



Many of you know our hearts have always been devoted to serving others, especially the children and families of the Appalachian Mountains. For nearly 19 years, Lisa and I have traveled the mountain roads, visited churches, spoken at conferences, and shared the vision of bringing hope to families who often feel forgotten.

This year has been different.

My mother, Patricia Zeggert, is 92 years old and lives with Lisa and me. Over the past year, her health has declined significantly. She has undergone a heart valve replacement, received a pacemaker, battles Congestive Heart Failure, remains in a constant state of atrial fibrillation, and has become increasingly weak. There have been numerous hospital stays, multiple thoracentesis procedures to remove fluid from around her lungs, and several rehabilitation stays—some encouraging, others heartbreaking.

After much prayer and consideration, she made the decision to come home under Hospice Care.

As her primary caregivers, Lisa and I have devoted ourselves to caring for her during this precious season of life. It is a responsibility we consider both an honor and a blessing. However, it has also meant that I have been unable to travel as I normally would to visit churches, attend speaking engagements, and participate in conferences where much of the support for our outreach ministry is raised.

As a result, donations for our 19th Annual Back-to-School Outreach have fallen significantly behind where they normally are.

The need, however, has not decreased.

In just a few short weeks, hundreds of children across the Appalachian Mountains will begin a new school year. Many of their families are already struggling to put food on the table, keep the lights on, and make ends meet. Purchasing backpacks, notebooks, pencils, crayons, and other school supplies is simply beyond their reach.

That is why we are asking for your help.

Every gift, regardless of size, helps provide school supplies, encouragement, and hope to a child in need. More importantly, it allows us to share the love of Jesus Christ with families who desperately need to know they have not been forgotten.

While this season has limited where I can go, it has not changed the mission God has called us to fulfill.

Today, I am asking you to stand with us.



Would you consider making a donation, sponsoring a child, or sharing this need with your church, family, and friends?

Together, we can ensure that no child starts the school year feeling forgotten. Together, we can provide practical help, restore hope, and share the Good News of Jesus Christ with families throughout the Appalachian Mountains.

Thank you for your prayers, your compassion, and your partnership. Your generosity makes a difference far beyond school supplies—it reminds a child and their family that they are seen, valued, loved, and never alone.

With gratitude,

Pastor Andy Zeggert
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