



Dear Pastors, Staff, and every Church Family:

Each year Tattnall-Evans Baptist Association seeks to gather and provide filled Backpacks for the children and youth of Appalachia. The initial source of this effort is the North American Mission Board. The official title for Georgia Baptist is “**Backpacks of Hope.**” For the year 2017, our association has the goal of 500 filled backpacks, to be taken to Ducktown, Tennessee, to be delivered in person to the Copper Basin Baptist Association. For the past six years, Tattnall-Evans Baptist Association has conducted mission efforts in Ducktown.

We are encouraging each church, regardless of its size or total membership, to set a reachable goal and then carry out all efforts and reach their goal. The date for completion of that goal is Sunday, October 29, 2017. The backpacks will then need to be delivered to the Tattnall-Evans Baptist Association Office by November 1, 2017.

My name is Julian Larsen, and I am Chairman of the TEBA effort to gather the 500 backpacks. If each of our congregations exerts dedicated and concerted efforts within themselves and every other church, **we will glorify God with the results. It is time for Christians and Southern Baptists to exert maximum positive impact for God’s kingdom, the opportunity for God to manifest Himself, and therefore, to meet the needs of the children and youth of Appalachia. It is time for each one of us to be salt and light and let God reveal Himself, not only to Appalachia, but to ourselves, also.**

As a Christian, retired teacher, minister, and well-traveled, short-term missionary, I am available 24-7 to help, encourage and pray **until we celebrate God’s victory and Glory.** My cell phone is 912-237-3257. I am available to come and speak to any group, any day, any time as you endeavor to exert God’s impact on youthful lives and our lives, too. Please call me and relate to me that you have received this letter and are taking action. Enclosed are instructions and lists of items to be included in the backpacks.

To God Be The Glory,

Julian Larsen
Tattnall-Evans Baptist Association

Enclosure