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DEAR FRIENDS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL SUPPORT.

I want to give to you a glimpse of what takes place at the Mission every day.

- Early in the morning, **BEFORE LIGHT**, people line up at the Mission Arlington Medical Clinic waiting to see a doctor.
- At **6:00 A.M.** busses and vans begin to roll, picking up students from homes in order to get them to school programs (even in summer).
- By **7:00 A.M.** volunteers begin to come and to help in all the various services offered at Mission Arlington®. Also you can see the community coming and going dropping off much needed items on their way to work.
- By **8:00 A.M.** the front room is full of people who have come for help. Volunteer counselors arrive to help the people at a point of need in their life.

I wanted to share what happens in a day, and thank you, because it is you who makes all of this possible. You are providing resources so we can say to a family who just lost jobs, “We can help you with your rent and keep you from being homeless.”

You have given and shared and made sacrifices to help others have a chance to start over. Thank you and God bless you,

Tillie Burgin

INVESTMENT OF A LIFETIME



Thirty (30) young adults, ages 16-27, invest their lives here for some, or for all, of the summer. They make “life-time” differences in children and youth - and in us. At the same time, because of their investment here, they will never be the same. We are so grateful for (and inspired by) them.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED



Children who received help in 2013

We need your help to provide school supplies for about **10,000 STUDENTS**. See the list of needs below:

Notebook paper (wide ruled), spiral notebooks (70 count), 3-prong pocket folders (red, green, yellow blue only), washable markers, rulers/protractors, scissors (blunt & sharp point); manila paper (9 x 12 & 12 x 18); construction paper, #2 pencils, red pens, pink erasers, black pens, back packs, glue (4 oz. or sticks), colored (map) pencils, zipper pencil bags, and crayons. Thank you so much!

SUMMER LUNCHES



In partnership with the Fort Worth Parks and Recreation, and the groceries you provide, Mission Arlington® provides food for children during the summer months when they aren't in school. Through June we had served **6,130 lunches and snacks** (in six locations) to children in our community.

NATURAL RESOURCES



Pictured above is the youth group from one of Mission Arlington®'s central congregations. They are gathering food from the First Christian Church Gardens in Arlington to bring to Mission Arlington®'s food pantry.

BEATING THE HEAT



Box Fans

The fire department, churches, and other organizations, families, and individuals have been collecting fans for Mission Arlington®. We have distributed **hundreds of fans** so far. **Your gift of these fans has really helped.**

THREE PERCENT

Our annual independent audit has confirmed once again that our **administrative overhead is at 3 percent**. Ninety-seven cents of each dollar you give ministers directly to people. Your financial support truly matters. **THANK YOU!**

RAINBOW EXPRESS

"LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME" Mt. 19:14
 More than **two thousand** children (2,086) each week attended Rainbow Express in May and June.
433 people made spiritual commitments.



Small Groups



Creative Crafts



Teaching God's Word



Silly songs bring smiles



Puppets



Lots of love!