



**DEER PARK**  
— BAPTIST CHURCH —

**ACTS 1:8 TEAM  
IMPACT REPORT**

**2024**



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But you will receive  
power when the Holy  
Spirit has come upon  
you, and you will be My  
witnesses in Jerusalem  
and in all Judea and  
Samaria, and to the end  
of the earth.



**Acts 1:8**

# OVERVIEW

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2024 was a year to remember for Deer Park! Our church made an impact in our community and across the world through many different mission projects. We utilized a multi-pronged approach to combatting food insecurity in our community, supported teachers and students at our local school, sent a team to West Virginia, supported the work of missionaries in Romania, and sent hope to countless families around the world! Thank you, Deer Park Baptist Church for all that you're doing to bring the Good News to people all over the world!

**ANDREW BLALOCK**  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR



An aerial photograph of a residential neighborhood. In the upper right, a church building with a steeple and a parking lot are visible. A green location pin with a white cross is placed over the church. The rest of the image shows a dense residential area with houses, trees, and streets.

Deer Park Baptist Church



**JERUSALEM**





# DEER PARK FOOD PANTRY

## 2,008

INSTANCES OF  
INDIVIDUALS SERVED

## 909

INSTANCES OF  
FAMILIES SERVED

AC Corcoran  
Elementary School



# JUDEA

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# DEER PARK Bulldog Buddies



Deer Park supports teachers through the Teacher's Pet ministry, providing monthly snacks for teachers, and providing meals throughout the school year.



Deer Park supports student literacy by providing school supplies, reading with students in school, and through the annual Trunk, Treat, and Read.



Deer Park combats food insecurity at A.C. Corcoran Elementary by supplying food through Backpack Buddies and the Deer Park FoodShare.



# REAL MEN READ

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I had the opportunity to participate in the “Real Men Read” program at AC Corcoran Elementary last Spring. It was a joy interacting with the students and teachers by reading to the kids. I can see that the staff are grateful for our presence. My hope and prayer is that a positive perception of God’s church will be built through our participation in these events.

**GARRETT WAITS**

ACTS 1:8 TEAM



# BULLDOG BUDDIES

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## TEACHER'S PET

**31**

TEACHERS RECEIVE PRAYER  
AND CORRESPONDENCE  
MONTHLY

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## BACKPACK BUDDIES

**40**

CHILDREN RECEIVED FOOD  
EACH WEEKEND/BREAK

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## FOOD SHARE

**161**

OCCASIONS FAMILIES  
WERE ABLE TO SHOP FOR  
GROCERIES AT NO COST

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## ANGEL TREE

**29**

CHILDREN RECEIVED  
CHRISTMAS GIFTS

**20+**

FAMILIES RECEIVED  
HOLIDAY FOOD



## Stories of Hope and Impact

This year, through the efforts of our FoodShare ministry and community partnerships, we've been privileged to serve families in need, offering physical nourishment, spiritual encouragement, and compassionate support. While confidentiality prevents us from sharing all the details, the stories of lives touched by these ministries are deeply moving and worth celebrating.

## Helping in Times of Crisis

A school employee faced a devastating situation when he was robbed of all his money and forced to move without any resources. Through FoodShare, we've been able to provide him with food on multiple occasions. He knows we represent the church and has even shared conversations about our faith community—a reminder that these small acts of kindness open doors to meaningful relationships and spiritual connections.



## Supporting Single Moms and Families in Need

Many of the families who come to FoodShare are single mothers raising large families of 7-9 children. Their gratitude is overwhelming, as they express deep appreciation for the groceries that help ease their burdens. We also support families who are homeless, living in cars, hotels, or other temporary accommodations. By providing them with consistent access to food and other resources, we can offer hope in the face of difficult circumstances.

### A Story of Quiet Hunger

One particularly heartbreaking story involves a child who was caught taking food from another child's Backpack Buddy bag. Despite the evident need in the home, her family has declined assistance, leaving her with very limited access to food. To support her, a school staff member has been keeping fresh bread, peanut butter, and jelly on hand to ensure she can have an extra sandwich when needed. This small but impactful act highlights the quiet struggles many children face—and the vital role of prayer and outreach in such situations.

## Extending Our Reach

The need doesn't stop at monthly FoodShare events. Beyond the families who attend, we also provide for:

**Backpack Buddies:** In addition to sponsoring 25 children for Backpack Buddies, we stepped in to cover meals for 40 children in October due to a bag supply issue.

**School Breaks:** Extra snack bags were supplied to ensure 40 children had food during weekdays off and school breaks.

**Holiday Support:** Through the Angel Tree program, we provided groceries, including staples, for 29 children from the school during the holiday season.

## Spiritual Nourishment

At FoodShare, Bibles in English, Spanish, and Portuguese are always available, along with devotional materials and Sunday School literature. Families regularly take these resources home, and this year, 11 Spanish, 5 Portuguese, and 6-8 English Bibles were given out. One mother's excitement upon finding a Bible in her native language beautifully illustrates how these offerings meet not only physical but spiritual needs.

## Building Connections

One of the most encouraging aspects of this ministry is the growing sense of community among the families we serve. They come to shop, but more than that, they come to connect—becoming more relaxed and engaged as relationships deepen. School staff have even begun requesting prayer for specific situations, demonstrating the trust and partnership that is developing.

## Looking Ahead

As we reflect on this year's stories, we are reminded that our ministry extends beyond food. It's about walking alongside people in their struggles, sharing the love of Christ, and creating opportunities for prayer and connection. In the coming year, we will continue to focus on building these relationships, trusting that God will use every act of service to draw families closer to Him.





WEST  
VIRGINIA

VIRGINIA

Richmond

Roanoke

Greensboro

Durham

NORTH  
CAROLINA

Asheville

**SAMARIA**

Greenville

Wilmington

SOUTH  
CAROLINA

Myrtle Beach

Augusta

Charleston

GEORGIA

Savannah

# WEST VIRGINIA MISSION TRIP





# \$5,105

**GIVEN TO ANNIE  
ARMSTRONG  
NORTH AMERICAN  
MISSIONS OFFERING**

 **GenSend**





**To the END  
of the EARTH**





**1,607**

**SHOEBOXES PACKED**

**\$15,960**

**GIVEN**







**\$6,330**

**GIVEN TO LOTTIE MOON  
INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS  
OFFERING**



# ROMANIA

Deer Park Baptist Church has continued to support missionaries Mircea and Cornelia Dumitru in Romania as they transition to a new ministry role in Romania.