



# Monthly Newsletter January 2016

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### Toy Drive

Fire Rescue Support had the privilege of working alongside of Marion County Fire Rescue with this year's Holiday Toy Drive. Firefighters delivered approximately \$25,000 worth of toys to 15 Marion County public schools sponsoring more than 80 families and providing Christmas gifts for 337 children.



### Fire Rescue Cares

It was two days before Christmas. A single mom stood outside her home watching flames shoot skyward. Not only was her family's home destroyed, so were the Christmas presents she had lovingly placed under the tree. Fortunately, no one was home at the time, so no one was injured.

As our crews battled the blaze, I spoke with her to try to offer some comfort in the midst of this loss. Our conversation turned to questions about how she would be able to have Christmas with her children.

I'm pleased to say that Fire Rescue Support was able to provide her with \$600 in Walmart gift cards. Although not a large amount, this would allow her to take care of what her family needed right away and provided the resources to purchase the Christmas gifts that were lost.

By being on scene, Fire Rescue Support is able to provide immediate assistance to fire victims. This assistance not only provides for physical needs, but gives people a sense of hope about their future.

Through our Fire Rescue Cares initiative, Fire Rescue Support has given \$17,920 to 102 adults and 72 children from 53 families since March 2012. Your financial support allows us to continue to care for those who are in great need.





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## The Speed of Life

A new year is upon us. Can you believe it? They say, "Time flies when you're having fun." It seems regardless of your frame of mind, the days, weeks, months and years go by with ever-increasing speed. 2016 will bring about my 54<sup>th</sup> year of life, 36<sup>th</sup> year as a Christ-follower, 31<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary, 27<sup>th</sup> birthday of our oldest child and 17<sup>th</sup> birthday of our youngest.

At this pace, where does our relationship with God fit in?

If we look back into the Old Testament, we find that God established a relationship with His people that would draw them close to Him on a regular, even daily basis. As Israel wandered in the desert after leaving Egypt, they were dependent on God for their basic needs of food and water. In providing for His people, God chose to give them only what they needed one day at a time. This created a situation where the people found themselves depending on God every day.

But wouldn't it be nice if God took into consideration our fast-paced world and met our needs in a more efficient manner? I mean daily bread? Why not weekly, monthly or quarterly? Daily seems a bit much. I don't even go to Wal-Mart that often.

It is only through daily investing in our relationship with God that we can continue to develop in our understanding of His ways. It is only by spending time in His Word every day that we can grow in knowing how to live. And it is only by entering into His presence day by day that we can learn to hear His voice.

I pray that 2016 is a year that will be marked by the time you spend with God. I pray that you would commit yourself anew to enjoying a personal, on-going, daily relationship with Him. And I pray that you would come to depend on Him every day.





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Thanks for your interest in and partnership with Fire Rescue Support. Because of you, we have the opportunity to support fire rescue personnel before, during and after the call. Visit [www.firerescuesupport.com](http://www.firerescuesupport.com) for more information or to donate. You can also find us on Facebook. And please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance personally or professionally. You can reach me at 352-425-1643 or [joe@firerescuesupport.com](mailto:joe@firerescuesupport.com).

