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Feed The Hungry Program Help Provide Christmas Sacks This 1996 Christmas Season To Those Children Who Do Not Have A Sponsor.

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Dear Friends and Co-Laborers:

Christmas would just not be the same for the Tyson family if we were not able to share the love of Jesus with the hundreds of children we come in contact with everyday in our missionary work.

How could we ever forget that night, 31 years ago, when we were trying to fill a few sacks to give out to the poor children in Sherwood, Tennessee, where we were ministering (using the money we would have spent on one another for gifts) when we heard a noise outside. There in the snow was a large truck filled with toys the Jaycees had left over - (headed up by our dear friends Hugh and Mamie Gibbs, who are now with the Lord). For the rest of the night, we worked, putting toys together, repairing those that were broken. The next morning, the 25th of December, we went from house to house, giving out presents, experiencing a joy we had never experienced before.

For many years, on the mission fields, we have had the great joy of telling the Christmas story, it never grows old; how God sent His precious Son to this world. He is the greatest gift a person could ever receive and He is free to all who will open up their hearts and receive Him.

What a blessing to tell the story of Jesus' love, and to be able to share a gift, you have helped to make possible, with poor children who otherwise wouldn't even know it was Christmas.

How many sacks we will be able to fill depends on the amount we receive each year. We hope that many sponsors will send a little extra so that children who have no sponsors, who eat in our Feed The Hungry kitchens, will be able to get a Christmas sack.

As the hymn says: "Count your blessings; name them one by one, count your many blessing; see what God has done."

Won't you please share your blessings with a poor child this Christmas?

In Christ's Service,

Bob & Joan Tyson