



# Project 5 2

God is good. God is faithful.

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## Praises and Thanks for 2021.....

### (and some of our highlights from last year)

We are so very thankful to all of our sponsors, donors, and drivers. When God called us to this ministry, we had no idea what it would look like, or who God would reach through it, or what we would be distributing. We honestly had more questions than answers, (which we sometimes still do) but God has been so faithful, providing through our precious brothers and sisters in Christ, through friends, and many times, unexpected sources. It's not always easy, but He continues to provide for us. We could not do what we do without all of you doing what YOU do. Thank you for hearing His voice and heeding the call. We love you all dearly! We share all of this because you ask.

1. Project 5 2 was able to serve in 7 states, even through Covid last year. Praise God!; And over the course of the past 14 years we have served ministries in 18 cities outside of the Tri-State.
2. Praising God for 4 new drivers last year which helped us spend the extra time needed with Tracy's mother.



3. We are grateful for all of our faithful volunteers but a special shout out to Tim, Al, Greg, Bob, Matt, Pete and all the Whole Food drivers who donate their time, rescuing food donations from restaurants and delivering to ministries around the city.
4. Praises to God for over 30 ministries locally that assist us in serving 3 Whole Food locations.
5. We are very thankful for the food donations given to us from over 40 restaurants, and the Christ centered ministries that serve this food.

6. A special thank you to Eric who faithfully assists at Bimbo Bakery weekly
7. We appreciate Jean, Janet, June, Lynn, Teresa and Sandy and many other volunteers who assist with peanut butter collections, hygiene items, books, toys and Bible collections. These items are so valuable to Project 5 2 and the ministries we serve on a weekly basis!
8. We broke ground with a new homeless ministry out of Nashville TN!
9. We have been wanting to spend more time at each of our deliveries to build relationships, have Bible study, fellowship and prayer with these front line servants of the Lord. Thank you Lord, we have begun to do this in PA, TN, and VA. We are thankful for the opportunity and pray that these ministry heads are as encouraged as Tracy and I.

10. Thanks to our donors! We spent close to \$16,000 for Bibles last year. Over 12,000 Holy Bibles made their way to Liberia, which in turn will serve Pastors and evangelists in Nigeria and Ghana, Africa as well.

11. Our focus remains on serving ministries tied to "hard places" and the Lord hasn't disappointed us. People often ask us where exactly do we deliver to. Places we have served this past year have been Appalachian communities, faith based urban ministries and pantries, street and tent community outreaches, local homeless shelters, a church camp, country food pantries, and drug and rehab centers (mostly for men).

12. We continue to serve the orphan and foster care communities throughout the state of KY with Christmas toys, Bibles, duffel bags and food. We are also blessed to make 1 or 2 trips a year to drop off cereal and assorted camp food items as well as Bibles and summer wear for the children in need, from inner-city Pittsburgh through Pine Valley Camp in Ellwood City, PA. (We can always use "camp" donations for this ministry!)

13. We are grateful for ministry partners like NewLife Ministries, SOUL Pantry, St. Susanna, Agape Distribution, Master Provisions and A Child's Hope International. We all understand the the power of sharing goods like in the book of Acts. It is an honor to partner with these Christ centered ministries that focus on Jesus.

*"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:2).*



## OPPORTUNITIES TO TRAVEL

We get asked quite often if there are ways to volunteer or travel with Jerry on some of his trips. (Always a good opportunity for evangelism and discipleship!)



We would appreciate your prayers as we have another busy year of deliveries with food and Bibles in 2022. We are honored to serve other ministries in cities such as New Haven and Mason, WV; Indianapolis, IN; Jackson, KY; Clarksville, TN, Ellwood City, PA; Mt. Washington, KY; Roanoke, VA and many stops in Ohio.

Calling all men: If you desire to travel with Jerry, to assist on a day trip and be his co-pilot, please contact him for specific dates and cities. [Jerry@pro52.org](mailto:Jerry@pro52.org) / 513.325.7144

Or... Volunteer "Uber" drivers needed for pick-ups & deliveries

**Colossians 3:12**  
Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

## John 17... " that they may all be one."

*"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, just as you are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. Father I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."* -John 17:20-26

It is hard for me not to flash back to Boulder Colorado, July 31, 1994. I was attending a Promise Keepers Conference. As I read this scripture in John 17, I'll never forget looking out at the 48,000 men in attendance that day, worshipping to "Holy, Holy, Holy" acappella style, with the majestic Rocky Mountains in the backdrop.

That day on my knees, in that large crowd, Jesus became my Lord and Savior and I have never been the same, since. Men from every tribe, nation (and denomination, I'm sure) were there in attendance. John 17 has always been a special chapter in the Bible for me because of my experience in Boulder and the fact that it was Jesus' prayer to his Father... "that they may all be one." Fast forward to December 10, 2021. Tracy and I, along with our dear friends, Pete and Regina, traveled to Clarksville TN with 2 large cargo vans full of food, water, socks, clothing and Bibles. We were met with 7 faithful brothers and sisters who lead ministries in that area including 3 street ministries, 2 homeless shelters, 1 small Latino congregation and a new urban/homeless ministry from Nashville. All



of them, passionate about seeing people come to know Jesus, and connecting who they can with churches who can disciple them. All giving of themselves, to make Jesus and His love for people known by sharing the physical provision and the spiritual nourishment as well. All sharing with one another, helping each other load their trucks, exchanging phone numbers and praying together. It is something truly special when Christ followers from different regions, different backgrounds, different cultures (and different Christian theologies), can come together in one accord, to lift up the Name of Jesus, and partake in the sharing of God's bountiful provision. (Acts 2 and 4 also come to mind). We as a ministry are honored to serve those who serve others. It gives us great joy to see ministries in Tennessee and Kentucky work cooperatively together as one.

The food, Bibles and provisions were being distributed shortly after our drop off at 5:00pm and by 1:30am, storms were setting in and tornadoes started touching down around the northern Tennessee and Kentucky region of Bowling Green where many lost loved ones, belongings and their homes. We were kept safe and we praise God, but many, whose lives have been changed forever are still recovering. Please remember them in your prayers.

*"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interest's of the others"*  
**(Philippians 2:3-4)**

# God is Using Project 5 2

*Jerry, I have no words that can express how amazing it is to be apart of the food rescue ministry. We have had so many families that have been blessed by the food that we are blessed to pick up from Whole Foods. On one of our recent pickups, we received a call from a new family in need of food. We prepared a couple large boxes for delivery. When my wife arrived to drop the food off a young teenage girl answered the door, upon seeing the food she asked my wife if she could hug her. The young lady was so happy she was in tears. We never know what families are going through but through Project 5 2 many families that would normally go hungry are receiving not just food but healthy food. Jerry and team, you will never know the impact that you are making in the lives of people. Thank you for loving on ministries all over our city and beyond.*

- Pastor Joe Bradley, Cincinnati OH

*We wanted to serve the community but weren't sure where to begin. God arranged for our church to get connected to Project 5 2. Through the power of God and his blessing on both ministries, needs are being met, prayers are being answered and the Gospel message is being spread. Thank you guys for your service and dedication.*

- Pastors Bruce and Brenda Adkins, New Haven Church of God, serving Mason, Point Pleasant and New Haven, WV

"The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing..." -Walt Disney

*Fifteen years ago Project 5 2 did just that. I watched you begin this ministry with a big heart to serve God. You never hesitated to help anyone in need as you have helped me on many occasions. You have supported the men at Genesis Life Recovery with Bibles, food, hygiene items and covered us in prayer. Project 5 2 is high on my list of ministries called by the Lord. You are God's chosen servants - Tracy and Jerry. I said, chosen because many have been called to feed the hungry and care for the widow and orphan, but you were chosen to fulfill the mission. It is an honor to know you and a greater honor to call you friend.*

-C.J. Gray, Genesis Life Recovery, Hamilton OH

*I am privileged to testify of God's grace and blessings to both the church and the world through the ministry of Project 5 2. Because of what you do, we have been able to reach the unsaved with the Bibles you provided, not to mention the food items that have also blessed both the church and our neighborhood. As you celebrate 15 years of ministry, may the Lord continue to bless and uphold you and your ministry in Jesus' Name.*

-Pastor Ike Odumodu, Victory Christian Church, Nigerian Pastor serving Miamisburg and Trotwood OH.

*You help so many ministries and especially small ones like our ministry, which feeds about 400 people per week. Through Project 5 2 we as a team help feed and support broken and many time, homeless people. We made 22 quarts of vegetable soup that we received from Project 5 2 through today's pick up at Whole Foods. The 30 packs of Brats and everything else we picked up will be eaten tomorrow. I'm not sure what the homeless would do without you and your ministry Jerry.*

-Joey Mackey, Open Hands Food Pantry, serving, Millville and Oxford, OH.

*Project 5 2 means to us, compassion and strength in a time of need. A desire to help us, with provision from Jesus!*

-James and Andrea Williams, Ministries of Love, Indianapolis IN. 1 Peter 3:13.

*This 2021 has been a rough year for everyone. We wanted to thank you for your organization's continuous generosity throughout the year. Your countless donations have made it possible to feed and clothe so many people in the Tri-State area! We are so grateful for your help to supply for the great need here in Covington and beyond! Thank you for all the work you do everywhere! Thanks you especially for your friendship which has meant so much to us! The Sisters will remember you and your intentions in their daily prayers. May our Lord Jesus Christ grant you an abundance of graces for all that you do in His Name.*

Respectfully Yours in Christ, Mother Seraphina Marie, fdm, Rose Garden, Covington KY.

*Project 5 2 means a lot to me as a person and a lot to our ministry. Project 5 2 not only brings us material supplies and food for our homeless and less fortunate, but also they bring outside joy and encouragement especially when Covid first began. A lot of times we felt isolated in our little town and when Project 5 2 would come and bring us food, supplies and Bibles, we would be encouraged by the fellowship. You are a constant source of encouragement to me as a leader and family man. I am thankful for your consistency and sincerity.*

- Pastor Jeremiah Sims, R 4 One Ministries, Clarksville TN

*We have been so blessed by Jerry's ministry of Project 5 2. We have been serving many families in the areas of Price Hill and Cheviot OH with the donations from Whole Foods. We have been able to make hot meals and give out groceries to many families. Last month, we delivered groceries to Senior Chateau, and were able to bless an additional 30 families with fresh produce, bread and other non perishable items.*

- Pastor Canel Mynor, serving many families in need, including Hispanic communities in Cincinnati, (Cheviot, Westwood, PriceHill)

*We appreciate Project 5 2 having the compassion of the Lord Jesus Christ and always being the hands and feet of Jesus. "And He humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knowest not, neither did thy fathers know, that he might make thee know that man does not live by bread only, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord, does man live. Deut 8:3*

- Pastors Scott and Sandy Lyons, Roanoke Gospel Outreach Center, Roanoke VA

*Project 5 2 has been a rich blessing to our church and our community outreach. They have helped us go beyond the "want to".. to being the hands and feet of Jesus.*

-Pastor Todd Graham, Mercy Baptist Church, Marion IN.

*Project 5 2 and Jerry Reiner have served our ministry with bread and clothing for 14 years. His faithfulness and humility show a true follower of Jesus and a Kingdom builder. He has encouraged us mightily.*

- Pastor Bill Bowman, Founder of New Life Ministry, Hillsboro OH.

*Project 5 2 has been the hands of Jesus to hurting people. Food, love, prayer, Bibles, counsel and friendship clothe these folks. I love what they do. Praise the Lord!*

- Pastor John Geissler, Founder of Agape Distribution, Sydney OH

# Some of our favorite photos!



Special friend and brother. Fellow disciple maker- Richard Kairu- Teen Challenge



Scott and Sandy Lyons, warriors for Christ in Roanoke VA



Bibles from American Bible Society



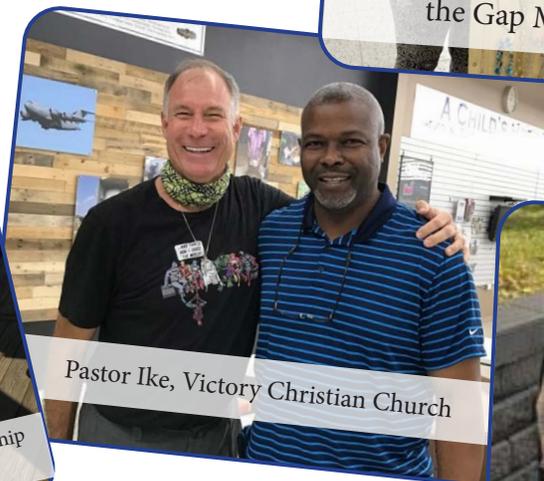
Joe Spicer and Colin Kirby at Wheeler Missions, Indianapolis, IN



Jim and Letha Turner, Bridge the Gap Ministries



Matt and Erin Campbell, friendship and refreshment!



Pastor Ike, Victory Christian Church

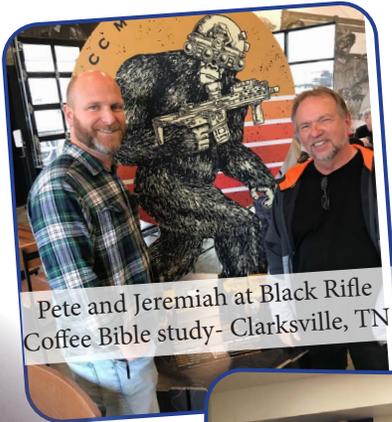


Vince, Greg, Oliver, Jerry - More Bibles going to West Africa!

They represent: some we serve, some that serve us, and some are ministries or businesses that support our vision at Project 5 2!

### Ongoing ways to help Project 5 2:

- Collections of new and used Bibles
- Peanut butter drives
- Canned food drives
- Men's and women's hygiene items such as toothpaste, deodorants, shampoo, soaps (hotel samples always welcome!)



Pete and Jeremiah at Black Rifle Coffee Bible study- Clarksville, TN



The Reiner family is expanding... Three became six!



Christ Hospital nurses did a peanut butter drive for us!



Christ Hospital nursing staff, our heroes !!



Zach and Jerry at the Runway 5K in Charlotte NC



Tracy and Jerry in Montana last spring



Clarksville TN delivery, serving ministries hours before tornados touched down



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*"Jesus fed 5,000 but only 500 followed him after lunch. He had 12 disciples but only 3 went further in the garden... and only 1 stood with him at the cross. The closer you get to the cross, the smaller the crowd becomes."*  
T. F. Tenney

## *Many Parts, Yet One Body*

### *(1 Corinthians 12:12-26; Romans 12: 4-5)*

I had the privilege over the past 2 years of walking with my precious mother through her end of (this) life journey. It was truly a privilege. I spent a lot of 2019 and 2020 in Pittsburgh with her, until we made the decision to move her to Cincinnati with us in August of 2020. My mother suffered with Congestive Heart Failure, and late stage kidney disease which began a few short years prior, and eventually took her life, September 26, 2021. She is with Jesus now, and we are thankful. She had a sweet relationship with her Savior and we are pretty sure she is presently singing with the choirs of heaven. She had a beautiful home going for a life well lived of 88 years last September. We loved the time we had with her here in Cincinnati, and we spent much time enjoying every moment we could, when she was feeling up to it. We miss her of course, but I do rejoice in the fact that we will see each other again one day, and she is no longer suffering with all the painful torment that comes from an impaired heart and kidney.

My mother had a great team of doctors and nurses at Christ Hospital Heart and Vascular in Cincinnati who were so good with my mom. I can't say enough good things about the care she received from them. They were so good about educating us every step of the way. My mother was such a trooper. I have to admit though, I was still stretched, and anyone who has been in the position of caregiver will understand. I am not complaining, I was honored, but I was definitely stretched the last few years in a good way.

Not only did we have to quickly learn what exactly was going on in her body, but how to best care

for her. And for me, my jobs became learning how to be the liaison between her assisted living facility (her choice) and her doctors; I had to learn all of her new prescriptions, dosages and what function each of them had; I learned terms like "ejection fraction" "CBC", "BMP" and "BUN level", and how procedures are done such as how a Mitraclip is placed and a little about pacemaker leads; I learned what healthy blood levels should be and that a Creatinine level higher than 1.2 is not good for females; I learned tricks to putting on compression hose; I learned that not all "low sodium" labeled foods are low enough sodium for a low sodium diet; I learned about the tightrope one walks with diuretics and CHF and kidney disease. Throw in Covid, which she contracted 2 months into moving her here, and I'll just say my mother fought the good fight no doubt, and always under God's loving, watchful care. We are so thankful to Him in many ways.

One thing I certainly learned a little more about in depth, was the tandem connection between the heart and kidneys. Simply put, when one of these vital organs is even slightly affected, the other is too. When one of them become debilitated and aren't functioning at full capacity, it causes excess stress on the other which manifests in SO many ways. Each organ's failure by itself constitutes a slew of symptoms in the body, and when both are malfunctioning at the same time, well let's just say, we had many sleepless nights, lots of trips to the E.R., (once even Air Cared), and my mother became very sick toward the end of her life. She developed all types of symptoms like neuropathy pain, severe cramping (like charley horses), in her legs, shortness of

breath and I could go on for another paragraph with all the symptoms she endured. Serious, painful symptoms.

*"For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another."*

*(Romans 12: 4-5:)*

I share my story for 2 reasons; one, to thank all of you who prayed for her, (and us). It meant so much to receive your texts, calls, cards and love. Thank you! We sure needed it. And two, I share this because this is what came to me one morning in prayer:

New Testament writers used different images to help first generation believers understand themselves in their new relation to Christ, and to one another. The apostle Paul presented the Church in the imagery of a human body. He uses the metaphor in a few places, but in Romans 12:4-5, he is exhorting new believers, now members of the Body, to serve Christ and one another in humility, using their individual gifts and callings. We the believers, are the Body, and we are connected to each other because of our faith Christ, the Head. He alone unites each individual into His One Body, the Church. Once we enter into salvation, we become a necessary functioning member of the Body of Christ. Clarke's commentary puts it this way:

**"For as we have many members - As the human body consists of many parts, each having its respective office, and all contributing to the perfection and support of the whole; each being indispensably necessary in the place which it occupies, and each equally useful though performing a different function.**

"Indispensably necessary". What a picture. So, coming from my recent

experience with my mother and thinking about Paul's imagery, I think what I see is that first, if we consider ourselves to be Christians, (followers, disciples, organs/members of The Body of Christ, who believe we will reside in heaven with God for eternity, then we need to act like it. Either we are, or we are not in the Body. And secondly, in terms of being part of a healthy (spiritual) Body, we each need to be mutually united in that we are dependent on God together, and then we are to fulfill our individual function in the Body, using the gifts which we were given for the benefit of all and the health of the whole. Am I right?

Some translations like the NIV, read Romans 12:5 as "members of the Body of Christ BELONG to one another." Pretty strong language. When organs in the physical body which were created to work together, are functioning at half capacity or are shutting down, it puts serious strain on other organs of the body. When members of the Body of Christ, are not contributing, or are functioning at low capacity or not operating in their "lane", it puts strain on the rest of The Body of Christ in one form or another. The Church's function will certainly be limited.

Yes, we give and serve out of our love for God. We are not trying to earn His love or out perform. But we also serve because we are individual members of something Holy, something much larger than ourselves, and we are all connected in the sight of Christ.

If we are sitting in a church pew for an hour every Sunday, and going home, living for ourselves the rest of the week, then maybe we are no better than a kidney, (stay with me), which was created with the purpose of removing toxins and extra fluid in the physical body, but doesn't. If we are blessed with finances and material goods, but would rather spend it on ourselves, and find reasons not to give as much to the Body, then maybe we are like a broken heart valve putting extra strain on the physical heart, kidneys and the whole body actually.

If we are divided, full of judgment toward one another, and not praying, we are like toxins building up in the physical body which will cause many symptoms, but eventually will also cause some organs to fail. If we are half committed (heart posture) in serving the Body of Christ, only as long it is convenient, doesn't cost us anything and we don't have to sacrifice, then we are really no better than a leg that works when it wants to.

Think about it. In our physical bodies, there is no organ present that doesn't have specific function. If any organ isn't doing it's job at it's full capacity, we in some way don't feel well. Likewise, In the Body of Christ, there really should not be one of us who doesn't contribute. Whether it is to serve the Body of Christ or to reach the unsaved in some gifted capacity, that is what Paul is talking about. If our gift is prayer, then pray. If it is finances, then give. If it is teaching, then teach. If it is compassion, then show compassion. You get the drift.

In that regard, I think we are either in the Body or we are not. At least that is the way I read John 15:2. Deception is a scary thing.

According to a recent Barna study that I saw on their website, 38% of pastors (2 in 5) have, or are considering quitting full time ministry altogether. Barna also states that 56% of Christians polled, told him that their spiritual life is entirely private. 39% of Christians are not engaged in any sort of discipleship, whether being disciplined, or discipling others. I know there are many reasons for these statistics, but if we were to translate those statistics to kidney function, we would probably find ourselves in Stage 3 kidney failure I'm guessing.

The lasting fire to love when it is hard and to serve when it is inconvenient, will only be kindled in time with our Lord and time in His Word. I know this firsthand. Only He can deliver us from our flesh, only He gives us the ability to love, and He alone gives the passions, energy, and the humility to use our gifts for the benefit of others. Diligent time in the Scriptures changes us. It just does. I pray we all will seek him more fervently in 2022. We can't bear fruit without Him, so let's get healthy together.

In His Love,  
Tracy

## Update on dear friend, John Eldridge

The following is a text I received from my dear friend John Eldridge. He was recently in an accident and we ask for your prayers:

*Hello friends, some of you know about the accident I was in and I appreciate your kind words. For those of you who don't know, right now I'm in the UC trauma center. I was hurt when a ramp collapsed on a trailer that I was loading a dingo on. End result my right leg is broken in 7 places on the femur going all the way to my knee. I will be going into a rehabilitation site for a little while. I can't put weight on that leg (zero) for 2 months and they say I probably won't be back to work for 5 months.*

*I ask for your prayers. I may need some of your actual help, but I'm not used to that. This is a massive exercise in trusting God and His healing. I am grateful that I wasn't killed or paralyzed. - John Eldridge*

John is a dear friend and brother in Christ who I have served with for over 15 years. We have traded product, served each other in ministry with love, labor and prayer. He continues to serve in the Covington KY area with Isaiah House. He serves the needy with food, love, bibles and words of hope. Would you please prayerfully consider assisting John with his present needs?

1. Financial help with medical expenses and living expenses
2. Volunteer your time at his monthly Covington outreach.
3. **Anyone interested in helping John, please contact Jerry Reiner directly @ 513.325.7144 / jerry@pro52.org. For more details about how you can assist as a volunteer at his monthly Covington outreach; Visit [www.Isaiah-house.com](http://www.Isaiah-house.com). Outreaches are the last Saturday of every month.**

Thank you,  
Jerry





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**Project 5 2's Mission**  
 (Living out Isaiah 58 & Matthew 25)

- Be the hands & feet of Christ by redistributing freely-given material wealth of others to the poor, specifically along the Appalachian Trail.
- Be the hands & feet of Christ by serving and redistributing goods to those who are neglected locally (the Tri-State), specifically orphans.
- Be a teaching mechanism to the Church, ministries, and others on serving the needy kingdom through principles.



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Thanks!



\*Project 5 2 is a faith-based 501C3 distributor of food, Bibles, and supplies to the needy in the tri-state, Appalachia regions and beyond. Founded in 2008 in West Chester, OH.

Dedicated to Jesus.  
 Run by God.  
 Directed by the Holy Spirit.