Share the gift of LOVE and the GOSPEL with a child in need this CHRISTMAS.



## Backpacks will be delivered to Jenkins and Corbin, Kentucky

26% of Kentucky's children live in poverty. On top of this the Covid-19 Pandemic has affected the livelihoods of many in the Eastern Kentucky Coalfields already weakened by coal layoffs, floods, and generations of poverty and poor health. For some of these children, a backpack from South Carolina Baptists may be all they receive for Christmas.

The volunteers who worked with collection and those who participated in the mission trip last year made the following recommendations:

- 1. The list of items to be included has been modified to ensure that all recipients receive equal gifts since the backpacks are opened in a group setting. Some students received a lot more than others.
- 2. The age groups for the ribbons have been modified to fit the schools to which they will be delivered. This will make packing and delivering much simpler.
- 3. The Christmas Story will be added to the backpacks at the collection site. Individual churches will not have to download and print them.
- 4. The church/association should check backpacks to be sure they follow the guidelines before dropping them off at the collection site.

We hope to be able to be in the schools as we were last year. We will be monitoring the Covid 19 situation and adjust as necessary.

## **Collection Site**

Spartanburg County Baptist Network Office 5245 Highway 221, Roebuck 864-582-8330

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**Collection Dates** 

August 24- October 29 Mon-Thurs 9:00 am-5:00 pm