

KidStuff

Around the World

Winter 2015

Bringing Love and

KidStuff Kaleidoscope

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When a friend of ours spoke to a ladies conference, she told about her nephew saying to his family, "I want to sing the song about Zacchaeus." With a little encouragement the little fellow began to sing:

"Zacchaeus was a wee little man, a wee little man was he.
He climbed up in a sycamore tree for the Lord he wanted to see.
And when Jesus came that way, He looked up in the tree,
and he said, 'I will huff and puff 'till I blow your house down!'"

The aunt addressing the ladies made the point that the holiday season has become an easy time for us to confuse the material and spiritual issues of Christmas. We huff and puff our way through a hectic pace at this time of the year, and become too focus on the what's on the table and what's under the tree. We lose a sense of the splendor and magnificence of the manger that held the Christ

Child.

On a silent night long ago singing angels, shinning stars, and searching shepherds converged into the quiet simplicity of a stable where the Son of God lay asleep on the hay. May these days of Christmas bring to you times that are merry and some moments that are quiet and filled with His peace.

*Merry
Christmas
From
Lamar & Jean
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KidStuff Scholarships



On November 8 we presented our first two educational scholarships. Cathy Picciolo was awarded the \$500 scholarship for a young person with Autism who has completed high school and has been accepted into a collegiate program. Cathy graduated from Dacula High School in May and is now enrolled at the Gwinnett Technical College. The second \$500 scholarship was awarded to Mary Aultman Hurley as a college student enrolled in special education studies. Mary Aultman is a sophomore at Mississippi State University and is preparing to teach in the area of special education. Both of these young ladies were presented certificates for the KidStuff Scholarships and the funds were paid to their respective schools for tuition. We are grateful to the donors who are assisting with the funding of these scholarships, and we are committed to awarding at least two scholarships annually.

Family Christmas Party for children with Autism— A Mother's Appreciation

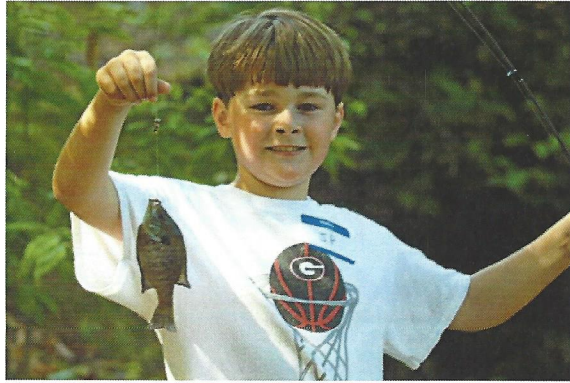
Spectrum hosted their largest holiday party on Dec 3. KidStuff's grant of \$1000 made this meaningful family event possible for the 300 who attend. This is the only Christmas Party that most of these families will be able to attend. Nina Hancharik, one of the moms, wrote:

I want to thank you and your team for yet another wonderful Christmas party. This was our 4th year attending the Christmas party and we always have such a great time seeing old friends and meeting new ones as well. One of our favorite parts of the party is visiting Santa. He is the best in my opinion and the photographer is top notch. I used to stress so much about Santa pictures and now I don't anymore. So THANK YOU!!! And of course the kids have a blast doing fun games and crafts. Can't wait till next year!!!



Appalachian Ministry

Three years ago KidStuff USA began a ministry in the North Georgia areas of Gilmer and Fanning Counties with work centered in Ellijay, Blue Ridge and McCaysville. In serving multiple special need issues in those communities, we have assisted in establishing



a parent support group calling themselves Uniquely Us and continue to provide childcare for their meetings. In October we assisted with a Fall Festival held in Ellijay at the Build an Ark Animal Rescue and on December 6th, KidStuff helped to fund a Christmas party held at the Craddock Center in Cherry Log. The following is a note from the Assistant Director of Uniquely Us:

Please let KidStuff know that with its generous donation, Uniquely Us was able to provide each child 3 gifts at our Christmas party.

I wish you could have seen the smiles on the faces that rarely smile, heard the laughter, and seen few happy tears in the eyes of the parents. Words are inadequate to thank you for repeatedly opening your heart to Uniquely Us. We truly wish each and every one at KidStuff- USA a Merry Christmas and Blessed 2016.

Santa Toy Run

KidStuff participated with the Santa Toy at Road Atlanta again this year.. The KidStuff red trailer becomes Santa's sleigh and is filled with toys waiting to bring a brighter Christmas to children across North Georgia. Thanks to Ron Rigdon for assisting KidStuff to participate in the Santa Toy Run and share with children in need during the Christmas season.



Ministry in Moldova by Harry Gibson



In June I went to Chisinau, Moldova on a mission trip with Lawrenceville First Baptist Church. The purpose of the trip was to have a VBS and sports camp at two separate locations, over

two separate weeks. We worked with close to 200 children during this time.. And it is my prayer that many seeds were planted.

On one particular Saturday morning we went to the primary hospital in Chisinau to visit children who are battling cancer. We went with Vlad Sadovoi, who is a deacon at the church Spetantza. KidStuff provides financial assistance for Vlad to go the hospital every Saturday morning to visit these children and provide special food and gifts for them.

On this particular Saturday we were able to meet with many of the children and talk to them through interpreters. We gave the children fresh fruits and some toys. However some of the children did not seem to want to interact very much, as most of them are very ill. In one room was a two year old little girl. She did not want to talk, so I asked the little girl's mother that was there how she was doing. Instantly the mother's tears started

flowing. All I could think to do was give her a hug and remind her that God was with her through this journey. These children are battling cancer in less than ideal conditions. The parents are expected to do many of the functions that we expect a nurse to do. And the medical facilities are nowhere near up to the standards that we expect. So for these children, there is much that is needed, but nothing more so than prayer.

Some of the children are not allowed to have visitors. There were two older boys, teenagers, which we were told not to visit. After some persuasion we were able to go and see them for about two minutes. The boys were not doing very well and their prognosis was not very good. Thus the hospital did not want us to stay too long. I understood, but wished I could have done more.

All of these children need our prayers, as does Vlad. His work is to be commended. The parents need support and prayer as well, as do the hospital workers. We can all pray for all of these people. But financial support is needed as well. I became convinced that this is a mission where KidStuff truly benefits children. I look forward to a return trip to see if any seeds are blooming.

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