

Christmas Blessings!



“Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God...”

Isaiah 40, 1

Very dear Friends and Collaborators:

December 2016

During this holy season of preparation to celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Savior and Redeemer, it is a time of reflection and thanksgiving for the many blessings received throughout the year, and the marvels God has done through his people.... people like you, dear friends !!!

Your prayers, and generosity have continued to sustain this ministry of outreach in Athens, so with Saint Paul each one of us say: *“I thank God whenever I think of you; and every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News... (Philippians 1:3)”* and how you have helped us in doing our mission of healing/comforting hearts... the troubled hearts of our brothers and sisters going through very challenging and uncertain times....

Yes, thanks to you --**your prayers, time, and generosity**-- we were able to “*comfort God’s people*” and continue with our ministries fostering the healing and comforting of frightened and broken hearts. All of this through our regular services whether replacing roofs, floors or walls, whether distributing a package of diapers, rice, beans, eggs, food from the Food Bank, or used items... Whether helping to cover the expenses of utilities, doctor visits, medicines... or keeping people warm with blankets, coats, hats, scarves, or space heaters... Whether distributing school supplies, school bags, or tutoring services in our after school program helping @ 100 children to succeed in school, or to prepare them to receive the Sacraments... Whether providing stuffed animals, soccer balls, or wrapping the Christmas gifts... Whether advocating as the voice of the voiceless, or sharing information about the plight of the people we serve... Thanks to you many experienced the message that Emmanuel (God-with-us) is visible among us bringing hope and peace to our hearts...

Filled with gratitude, we will offer our daily Holy Hour of Adoration for you and your loved ones during the month of December. Please continue to pray for all of us!
Merry Christmas and a happy and blessed New Year !

Sr. Marietta Jansen ACI *Sr. Margarita Martin* ACI *Angela Cordero* ACI