

*From Where I Sit . . .*

## **“CAMPAIGN TO JACKSON, KENTUCKY”**

From October 27-30, eighteen members of the Broad Street church joined forces with brethren from Jackson, Kentucky for a door knocking campaign and nightly preaching services climaxed with their Sunday Homecoming activities. We went bearing many gifts from members of the church here in Scottsboro plus a wide assortment of pre-sized clothing to help the needy in that community. Brad and Debra Wilhelm organized a massive push to see to it that some 40 students who are bussed in to services in Jackson for each service received new clothes, shoes, special personal gifts, and school supplies that they so badly needed. The church here responded beautifully by providing these items. It was like watching 40 students all have birthdays at one time to see the joy on their faces when they received your gifts. Thank you all so much for adopting these special people for this special effort.

Virgil and Penny McIntosh are doing a good job in Jackson. His health is not excellent, but they both have a driving zeal and passion for those people that keeps them going. It's difficult to imagine driving van routes before and after all services that take an hour and a half each way, and still be able to preach and teach as he does. The very fact that the children pour into those vans is a strong signal that they need something in their lives. Thankfully it's a Christian family helping fill that need instead of the drug culture and forces of evil.

During the two days set aside for door knocking, and during limited hours of those days, we went to over 500 homes. Many were not home but we left literature for all of them. We also conducted many interviews and shared with the people the presence of the church in that community and the strong need for Bible study to find the Lord's Way. We had visitors to the preaching services from these efforts, plus left Virgil with several who indicated they were searching for spiritual direction. In a more protracted campaign with more time available, we could very well have set up and taught many studies in that community.

Meanwhile our ladies were very well organized and the day of clothes distribution went beautifully. Members gathered for Saturday lunch and then began to go through your boxes for items that fit. There was delight on the faces of young and old alike.

Virgil has written us a special note of appreciation from the church there: *“...our homecoming was made that much more special . . .because we were able to share such a special time of fellowship with the . . . members of the Broad Street Church of Christ. The children that received the gifts will be sending their own thank you messages, but Penny and I wanted to let you know how much your generosity was appreciated. Toni and Samantha have asked that we let you all know how useful the items were that were especially for them. The clothing and the other special gifts for the congregation and the public were much appreciated as well. To be honest some of our older members that aren't able to get out and shop as much as they would like, really enjoy the opportunity to go through the clothes and other items, and I know everyone found something useful. . . Please consider Jackson as your special home away from home and visit with us any time. Please also give a special thanks to Brad Wilhelm and his wife for all their hard work in coordinating the trip and for the gifts as well. Give everyone our love and tell them we miss them already.”*

**. . . . Terry Broome**

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