

CHRISTMAS COMPASSION STORE: Helping Families Provide for Their Child



Parent training for Compassion Store recipients

Matthew 9:36 reminds us of the compassion and love of Jesus Christ towards everyone. This past December, **In His Steps** provided **two parent training workshops and organized a Christmas Compassion Store in conjunction with Broadmoor Baptist Church** and other local partners. This initiative gave parents the opportunity to take responsibility in the well-being of their children. It was also an opportunity to help parents become self-sufficient by allowing a mutual exchange and not just a one-way giving program.

The parents had the opportunity to choose toys for their own children and purchase them at 75% off retail prices. All together 15 families were prequalified and 37 children were assisted.



Parent picking up gifts & volunteers wrapping



FACES TO REMEMBER



Jaylan & Jamarion Harris



Kameron Elmore



Adrianna Wales



Adrian Wales

- Pray for the above IHS students who have relocated out of state or another county.
- Pray for continued wisdom, guidance and safety for Jasper, board and staff.
- Praise God for His faithfulness!

PERSONAL NOTE

Brother and Sisters,

The one lesson that is reinforced each year at In His Steps is "Trusting God always results in His faithfulness". Psalm 37:3 has been chosen as the theme verse for 2018. It states, **"Trust in the Lord, ...and Feed on His faithfulness."** David was urging God's people to remain in the land and trust God for what they needed. Some had been tempted to leave and not trust God (Ruth1; I Samuel 26:19).

The main emphasis for IHS in 2018 is feeding on God's faithfulness in order to Trust Him more fully. As we look around us in Canton, we realize the harvest is plentiful and ripe unto harvest. For this reason, we will trust God for greater impact in the lives of IHS students and parents. Also, we trust God for greater outreach in neighboring communities, among incarcerated youth and high school athletes. Especially, pray for the names of the athletes listed in this newsletter. Pray for their salvation and total commitment to God's will.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Jasper

Pray for Canton High School Athletes & Coaches

Football Team

Antoine, Damerius, Tyquan, Rontravius, Zhalyne, Xavier, Jermarcus, Camerone, Titus, Javier, J'Quan, Aaron, Jaylen, Jvontae, Johntavius, Jeremy, Hendrevian, Damontavis, JaCabion, Tomicrin, Cornelius, Tyrone, Keeland, Pizarro, Calvin, Mon'Darrius, Azarius, Cameron, Jy'Wan, Jose, Dwight, Jaylan, Allan, Desean, Jairus, Denico, Tevin, Corey, Marquis, Jordan, Sherman, Quincy, Standarius, Temontre, Montavius, Jalen, Lamikal, Kendarius, Denico, Deverious, Jordarus, Alex, Stephon, Cornelius, Vergie, Kenjavian, Ethan, Thomas, Zharen, Kenjavion, Elijah, Jernelson, Semaj, Quinzavious, Tyrese, Lendaylan, Brendan, Jatterius, Jeremiah, Randon, Lazavion and Marquavious

Girls Basketball Team & Coaches

Iyania, Alyssa, Deshuntaena, Joyahnni, Jalacia, Jamaya, Kedrian, Maniya, Aaliyah, Da'Mya, Morgan, Ashala, Selena, Jordyn, Ta'Preikah, Ashante, Ty'Reka, Jamiya, James, LaDiamond, Jakayla, Quintoria, Melissa, Sandra and Melany

Boys Basketball Team & Coaches

Sebron, Montravius, Javian, Jaylen, Jamal, Damerius, Travian, Tumel, Cedricus, Tillian, Zykeese, Kelbricko, Demarquize, Rondarius, Brandon, Ashton, Brain, Antonio, Russell, Jacobian, TeMontre, Jacques, Jeremy and Kenna

9th Grade Boys Basketball

Azavier, Deorus, Lazamion, Semaj, Ryan, Travion, Jermarcus, Garrick, Quinzavious, Jalen and Corey

9th Grade Girl Basketball & Coach

Kayla, Ashanti, Ty'Reka, Brittney, LaDiamond, Rachel, Mackalyn, Tiana and Tylisha

Track Team

Jeremy, Xavier, Jeremiah, Jernelson, Kyros, Zharien, Jaylen, Ramonte, Labroski, Lacorey, Tyrone, Keeland, Tadrius, Cornelius, Jaylen, Javonte, Zahlyn, Blakeland, Rytravius, Decorey, Kenna, Jamal, Kebrico, Thomas, Jairus, Tomicrin, Azarius, Pizarro, Demarius, Brandon, Dayden, J'Quan, Titus and Marquize

Celebrating the Annual Business Luncheon



In His Steps is a Christ-centered ministry that is built around the obedience call of TRUSTING GOD, and WAITING EXPECTANTLY for what He wants to do next. At the 2017 Business Luncheon held on December 7, that obedience call was the theme shared before approximately 50 businessmen from various backgrounds, but all with a heart and calling for furthering God's Kingdom.



Mr. Jamie Fellowes, Chairman of the Board for The Fellowes Brand (Itasco, IL), and a long-time IHS supporter, was the keynote speaker for the Business Luncheon and shared his personal testimony of how IHS has impacted the lives of he and his wife Deby. Mr. Fellowes spoke of the longevity and the results that IHS has achieved, through God's guidance, and how it has effected transformational change in the students and families that it serves.

The invitation to invest in Kingdom work, highlighted by the personal stories shared from Mr. Fellowes, left all those in attendance knowing that there is a ministry in our own backyard that provides an opportunity to bless and to be blessed.

Jamie & Deby Fellowes, with Bacons, IHS students & Greg Johnston

Jeff Taylor, Chairman of Board, In His Steps Ministries

In His Steps Vision Dinner



The Vision Dinner was held on December 7, 2017 with approximately 230 in attendance. It was a great time of reflecting on God's faithfulness to In His Steps over the past year. The S.P.A.S.E. students opened with a skit that reminded us of how difficult it is growing up. It also reminded us of the continued importance of the work that is being done at In His Steps which is transforming the lives of our youth. Mr. Jamie Fellowes, guest speaker, said it best, "This ministry works with the kids so that they may have an abundant life in Christ while ministering to the whole person." Mr. Fellowes shared with the guests his love for the ministry because it represents a "hand-up" and not a "hand-out".



IHS students reciting scriptures & poems

The "Hand" of God has been seen in many physical ways at In His Steps since our beginning over 22 years ago. Each provision of God has been perfectly timed to prosper the "vision" of loving the young people of Canton and presenting the Gospel to them.

Rev. Jerry L. Clark, IHS Board Member

Even though, we live in a divisive society, God is bringing diverse groups of people together through In His Steps to carry out His will. I am extremely encouraged to see Christians working and serving together as the Body of Christ.

George Henderson, IHS Board Member

IHS PAVILION PAID OFF GOD DID IT!

← \$246,242 - REMAINING BALANCE
HAS BEEN GIVEN. PRAISE GOD!



2017 SPECIAL GIFTS

- *\$75,000 - December 2017
- *\$40,000 - December 2017
- * \$43,000 - December 2017 (PLEDGED GIFT)

THANKS TO ALL WHO GAVE!!!