



*Mary Craig Ministries, Inc.*

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### *The Barnabas Project: Blessing Indiantown*

This distribution in Indiantown, FL proved surprising. At a small church which turned out to be fantastic, a steady stream of folks and families received freely of the blessings provided by a faithful God.

The Barnabas Project, a division of Mary Craig Ministries, Inc., began back in 2003. David Patten, left, with Dr. Mary Craig, is the Director of Barnabas, but it takes many people working year round to make a successful distribution.

Donations come in from estates, from families whose children attend ProAm Dance Studio and many other individual families, from Publix supermarkets, and from folks like you who want to encourage and bless others in tangible ways that give hope and encouragement to families in communities of need.

A Barnabas Project distribution takes a lot of prayer, planning, and participation. Being more efficient at the details of this large project from our side of it enables us to direct more attention to the needs of the people to whom we minister. God's purpose for the Barnabas Project is to reach out to communities and break spiritual bondage so that the merciful love and light of Christ may shine upon them. The Barnabas Project is a demonstration of the free grace of God. Our purpose is to glorify God by displaying His goodness and graciousness to all. We seek to minister to Jesus by serving His people, many of whom are the forgotten people of South Florida. We advance the Christian faith through representation and recommendation, giving help to those in need and offering encouragement and hope. We share the love of God and the truth of Jesus Christ and seek the empowerment of others by inspiring them with courage and confidence to fulfill their God-given purpose.



So on June 1<sup>st</sup>, we rented a 16-ft Budget Rental Truck and loaded it up, thanks to Dr. Jackie Clanton, Kroy, and Steve. On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, more of us set out for New Bethel AME Church in Indiantown, FL under the pastoral leadership of Rev. Sandi Davis. Rev. Davis had the responsibility of making the site ready with a sufficient number of tables, workers, and a plan on her end. She had a flyer prepared for advertising the event. We are thankful for the labor of love that went into making yet another successful distribution.

The truck was able to back up right to a door for off-loading. We set up, prayed, paused for a picture, and then opened the doors to the public. The love of God permeated the atmosphere. A kitchen right there enabled providing for free hot dogs, snacks, and water. God blessed this. Here's one testimony from Lillian, who came to help:

"The trip was a reminder of people in need and what a blessing it is to help them. I was touched by a man that asked for four hotdogs for his four children. By the tone of his voice I could sense the need for food. So I got him the hotdogs with chips, filled a bag with food and gave him a box with men's clothes. He was happy. And so was I because we communicated in Spanish and he felt he was understood."



Tables were filled with men's and women's clothing, children's clothing, toys, linens, household items, collectibles, school supplies, books, Bibles, and all kinds of products so generously donated, much of which was new.



People were blessed.





When we enter a new community, we seek the LORD as to the recipient of the “Barnabas Box.” This box contains symbolic symbols: olive oil to represent the anointing of the Holy Spirit; a Bible, the Word of God; a loaf of bread to represent Jesus as the Living Bread; a bottle of water to represent the Living Water of the Word and the Holy Spirit; a small stuffed animal to represent God’s creation and mankind’s duty to tend and care for it, not dominate and exploit it; a Constitution of the United States to represent our duty to obey governing authorities and live lawfully;

“Salvation in a Sentence” magnets; and the giving of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the only acceptable Mediator by which one must be saved. Shirley S. of the AME Women’s Missionary Society, gladly received the box.

Thank you to all who gave. You have touched lives through your gifts to MCM. May you know the LORD’s joy in serving and loving one another.

In His Name, by His grace, for His glory,

*Mary Craig*

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Freely you have received; freely give. Matthew 10:8b

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