

GOD MOMENTS

ALTOONA DISTRICT MISSION CENTRAL HUB

We think God Moments...and we have had so many in the course of our outreach at the Altoona HUB.

An outstanding, yes, “**Outstanding**” *God Moment* occurred a couple of years ago, when visitors from Sierra Leone visited us at the HUB. During the course of conversation, our visitors mentioned that in one of the small villages there was a generator. The visitors told us they were beginning to set up a training facility to teach sewing of items to benefit the village’s families and for them to sell products on consignment. They expressed their need for sewing machines. Moment of *quiet* in my head...we have on hand at our HUB **five** sewing machines! Could these be shipped to Sierra Leone? Pastor Greg Johnson mentioned that a container with supplies was being prepared by Mission Central to be sent to Sierra Leone. Of course, without hesitation, we offered three of the sewing machines. We spread the word in our District and received two more machines. They were serviced, and along with additional thread, needles, and oil for the machines, the sewing machines were packed and taken to Mission Central for shipment.

Recently, a husband and wife brought to the HUB a sewing machine in good working order. My first thought another one for Sierra Leone! Then in the second *God Moment* of the day, the couple mentioned they had another sewing machine at home, a portable one that had just been serviced. WOW!!! One of our HUB communicators, volunteering at the HUB, mentioned that a young woman was waiting for a sewing machine and of her willingness to sew school bags. Both needs were met that day by the generosity of this couple. God working again through his people to meet needs!

God opening doors.....is what we believe! When we see it over and over again, it is a reminder of God working in and through us. *Awesome* and *Amazing*, isn’t He?

During our almost eight years of service, God has opened doors to 45-50 different mission outreach programs, social services agencies, after school programs, and a variety of groups in our area. The Altoona HUB has been able to share non-standard items with these organizations...some once, twice, and some on a

somewhat regular basis. When a volunteer mentions a need and if something is available, it is given. Praise God!

We must not forget our faithful volunteers. Many come to help, both individuals and small groups (not counting large groups from Penn State and Saint Francis Universities). All are open to helping and learning where and how Mission Central is reaching people near and far. Some have returned, not as part of a student group; but to volunteer individually, and they are always welcome. The Skills group volunteers visit the HUB regularly and from this group of volunteer, we learn there is work for all of God's children.

God is good! All the time!

Blessing,
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