



HEART OF HOPE MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

CHRISTMAS GIFT DELIVERY



The Gift of Hope Team distributed 'good tidings and brought great joy' to children in 8 Placement Center's and to 94 families living below the poverty level. With grateful hearts we thank our Home Team for their support of this blessed program to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas, that a Savior is born unto the whole world!

At each Center we started with a devotional on the true celebration of Christmas and each child had the opportunity to color their own nativity Christmas stocking! Age appropriate gifts and devotionals were given, bringing joy to children spending their Christmas season away from family.

The 2 little boys below came into the system in August. When they arrived at the Center, though 5 and 6, they were both barely speaking. They were placed in a Center with teenagers that we usually take out to pizza for a special treat. Knowing they would enjoy a toy rather than the hygiene items the older boys ask for - these monster trucks and dinosaurs were a big hit! At the end of the evening

they even managed to give hugs and whisper 'te iubesc', 'I love you' in Romanian. Their smiles could not be contained!



Christmas sticker decorated zip-lock bags enclosed special treats for each child in need.

VILLAGE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

This team of 6 VERY active Senior women indeed brought comfort and joy to those in need.

In the beautiful square in Sibiu there is a Christmas bazaar and these ladies took their photo with Santa and a wish for a Happy 2019. From Left to Right: Gloria Bernard from Portland, OR, Mary Walker from Saint Cloud, MN, Joan Ostrom from Albany, OR, Jean Brennan from Windsor, WI, Beverly Kropp from Portland, OR and Sheri Mattson from Clackamas, OR. All came prepared for the cold and joyfully stood in the food line to provide Christmas food staples and joy to 94 families in need.



Food staples such as rice, sugar, tea, soup, condiments, canned meat, warm socks, sweets, and bread were gladly received. The team plus the young women from Home of Hope distributed the needed supplies. A special donation this year made it possible for us to provide a warm blanket to each family! It was a wonderful surprise ending to our food line and many of the older people in particular thanked us with tearful eyes and wished us a Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year!

A WARM CHRISTMAS GREETING

Wishing each of you great joy as we celebrate the greatest gift of Hope, the Lord Jesus, this Christmas season!

Merry Christmas,

Debbie and your
HIMI Board