

## Mary Craig Ministries, Inc.

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### The Barnabas Project Distribution in Immokalee

Every huge Barnabas distribution is a God story from beginning to end. This one began with one pastor referring us to another until we were set up for the Allen Chapel AME Church under Rev. Lori Snell in Immokalee, Florida. Immokalee is big farm country in the middle of Florida below Lake Okeechobee and with the Everglades all around on the 2 ½ hour drive from Pompano Beach, Florida.

These distributions come together because of numerous people and churches uniting to make it happen. Some, like Publix and large donors, provide the goods. Some provide the means (because we rent a large truck to carry all the clothing, toys, school supplies, household items, small furniture, etc.). Some provide the labor: praying through the logistics, picking up and delivering items to the storage area, sorting items, stacking boxes, volunteering to work at the distribution point, preparing flyers, getting the word out, loading the truck, unloading the truck, and on and on. Some fed our Barnabas team. Everyone pitched in. All were blessed.



(Picture provided by Allen Chapel AME Church)

Dr. Mary, Rev. Lori Snell, Rev. Terry Mallory, Rev. Jim Craig

The community event in Immokalee came together as our ministry joined with the AME Church and First Missionary Baptist Church under Rev. Terry Mallory. Their volunteers joined ours along with helpers from Lilly Bass Church of God in Christ. Before people came in, we gathered to pray and tell the purpose and mission of The Barnabas Project, a ministry MCM began in 2003 to give tangible encouragement, hope, and a “little lift” to targeted communities in South Florida. It’s free and everyone is blessed.

Just look at the 45 people who helped set up!



(Picture provided by Allen Chapel AME Church, Immokalee)

People began lining up an hour before the event. They came into the area by tens. An amazing number of people and families were blessed. Here's some:





(Picture provided by Allen Chapel AME Church)

Tyara James came to be healed. She received more than that. She gave her life to Jesus Christ at 12:20 p.m. after hearing the good news of salvation, eternal life, in Him.



Some of the many children.



Rev. Jim Craig leading worship.



David Patten, Barnabas Director



Dr. Mary presenting the gospel to Cindy, recipient of "The Barnabas Box." Cindy received Christ and was born again at 2:10 p.m.

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Noelia (below) heard Dr. Mary giving the gospel to Cindy and also wanted to receive Christ. She gave her life to Jesus at 2:20 p.m.



We never know the far-reaching effects of the Barnabas Project in the lives of those who give and those who receive. What we do know is that all of our stories are “God stories.” It is to Him that we give all honor and praise, thanksgiving and glory.

To you we give you thanks for however you participated to make this another successful happening. We do not limit what each person can take. Like the Gospel, what we give is free. These distributions are a demonstration of God’s free grace and that the fact that God is good to all in some ways, and good to some in all ways. We have found that one cannot out give God. He is faithful; and He has done it...again.

**For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world;**

**But that the world through Him might be saved.**

**John 3:17**