## The Barnabas Project: An Outreach Ministry of Mary Craig Ministries, Inc.

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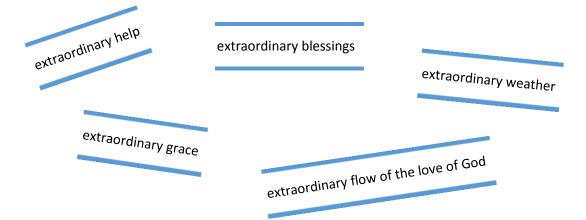
## **Purpose of the Barnabas Project:**

To glorify God by displaying His goodness and graciousness to all To advance the Christian faith through representation and recommendation To minister to Jesus by serving His people To be in a position of being blessed by God by being a blessing to others.

## **Barnabas Distribution December 2016:**

Shepherd's Heart AME Church, West Palm Beach, Rev. Lee M. Sapp, Pastor.

When it comes to describing this Barnabas Distribution, "extraordinary" is the word that immediately comes to mind:





**Rev. Lee Sapp**, pastor of Shepherd's Heart AME Church, has great organizational skills in addition to talented use of social media. About 280 people registered for this distribution event, which includes new and mostly new items donated from Publix Supermarkets and private individuals and companies. These items have been freely given and freely received by MCM and are thus freely given to those coming to these distributions. We have a rule at these distributions, freely you have received here; freely give of these items to others.

Here's a sample of the extraordinary help God provided as we joined our two ministries and set everything up.

**Rev. Jim Craig**, Senior Pastor of Craighouse® Christian Fellowship, spearheaded unloading the truck. That truck was packed full, top to bottom, front to back! Please notice the extraordinary weather.

That was only the beginning.

The distribution was held in the band room of **Royal Palm Beach High School**.



Lots of people helped set up.





Just before the distribution was opened to those coming, we gathered to pray.



Distributions mean discovering treasures, and often, hidden treasures.





Flowers were big among the smallest.







Extraordinary blessings occurred this day in so many ways for so many families, including having Light Club Ministries come to share the Gospel using the "wordless book" and providing other activities for children. (not just children!)



Our host church also provided helpers to guide people in from the parking lot and to be official.





A big "thank you" to **Rev. Jackie Clanton**, pastor in Vero Beach, FL. (left) She told Rev. Sapp about the Barnabas Project while at a conference...that resulted in this demonstration of extraordinary grace.

Another big "thank you" to **Marcy M**. seen here with **Pastor Jim** and **Steve**. Marcy picks up from various donors and delivers to MCM Barnabas throughout the year. See all those boxes? That's just a portion of the packages inside that truck!



At these distributions, a particular family is selected for our Barnabas box. This year we used a red Christmas basket. Inside we placed a Bible, a bottle of water, a loaf of bread, olive oil, magnets with "Salvation in a Sentence," a little pamphlet about the Barnabas Project, and a very cute stuffed animal, a cat. I leave it to you to figure out what each item represents.

This mother of four felt the presence of God's love, this extraordinary flow of the love and grace of the Living God for her. As one pastor said to her, "You are a blessed child."





Thank you to everyone who worked, prayed, and received of this gracious provision. God is good and once again showed Himself faithful.

Glorifying Jesus Christ, the Holy One,

Mary Craig

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Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us,

And sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

1 John 4:10, 11

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