

2018 Migrant Ministry Summary from Mr. Pete Eckert, volunteer and member of Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church.

This year we served 3 camps each week from the 1st Tuesday in June through the 1st Tuesday in August. We served meals to 125-140 workers each week. This meant that we had a message delivered by 3 different people each week. Pastor Henry did one camp, his wife did the message at the women's camp each week, and a member of his church did the third camp. Depending on the weather and harvest cycles, they sometimes did not get back from the fields to the camp until after 8 pm. Most weeks they were back between 7-7:30. We passed out 100 paperback Bibles between the 3 camps. Clothing and personal hygiene items were also distributed during some of the visits. We still used the Batesburg Presbyterian church as a staging area where we met with the rotating churches that provided the meals, divided up the food and servers before heading out to the camps by bus. The participation rate is much higher than two years ago when we drove the bus out to pick them up and bring them to town for the meal/fellowship. Most stay to hear the message after the meal at each of the camps. I believe that our program not only demonstrates the love of God but also that the people in this country do care about them-enough to bring a meal and Christian message out to their house each week, rain or shine. The news channels don't always make them feel that way.