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**S**o often I wish you could hear from the Mission Arlington volunteers who are working directly with the children, teaching Bible Studies, helping with homework, and making sure the people have their needs met.

It is not unusual that each hour of each day someone calls in to say, “I found a family who has nothing. Can you get food and furniture out to them?” The address is given to us, and we go to the homes to help them become significant in their world that is often very, very difficult.

A young man and his wife stopped by yesterday and asked, “Do you remember me?” This handsome young man was a child when Mission Arlington helped his family. “I just stopped by to say thank you, and I knew you would still be here. We have God in our lives now, and I still remember Ms. Pat when she came Saturday after Saturday, Sunday after Sunday, and played with a bunch of us. She always had food in her car. I remember when she pulled out her billfold and gave my mom money to keep us from being evicted. It seems like only yesterday. **I just wanted to say thank you and let you meet my family.**”

What better way could I say thank you to you who provided, than to tell you of this family who is doing well now, but does not forget the gifts of love they received. You, my friends, are significant to the lives of so many; too many to count; but the gratitude I feel for you is huge.

*Tillie Burgin*

## BIBLE OLYMPICS: A HUGE SUCCESS



231 children learned about God's Word at Bible Olympics in Jan.

## “DAY ON,” NOT A “DAY OFF”!



## RAINBOW EXPRESS® STARTS IN MARCH

Nearly 40,000 children attended an outdoor Bible study with crafts, snacks, music, & games in 2014. It starts again this March. Please keep these events in your prayers.



Hundreds of volunteers turned up at Mission Arlington for a day of service in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. and his commitment to making a difference. Pictured here is a team from Alpha Kappa Alpha International, one of the many volunteer groups who helped out on that day. We are grateful for this help!

# TRUE CHRISTMAS JOY

Because of your generosity, 7,522 families - representing **32,246 children** - received Christmas gifts in 2014.



4,000 bikes delivered to children.



A Store full of volunteers, Christmas gifts, and families receiving help for children.



Sam Houston High School, HOSA students, wrap gifts in Mission Arlington's Christmas Store!

## BIBLE STUDIES



**A North Arlington Bible Study Group**  
Mission Arlington hosts 349 Bible studies, an increase of 20 over last year. These Bible studies meet weekly in apartment complexes and homes across our community.

## EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE



More than 40,000 families (42,739) received food, clothes, and/or emergency assistance in 2014. Pictured left are **Ferrell Elementary School** students collecting food for Mission Arlington.

## HEALTH MINISTRIES STAYING STRONG

More than ten thousand (10,025) people were treated in our health clinics in 2014, providing more than \$3 million of free health care.



AN ACTIVE MEDICAL CLINIC



VOLUNTEER DENTISTS HELP

# THANK YOU



*FROM A FAMILY ADOPTED AT CHRISTMAS*

I was **overjoyed and overcome with tears** by the generosity of the family that adopted us! It was amazing what they provided my family! I was unable to get my children gifts this year due to our situation, but hopefully I will be *able to repay the Mission* back next year and do something for a different family.

I started to break down, because I was so overwhelmed by their generosity. I feel that God has guided me towards you and sent a big message to us. He has told me that **good people continue to exist in this world**, and that *my heart and soul are not alone*.

This act of kindness will never be forgotten. God Bless Mission Arlington! God Bless this family!



## YOUR GIFTS MATTER!

- 97 cents out of every dollar you give goes directly into ministry to people;
- When you give, we give it away at no charge;
- We operate with fewer staff and more volunteers;
- Your gifts make a difference in people, and are truly appreciated.