

More Small Talk

Helping children of prisoners

This year, Moses Lake Alliance Church has chosen to be part of Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree program. Angel Tree is a ministry that reaches out to the children of inmates and their families with the love of Christ.

Prison Fellowship, founded by Chuck Colson, reaches out to prisoners, ex-prisoners and their families both as an act of service to Jesus Christ and as a contribution to restoring peace to our cities and communities endangered by crime. With the help of local churches, Angel Tree provides gifts to the children of prisoners in the hope of transforming the lives of these families and recon-



ciling them to their Heavenly Father and each other.

Through the program, Moses Lake Alliance Church is reaching out to the children of prisoners of Grant County Jail by provid-

ing them Christmas gifts on behalf of their incarcerated parent. Each gift comes with a personal message from mom or dad. Gift deliveries provide the organization the opportunity to share the love and hope of Christ.

Families interested in purchasing toys or clothing can pick up a tag at the Angel Tree table in the foyer. The tag will include a list of specific items for one of the children.

Briefs

Child dedications planned this month

Child dedications are planned during the worship services on Sunday, Dec. 20. Parents interested in dedicating their child are invited to attend a parent meeting in room 100 at 9:30 on Sunday, Dec. 13.

To sign up to attend or to receive more information, contact Pam Swedburg at 765-6656.

Children raise funds for kids in China

Kids Ministry participants have spent the last few months raising money to donate to Hidden Treasures, a foster home in China.

The foster home is located just outside of Fuzhou, China and houses about 30 special needs children, some of which need operations.

In the last three months Kids Ministry has brought in \$158.49. A check will be sent to the foster home in December and starting in January children will continue to donate money to send another offering in April.

To find out more about Hidden Treasures visit www.loavesandfishesintl.com.

Check It Out

(This month, Check It Out features items in the Church Library that may be of interest to your family this holiday season.)

✓ **VeggieTales Saint Nicholas: A Story of Joyful Giving** – Join the VeggieTale characters as they discover the true joy of giving to others at Christmas and throughout the year. The movie also features a recording performed by Matthew West and Amy Grant called "Give This Christmas Away."

✓ **Creating Christmas Memories** – This book by Cheri Fuller is filled with ideas which include family traditions, crafts, decorations, recipes and more. Library code: 394.2 FUL.

✓ **The Greatest Christmas Ever** – This small book is a collection of inspiring quotes, carols, poems, stories, and more that would be perfect to share as a family each evening in December. Library code: 394.268 GRE.

✓ **Christ in Christmas: A Family Advent Celebration** – Some big names in family ministry collaborated to write this day-by-day Advent devotional which includes songs, stories and Bible readings to help your family celebrate the coming of the Christ child. Library code: 232.6 DOB.