



February 24, 2025

Ms. Jane Currin
Missions Director
Concord United Methodist Church
11020 Roane Drive
Knoxville, TN 37934

Dear Jane:

In the early morning hours of September 27, 2024, Hurricane Helene began its rampage through the mountain and river communities of Western North Carolina. This once-in-a-lifetime storm washed away homes & businesses of hundreds of our citizens impacting lives and livelihoods. As of the latest report, at least 105 North Carolinians perished in the wake of this monster storm. Nearly half of those lost were from Buncombe County, home to our small tightknit town of Swannanoa. Over five months later, our region still hurts from this catastrophe, and we will likely continue to feel the devastating impact of Helene for years to come.

On October 31, 2024, our church's relief center received a fully packed truckload of winter coats, heavy duty boots, and other supplies that you and your congregation collected and donated. With winter approaching and nighttime temperatures dipping to frigid single digits, these warm winter coats were nothing short of a miracle for the people who received them.

On November 20, 2024, another truckload arrived carrying more supplies that you and your congregation sent our way. This second truckload contained hundreds of packages of men's underwear, boy's underwear, pillows, pillowcases, and snack foods. These items were greatly needed, very much appreciated, and they continue to provide enormous blessings to our neighbors in need.

Although you may never know the names or faces of the people you have helped, I want to assure you that your generous efforts made a positive difference immediately following Hurricane Helene and they continue to make a tangible difference today. In Matthew 25:4, Jesus teaches, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." On behalf of the Staff & Congregation of Swannanoa First Baptist Church, and our community members who have been helped by your efforts, please pass on to your congregation our most sincere gratitude for your generous & loving support of the ongoing relief ministry here. We are truly grateful and pray God's blessings on you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Judy Haney".

Judy Haney
FBC Disaster Relief Coordinator