

MERRY CHRISTMAS WCN CELEBRATES 5TH ANNIVERSARY



Anniversaries are usually a joy to celebrate. I have mixed emotions about celebrating our 5th anniversary, though I am pleased God has brought us this far.

My first emotion is one of sadness because of all the suffering of people that have needed our ministry. We have had the opportunity to help thousands of victims of disasters and poverty. Each time we see the needs of suffering people it brings tears to our staff and breaks our hearts because of their pain. Why should they have to suffer?

We know that all suffering is because of sin. My sins, their sins and your sins are the reasons our world is filled with pain. God sent His son Jesus Christ to pay the price for our sin but the consequences remain for all of us. We are grateful that God has given us a ministry to help others deal with the consequences of sin.

The second emotion is one of amazement and praise at how God has used us to touch the hearts of thousands during their time of need. Our first newsletter in January of 2002 was sent to 147 people. It was a stretch for my wife and I to think of that many people to tell what God called us to do. This current newsletter was mailed to more than 3,500 people. Not one of the names on our mailing list has been added unless they have made some kind of contact with us. We never randomly add or purchase names for mailing. You are receiving this newsletter because you

have connected with us somehow in the past. It has always been our responsibility to tell people of the needs and how they can help. It is God's responsibility to move their hearts to help.

Look at what God has done through you over the past 5 years.

1. \$2,000,000 worth of food, clothing, and other relief supplies distributed.
2. Thousands of people received aid.
3. More than 300 people have gone on mission trip with us.
4. 10,000 confirmed by international pastors to have received Christ.
5. 9,500 Family 2 Family food boxes distributed
6. 15 Churches involved (If your church is not involved, please introduce us).
7. Disaster Relief training, DART training, FEMA certification.
8. Worked in 13 countries, 2 war zones and 7 states.
9. Provided food for local ministries feeding the poor.
10. Provided us with a warehouse, fork lift and other equipment for warehouse, disaster relief trailer, 20ft. Box truck, F250 pickup truck, and offices to conduct the business of the ministry.
11. God continues to meet our staffing needs. We are praying for others to be willing to raise their salaries as missionaries in disaster relief work..
12. More than 100 volunteers since our beginning including some key positions.

