Together, we can do more. That is certainly true this Christmas.

Our goal this year is **3,000** Christmas backpacks distributed to families in need in Appalachia and Virginia. Simply fill a new backpack with toys, clothing, candy, and personal items. Your backpacks will go towards the regional Appalachian distribution as well as equipping SBCV church planters working with unreached people groups here in Virginia. The backpacks will be collected at regional sites through **NOVEMBER 7** and then delivered to Annual Homecoming for distribution. See reverse for packing instructions.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT sbcv.org/backpacks
**CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS**  
For Appalachian Children & International Church Plants

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**HOW TO PACK A BACKPACK**

1. **FILL THE BACKPACK**
   - **TOYS** | At least one “Wow!” item. Small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, small music instruments, yo-yos, jump ropes, sidewalk chalk, Slinky®, Frisbee®, card games, etc. Remember to include extra batteries for electronic items.
   - **PERSONAL ITEMS** | Water bottle, lip balm, hairbrush, comb, ponytail holders, hair clips, watch, compact mirror, etc.
   - **CANDY OR SNACKS** | Pop-top items, hard candy, lollipops, mints, gum. Do not include chocolate and be sure to double bag all candy.
   - **CLOTHING** | Winter clothing is always a good idea. Consider buying a size larger. Hats, gloves, coats, scarves, etc.
   - **SPIRITUAL** | Bible and age-appropriate books for children and teenagers.

2. **IDENTIFY THE BACKPACK**
   - Tie two pieces of yarn to the backpack handle.
   - **IDENTIFY GENDER**
     - **GIRLS** | Pink
     - **BOYS** | Blue
   - **IDENTIFY AGE**
     - 4-7 | Yellow
     - 8-10 | Green
     - 11-15 | Red

3. **DROP OFF**
   - **PRIMARY COLLECTION SITE**
     - Annual Homecoming Libertylive.Church (Hampton)
     - November 11th
   - **REGIONAL COLLECTION SITES**
     - sbcv.org/backpacks
     - Drop off by November 7th

4. **PRAY**
   - The finishing touch of each backpack should be prayer. Ask God to do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine through this act of love. (Ephesians 3) Ask the Lord of the harvest to use this ministry to call children and families to Himself. (Matthew 9)
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