. We are continually grateful for each one who supports in prayer and finances this work. We trust you have a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year.

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Personal note: As we receive your donation, we are reminded of how good God is in taking care of as. This past ice storm was

not pretty but thankfully a little pre-treatment and an ice chipper allowed as to clear our drive safely. We are surrounded by so many with great needs spiritually and financially. Each time we meet with children, we see the stress and sadness some experience and certainly the need for those that love them with that Godly love only Christ can offer. Thank you so much for being our friend and supporter. We wish it were possible to sit down and share more one on one but we will save that for heaven. Our family from Arizona will be arriving an the 30th and then our son and his wife are leaving for New York but we will have the three boys here with us. Isaiah is now 14, Verry is 13 and Paul Vr is 11. Hopefully, Grandma and Grandpa can keep up with their endless energy and appetites. We trust that you have some time with your families this season and again, Merry Christmas!