

New Orleans Ministry Impacts Lives With Backpacks

The Baptist Friendship House in New Orleans has for several years filled backpacks with school supplies and given them to needy youngsters. They usually are able to help about 600 children who are living in poverty.

This year, things changed. A group called Send Relief offered to donate 5,000 backpacks. Churches and other organizations donated time, money, and resources to help. The staff at Friendship House was joined by 151 volunteers who loaded the backpacks with supplies.

Many people were helped, with 2,000 packs going to Voice of the Martyrs, 1,500 donated to homeless individuals, and the remaining 1,500 designated for survivors of human trafficking.

Kay Bennett, director of Friendship House, said she has learned to trust God to provide.

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Bible Translation Continues in War-Torn Area of Africa

The Congo is Africa's second most populous country with about 83 million people. About 6 million have been killed in long-running conflicts. But with all of the violence, work still continues on Bible translation. The work is being done by Wycliffe Translators.

In October of 2017, a dedication was held for completion of the New Testament in the Tembo language. The language also has the Book of Genesis.

In eastern Congo there are still 60-70 languages without the Bible.

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Bibles Getting to Restricted Areas

A ministry based in the United States is involved in Bible distribution. Many Bibles are being delivered to some of the world's most dangerous places. Voice of the Martyrs is now sending Bibles to North Korea, Iran, and Yemen. Security concerns prevent details being made public.

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