



The Barnabas Project Expands

December 2017

This December 2nd marked an expansion of the MCM Barnabas Project. A Manual designed to help other ministries and churches have a Barnabas distribution had its very first run as Rev. Jacqueline Clanton of the New Bethel AME Church in Vero Beach (Gifford), Florida, decided to launch out and do it.

The purpose of the Barnabas Distribution Project is to bless communities in Vero Beach (Gifford), Florida, as a demonstration of the free Grace of God in honor of God's greatest gift, Jesus Christ, so that families might be encouraged and given a little boost.



Rev. Clanton has been at numerous distributions since the Barnabas Project began in 2003. It might have been more work than she had imagined, but she was ready!

We at MCM did all the collecting, sorting, and storage of items. A special “shout out” to Publix for supporting the Barnabas Project; they’ve been donating items for many years faithfully. We greatly appreciate the Publix managers and employees who think of MCM and our distributions into communities, not just for “big” distribution days, but week by week. Our thanks to you (and you know who you are)! Thanks also to all the volunteers of MCM that work throughout the year collecting and distributing so that hundreds of families can be blessed and encouraged with a little lift that causes smiles and shining faces.

Rev. Clanton with the help of Steve and Kroy and myself loaded a 12-foot Budget truck full of Christmas decorations, gifts, clothing, linens, household wares, toys, school supplies, you name it! Then volunteers at New Bethel AME worked to set up, advertise, and get people to the distribution.



I got nothing but good reports filled with thanks to God and to all who gave and to all who worked and to all the many, many families blessed. I understand that it was the talk of the town!

Receiving such gifts certainly made a difference for these children.



The Barnabas Basket, all decorated for Christmas, was given to a worthy recipient handpicked by Rev. Clanton. She was blessed and so was the community.

Pictures only tell a portion of what God day, but they do speak goodness and graciousness of God to us as we watch Him many lives.



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For more on the Barnabas Project, go to <http://www.marycraig.org/Barnabas.htm>.

For David Patten, Barnabas Project Director, and Mary Craig Ministries, we thank you who participated by praying, giving, donating time and resources, and helping in so many ways...

Thank You for blessing families needing encouragement this Christmas.

May yours be filled with the grace, hope, and peace of Christ.



Mary Craig

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O sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth.

Sing unto the LORD, bless His Name: show forth His salvation from day to day.

Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all people.

Psalm 96:1-3

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