

BACKPACK OUTREACH PROJECT—OUR 29thYEAR!!!

Our Back-to-School "backpack" Outreach project will take place again this summer. Backpacks and school supplies will be given to school children in need so that they will receive the appropriate items to start their school year off on equal footing with their classmates. Absenteeism in the early days of school for many children has been linked to the embarrassment of not having new things for school like other children. Just by providing these backpacks and school supplies, the rate of absenteeism declines.

The Outreach Committee will again purchase good quality backpacks at the lowest possible cost.

There are three options to help with this important outreach project:

- 1. You may donate the cost of one backpack at \$50 each.
- 2. You may donate toward the cost of the items filling a backpack with a \$25 gift card from Target
- 3. You may take one of our backpacks and fill it yourself with a provided list of items.

We need to line up donors now so backpacks can be assembled and delivered to the children in August, before school starts. Please fil lout the form below and send it to the church office by *May 25th*.

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I will purchase school supplies using the list to be mailed to me	to our Giving Page— use the
later this summer for # child(ren)	dropdown to select Backpacks.
I will donate now the cost of empty backpack(s)	Thank you!
at \$50 each.	(a) 11 12 1 (a)
I will donate Target gift card(s) for supplies at \$25 each	THE STATE OF
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