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Christmas Service
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GIFT CARDS!

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PLEASE PRAY for thousands of people to give their hearts to Christ at our Christmas Day Crusade at the Dayton Convention Center!

MORE THAN A GIFT

Dear Friend,

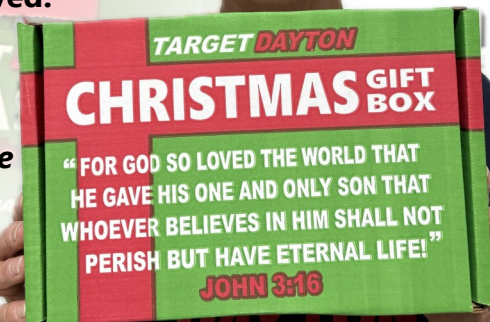
I will never forget standing with Mark at the Dayton Convention Center last Christmas and looking out at the largest crowd we have ever seen in the history of Target Dayton! When the doors opened that morning, the line of people waiting outside was wrapped around the Convention Center and stretched more than three blocks down Main Street! By the time the service began, almost 4,000 men, women and children were inside.

Some were homeless. Some came from low-income housing all over our city. Some were struggling with addiction. Some were lonely and discouraged. Some were moms and dads trying desperately to give their children a good Christmas when they had almost nothing.

But every one of them was a real person whom God deeply loved.

I stood and directed as our Target Dayton Choir and worship team led that great crowd in worship. Then Mark stood before them and preached the simple message of John 3:16: ***"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."***

And then something happened that I will never forget! *continued>*



JOHN 3:16

All across that Convention Center, hands began to go up. Tears began to fall. **Thousands of people prayed and called on the name of Jesus to be saved!** And after the service, every one of those men, women, and children received a special Christmas Gift Box filled with love.

This Christmas, we are preparing for 5,000 people! And that means we have a **BIG** job ahead of us. We need to prepare

5,000 Christmas Gift Boxes. But as I have been thinking and praying about Christmas this year, God has reminded me of something very important:

We're not really preparing 5,000 boxes, we're preparing for 5,000 PEOPLE!

Every box will eventually end up in someone's hands.

Maybe it will be placed into the hands of a man who has been sleeping in a homeless shelter and feels like everyone has forgotten him. Maybe it will go to a woman fighting an addiction that has taken almost everything from her. Maybe it will be given to a lonely senior citizen trying to survive on a tiny monthly income.

"You put smiles on my kids' faces!"

Maybe a mother will carry one home while wondering how she is going to provide Christmas for her children.

Maybe it will be held by someone who has never really

understood that God loves them. We don't know their names yet. **But God does!**

And that is why these Christmas Gift Boxes mean so much to us.

Each box is packed with a special lunch to enjoy and gift cards that are especially meaningful to someone who has very little. For the children, we have a "Jesus Loves You" teddy bear to remind them that they

are precious and loved.

But the most important thing we put in every box is a copy of the Gospel of

John! Because as wonderful as it is to give someone food when they are hungry, or a gift when they have nothing under the tree, the greatest gift we can give anyone is the opportunity to know Jesus!

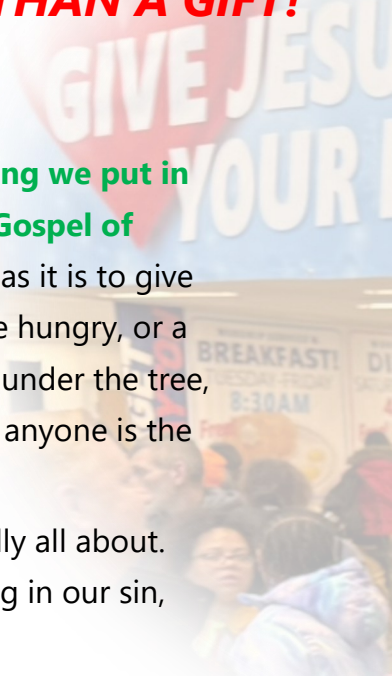
That is what Christmas is really all about. God saw us lost and perishing in our sin,

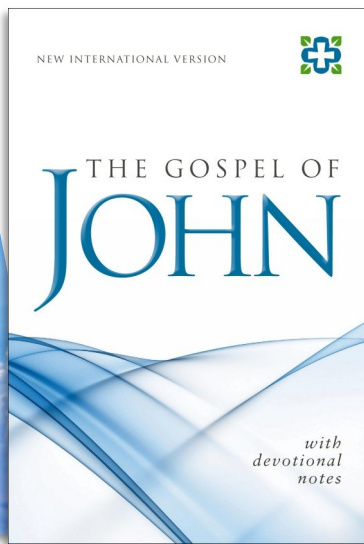
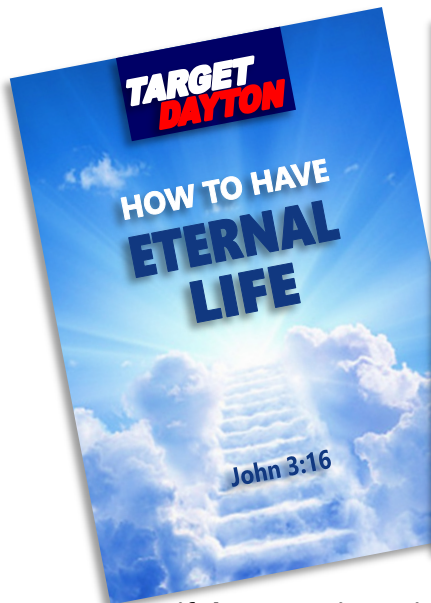


"You gave my first gift in 15 years!"



IT'S MUCH MORE THAN A GIFT!





Kids get a bear with their box!

Every gift box contains a simple gospel tract that presents the gospel with John 3:16. It also contains a complete NIV Gospel of John. Kids get a "Jesus Loves You" teddy bear with their gift box.

and he loved us so much that HE GAVE.

Christmas begins with the greatest gift ever given. And this Christmas, we want every gift we give to point people toward **HIS GIFT...Jesus!**

Last Christmas, nearly 4,000 people came to our Christmas service. This year we are stepping out in faith and preparing for 5,000. Think about that for a moment! 5,000 people will hear the Gospel. 5,000 will experience the love of Jesus through hundreds of volunteers. 5,000 will leave on Christmas knowing someone cares about them. And, by God's grace, many will leave knowing Jesus as their Lord!

There is an enormous amount of work to do until then. But it will be worth every dollar, every hour, every box packed. Because each box represents a person Jesus loves! *continued >*



"Giving a gift box shares the message of God's love!"

Will you help us get ready? Somewhere in our city today are the very people who will walk through those doors on Christmas morning. They don't know yet what God has planned for them. They don't know that people are already praying, giving, and preparing for them. And many of them don't yet know Jesus.



You can help in three important ways:

1. Sponsor a Christmas Gift Box for \$50 - Your gift of \$50 will provide a Christmas present with food, gift cards, and the Gospel to someone in need. Give \$100 to sponsor two, \$250 to sponsor five, or \$500 to sponsor ten!

2. Help us reach 5,000 people - Would you consider a special gift of \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 or whatever God puts on your heart to help with the \$350,000 cost of the crusade?

3. Become a monthly partner - And if you are not already a monthly supporter will you consider becoming one? Your monthly gift of \$25, \$50, \$100 or more helps us reach the poor and homeless not just on Christmas Day, **but six days a week, all year long!**

And most importantly, **please pray!** Pray for the 5,000 that will join us on Christmas. And please continue to pray for Pastor Mark as he fights this cancer battle.

Thank you for helping us give **MORE THAN A GIFT** this Christmas.

We love you,

Pastor Mark & Cindi

YOU MAKE IT POSSIBLE!

Through your service & monthly support...

YOU BRING THE POOR: You give them a ride to get the help they need...

YOU FEED THE POOR: You feed them with free hot breakfast or dinner...

YOU CLOTHE THE POOR: You clothe them with shirts, socks, shoes, hats, gloves & coats...

YOU SAVE THE POOR: You preach the good news to them & they are saved...

YOU DISCIPLE THE POOR: You disciple them & give them a place to serve Christ...



OUR GIFT TO YOU! Receive a free Target Dayton **sweatshirt** with John 3:7 imprinted on the back when we hear from you this month! Show your support of Target Dayton and share Christ's word everywhere you go!

Did you know that you can make a secure gift online at TARGETDAYTON.COM or by scanning this code?



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