



***Mary Craig Ministries, Inc.***

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***"The Blessing of Barnabas"***

In 2003 Mary Craig Ministries launched the Barnabas Project with David Patten as Director to provide encouragement and hope to distressed communities and forgotten people groups in South Florida. Barnabas distributions are free; our only rule is that we return with an empty truck and no one is to be charged for what is distributed. The distributions demonstrate God's free grace and goodness to all.



June 7<sup>th</sup> we held a distribution at St. John AME Church in Pompano Beach, Florida. Hundreds of families have been blessed at these distributions, and this was no exception. The day held some challenges, but we saw God faithful once again to bless children and families.



Whenever we hold a distribution in a new community, a family is chosen to receive the Barnabas Box. In this case it was a Barnabas Basket.

What's inside this basket? Inside are that symbolize various important example, this basket included a Bible, a copy of the Constitution and the Independence to remind the family of freedoms living in the U.S.A.; a bottle symbolize the living waters of the Holy Spirit and the water of the Word; a loaf of bread because Jesus said that He is the Bread of Life; a bottle of oil to symbolize the anointing and presence of the Holy Spirit; a small stuffed animal as a reminder that God cares about all of His creation and that we are called to have dominion but not to dominate, exploit, harm, or use our position and powers to abuse the creation; a small stuffed animal with the flag of America as a reminder that God works in nations; a magnet "Salvation in a Sentence"; and a package of Christmas cards with Mary, Joseph, and Jesus as a reminder that God works in families and sent Jesus to bring a people back to Himself as Father.



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The whole distribution can take only a matter of hours, but the preparation takes months and the involvement of many people and organizations. Our sincere appreciation and thanks go out to those who gave, those who worked, and to those who received the blessing of God. From individuals to small business owners to vendors to estates to stores like Publix, it takes everyone doing what they can to make each distribution successful. Then it takes dropping off, sorting, stacking, and storing donations that come in all year long.

Finally, it takes getting the word out there, renting and loading a very large truck to transport items to a distribution location, setting things up, and helping people. Sometimes it takes "selling" items to folks, even though the items are all free!



Happy faces show the result.



In the Bible, Barnabas was an encourager. That's what we aspire to do: offer hope and a little lift up for so many families needing help today. For more on MCM's Barnabas Project go to [www.marycraig.org](http://www.marycraig.org) home page and click on "Barnabas Project."

We thank all of you who gave, prayed, worked, and encouraged so many people, so many families, once again. God bless you...and keep on giving!

For His Glory,

*Mary Craig*

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*Be not overcome of evil, but overcome [general] evil with [specific acts of] good.*

*Romans 12:21*

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