

Changing Lives in Appalachia

Dear CBF Georgia Friends,

Each year, CBF Georgia's State Mission Offering gives our Fellowship an opportunity to join our resources together in support of mission and ministry. Through August 31, 2027, our offering will support CBF Field Personnel Scarlette Jasper and Olive Branch Ministries, bringing hope and practical help to individuals and families throughout Appalachia.

The scripture guiding this year's offering comes from 1 John 3:18: "Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action." Scarlette's ministry is a tangible expression of this call, putting love into action through both practical assistance and a steady presence with individuals and families in some of life's hardest moments.

Based in Corbin, Kentucky, Scarlette has served as CBF Field Personnel and a Rural Poverty Advocate since 2014. Through Olive Branch Ministries, she responds to both immediate needs and the complex realities of rural poverty. The ministry provides emergency food and shelter, utility assistance, transportation to medical care, and other resources for individuals and families facing crisis.

Partnerships with schools provide shoes, school supplies, clothing, hygiene items, and Christmas Boxes. In 2025, Olive Branch Ministries delivered 4,700 Christmas Boxes across Appalachia, 4,700 reminders to children that they are seen, valued, and loved. When floods and tornadoes devastate communities, Scarlette and her partners are there with supplies, assistance, counseling, and continued presence.

Our State Mission Offering goal is $15,000. I invite your congregation to join us in reaching that goal and to put love into action through our shared prayers, resources, and presence.

This is one of the gifts of being a Fellowship. What one congregation offers joins with the gifts of another, allowing us to participate in ministry beyond what any one of us could accomplish alone.

Together, CBF Georgia churches can help make that ministry possible.

Grace and peace,

Ruth Perkins Lee
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