



July-August 2016

Dear GC Friends:

On this brisk, windy, but sunny September 1st morning, I am thinking about children. As they start a new school year, believe it or not, I am planning GC's Christmas gift bags! My mind pictures the homeless children who will receive a GC Christmas stocking in December.

As good as this is, I can't help but also picture all the children around the world who are trapped in unholy, unspeakable situations, who have a bare existence without sufficient food or medical care, whose tender minds and hearts live in terror, who are growing up without a home, community, education, or spiritual hope. This picture breaks my heart, and yours. It also breaks the heart of God. Can you see the familiar picture of Jesus extending His arms to call the children to come to Him? We rejoice at the many faith-based groups that bring them physical and spiritual help!

Even in our own communities there are children whose parents are happy they are returning to school so they can have enough to eat every day!

Some say the solution to poverty and the "population explosion" is family planning, even if by means of abortion. But what are the implications of this for Christians and the Church? In one of his numerous psalms, Israel's King David meditated on the vastness of God and His creation of the individual:

*O Lord, you have searched me
and you know me. . . .
For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you because I am fearfully and
wonderfully made;
My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place.
When I was woven together in the
depths of the earth,
your eyes saw my unformed body.
All the days ordained for me were written in your
book before one of them came to be.*

Psalm 139:1, 13-15, NIV



The implication for the Church, the Body of Christ, is that it has a job to do. We must minister to the numerous children who need spiritual life, faithfully teaching them to come to the loving, saving arms of Jesus for this life and for life eternal. And we must provide every kind of assistance, even at cost to our own comfort!

Another implication is that we must help a woman realize that the life of her preborn child has been created by God for a purpose—a purpose for her as well as the child. And we must assist the mother and family throughout the pregnancy and the child's growth and development.

Grandma's Comfort has been privileged recently to provide handcrafted "mom's bags" to our local pregnancy center. Each bag is filled with lotion or powder, comfortable slippers, a devotional, and even mints. New moms need some tender comfort. And who better to provide that comfort than grandmas! (The director wrote: *Our moms have loved the bags! It's so special because we don't ever have anything just for them!*)

They do provide a lot for the newborns up to age 2!

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

Diane and Tom Zimmerman

Needs for the Fall

- *Coloring books, sketch pads—adult and children*
 - *Colored pencil sets*
 - *Small balls, cars, dolls*
 - *Puzzles and puzzle books—adult and children*
 - *Story books—all ages*
 - *Bookmarks—purchased or handcrafted*
 - *Perfect craft project for children!*
 - *Jewelry—ladies, girls, boys—purchased or handcrafted*
 - *Cosmetic pouches—purchased or handcrafted*
 - *Washcloths—purchased or handcrafted*
 - **Financial support:**
 - *Send a check to address below or use PayPal via our website at www.grandmascomfort.org.*
 - *When ordering online, use Smile Amazon and select GC as your charity; we receive .5% cash!*
- P.S. Hats, scarves, mittens/gloves—handcrafted or purchased—needed as soon as possible. Already wrapping for October, November, and December!!***