

Back to School Kick off!

As buses unloaded at the back to school event, workers and volunteers were astounded at the number of kids. The first bus carried 91 children! Word spread quickly that new shoes were being given away.

Rev. Bobby Smith and his team from First Baptist Church, as well as other volunteers from other area churches, ultimately fitted over 500 feet for new shoes with help from the organization of Samaritans Feet.

As the kids arrived and unloaded from their buses, they entered the gym to be greeted with warmth and love. They were sat down in a chair while at their feet knelt a local church body member that removed the old worn shoes that they came in with, washed their feet and then placed on them a new pair of socks and shoes. It was during the foot washing that each child would be told of how Jesus washed the disciples feet because he loved them and wanted to serve them, and that each of them were loved just as much.

Events like this continue to show these children that someone truly cares about them. For some, it might seem that they just received a new pair of shoes, but there is no doubt that seeds of love are being planted in their hearts.

In addition to a new pair of shoes and a fresh pair of socks, the children of Glory Gang were sent back to school with a new backpack full of school supplies, But it was really so much more than that! Many local churches came together to make this event a success. They donated school supplies and contributed financially to provide the shoes that came from Samaritan's Feet. As if that were not enough, these churches and different college ministries came and served the children in a way that these children could never forget.

The children felt loved and valued. Thank you to all who participated, sharing your time and resources. This ministry could not be possible without the support of the local community.