



Newsletter July 2025

Dear Messengers:

We love keeping you informed with the news and progress of the ministry of Banner Bears! It is because of you and the grace of God that we are able to continue our mission and move forward.

Banner Bears is thrilled and excited to announce that we have added an additional person to our board! Pam Wood of Red Oak NC has joined our ministry as needs are continually growing in the communities we serve. God has given each of us on the board different gifts and it has been amazing to witness how God has put those gifts to His use for this ministry.

As announced in our January newsletter, we have expanded once again and this past spring we began giving senior bags to patients in nursing homes. These bags have been very well received. The residents and the staff are always appreciative of Banner Bears reaching out to them and it is such a blessing for us to be able to hand each resident a bag in Jesus' love to let them know they are not overlooked and forgotten. In return, we are so blessed with the smiles the recipients give us.



Between delivering bags to seniors and the continual delivery of bags to children and teens, all of this has kept Banner Bears very busy this spring. Our deliveries grow each year due to the endless need around us, but we are so grateful that we can make a difference in the hearts and to the communities around us.

We value every one of you who has been supportive of this ministry. We call each of you a Messenger. In Luke 9:12, it says that Jesus would send messengers to a village ahead of Him to prepare their hearts for His speaking. You and I are the messengers as we plant seeds of His love, not just with our actions, but also through His gospel message that is included in each bag. We trust God to grow the seeds we have planted. As a Messenger, whether you give financially, pray for this ministry, or contribute to the crayon drives, it all goes to prepare the recipients' hearts for Jesus.

God has been so faithful to Banner Bears! He gives compassionate hearts - from those who have responded to our presentations at churches and civic organizations, contributed to this ministry at the festivals we participate in, as well as our families and friends who support us. We can only deliver as the funds are available and we always strive our best to be faithful stewards in order for Him to be glorified.

Again, *thank you* for your part in this ministry! We cannot do this without YOU!