

## Fellowship Riders of the Hill Country - 2019 Angel Tree Delivery Report

90 Children, 35 families, 19 cities and over 1000 miles driven.

Have you ever questioned God? Have you ever asked, “Why”? Usually this is because something did not go as we had planned, right? Is this not a lack of faith that every Christian faces from time to time? This is our lesson for our Angel Tree delivery for 2019.

You see, the last several years we have been delivering to 35-50 children in the Texas Hill Country and have been blessed with monetary donations over and above the gifts being purchased. The extra money we use for other needs the families may have and children we were not aware of. So this year we were blessed with over 80 children.

As we began taking the Angels to the churches and of course expecting the same donations we had experienced in the previous years. When the dust settled and we evaluated our donations, initially we only received about half as much as expected. That is when we began questioning God. “Did we do something wrong?” we asked. How are we to take care of the families with so little? Does this sound familiar? Sound somewhat like a Bible story about loaves of bread and fish in baskets?

In **John 6:1-14** the Bible talks about “Feeding the Multitude”, where the disciples questioned how were they to feed the masses with so little? Then Jesus took the baskets and raised them to the Heavens and blessed them. The miracle that day was that they were able to feed 5000 people with only 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish.



So after much debate we had to face the conclusion that God had a plan, that every time we stuck our hands in our pockets that what we needed would be there. We prayed and thanked God for the blessing we had and began our delivery season. During our travels we had two different instances where after people found out what we were doing, asked if they could donate to our cause. If you ever question what you are doing is right with God, he will show you in all of his glory provide in miraculous ways.





As for our Angel Tree deliveries, we traveled over 1000 miles delivering to 35 families and 19 cities to over 90 children...keep in mind that we only asked for 75. We have lot's of great stories and testimonies about the lives we touched and how the experience once again touched each one of us. For instance we had one young boy of 8 years old that out of all the things he could have asked for, he only wanted a letter from his Dad. I love each and everyone one of these stories and that is why we continue to do Angel Tree.

After we delivered our gifts on the 4th day and had driven our 1000 miles we stopped to have our end of the season prayer with the entire delivery team. I just happened to reach in to my pocket, and sure enough we still had 6 gift cards left. We had asked for God to bless our basket and sure enough, he gave us all we needed, because we still had two children to deliver to and he made sure we had enough for them too.

Year after year I always consult with our team of volunteers about what we are doing and what they think. This years question, "Was asking for 75 kids getting 90 too much?" Without much thought at all, everyone answered, "Not at all."

I know without a doubt that I could never achieve this without a great group of volunteers and of course God guiding our way. Each of us look forward to this event each year. One gentleman always ends the conversation with, "Don't ever ever stop doing this."



The gift of Angel Tree is not the ones that we deliver, even though the families really need and appreciate it. The true gift is the one that every volunteer that participates takes away. Angel Tree is a true blessing.

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