

Heritage Ministries Update

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Greetings, We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas season full of God's peace, love, and that you have had a blessed time with your families. Linda and I have had a year full of many events, changes, and adjustments. The big family news is that Lindsay is going to have another boy in April, everyone is excited and looking forward to meet little William.

We had another great Empty Stocking fund food give away last month. With the help of many volunteers we were able to give out 600 food boxes. We had a good turnout for signups, the auction, packing the food boxes, and the food box deliveries. Many ladies helped wrap the 1500 gifts throughout the year, each child in the families receives two gifts and there's a special home alone gift for the widows and shut ins, all those involved were blessed.

It has been a good year working with the folks in this area, much was accomplished for the Lord. In May we started building a house for Marvin Brown and his family, they had lost all they had when their house burnt to the ground in February. The Lord sent teams with the right skills and funds to build the house. Marvin and his family worked hard with us so they could be in the house in September, they are thanking God as they spent Christmas in a new warm home. Here's a picture of the house that was hand made for Marvin, it was burnt in wood, there are close to 200 names on it of those who helped on the house.



More mines have closed last year, some miners moved away to find work and others who want to stay here can't find work. The need for help with housing continues, many folks that we have helped in the past are in good shape but there are many who's houses are falling apart. In addition to helping the Browns last year we were able to help many others with their homes, building ramps, fixing roofs, and floors.

Another big change for us was that we moved our surplus store from Lynch to the old Union Hall in Cumberland. It was a huge undertaking that took 6 weeks, with the help of our October teams and friends in the community we are now set up in a more organized and cleaner building. We are also closer to those who need our help with the supplies we offer.

Linda and I have been here for almost 15 years, we have served many in this area and met many from the Churches who come here to help. We have seen lives changed because of the home improvements and the eternal impact we see as teams share the gospel and God's love. With changes we experienced this past year with the store, wood shop, and personal support we see that we have to rely on God even more as we seek His plan for us.

So far it looks like 2020 is going to be a great year with many new groups joining us along with the groups we have worked with for many years. If you want to bring a group here to help or come for a visit, let us know soon, our guest houses are filling up for the summer.

We continue to pray for friends who are dealing with different health issues, plus those with housing and financial problems. Here's some of the needs that are heavy on our hearts, we would love to have you join us in praying.

- Healing for Henry, Roger and his wife Linda
- A bedroom addition for Lindsay's new addition, before April..
- Items to finish on the Brown's house:
 - Shower door
 - Soffit and Gutters
 - Grading
- Someone to help us with the home repair area of ministry, the position could be for a summer intern or a year round missionary.
- For unity for our country, that the truth would be clear and that the bias that separates us would be seen for what it is.
- Changes in our personal support
- That Linda and I will have the energy and strength to do our best.

Wishing you the best in 2020, God bless,
Jeff and Linda Sim