

Box Project Member Testimonial

I thought you might be interested in this article about the impact of The Box Project. It appeared in the newsletter for the First United Methodist Church of Wallingford, Connecticut. My mother is the Eleanor S. mentioned. I grew up with the "Mississippi Box Project" as it was then known and helped my mother and the other ladies at times. Here goes...

"Mary S. died June 22, 2001. Not many people in the church knew of Mary, but she was the mother of the Mississippi family that the Susanna Circle has helped for over 30 years -- since 1968.

Eleanor S. brought the Box Project to the attention of the group and everyone agreed that this would be something that would be a worthwhile project.

The Box Project helps poor families by matching them to families or groups that were willing to aid them by mailing boxes of clothes, etc. For years, clothes were collected, sorted at Eleanor's house and mailed. Gifts for the whole family were sent every Christmas.

Mary and Robert S. worked on a small farm and they had a large family--12 children. During one of the Susanna's meetings, a baby shower was given for Mary and all the gifts were mailed to her.

Eleanor and Walt, her husband, visited the family once years ago and they found them to be a hard working, deeply religious family. Mary's one wish was that all her children could finish high school--and they all did except for one daughter who has serious health problems. The years hadn't been easy for Mary. Robert died several years ago, one son had a kidney removed due to cancer and two of her daughters have died from breast cancer.

The last few years, the group has just sent money at Christmas and that was done this year, too. A letter from Mary's daughter, Patsy, informed us that Mary had died. She spoke of how much her mother and the whole family appreciated the care over the years. She returned the check and the money was given to the Love Fund in honor of Mary

The Susanna Circle is a small group, but they have been able to have a mission project that made life a little better for one family. Isn't that what it is all about?"

Shows you the far-reaching influence that the Box Project can have!

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