

## *Bridging People With People*



## *Bridging People To God*

Dear Missouri District Partners,

The Lord has been so faithful in providing Bridge of Hope with a new building in the same neighborhood where we have been ministering for the past year. We have been able to maintain relationships with many people, as well as build new ones! God is blessing Bridge of Hope, and the Missouri District is one of the avenues he has been using. We are very excited about 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Bridge of Hope Backpack Blessing, and hope that you will help us invest in the education of children.

As before, we will be providing needy children in the neighborhood with a quality backpack filled with all the school supplies they will need to get a great start in school. Last year, we totally surpassed our goal and distributed 325 backpacks. This year, our goal is 500! So, we need your help more than ever. As we will be distributing the backpacks directly to children's homes, we will need many to come and help us in this task.

In Romans 10:14-15 says:

***How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"***

It is our prayer that your beautiful feet would bring the good news of Jesus Christ through a backpack filled with school supplies. This is a simple, but loving act of practical compassion that everyone can be a part of.

Would you consider providing a backpack for a needy child? Would your church build a bridge with Bridge of Hope and provide many backpacks? This is how it works:

1. Pick a number of backpacks your church can commit to filling.
2. Call and let us know A.S.A.P. how many you plan to fill.
3. Gather one set of the items on the list below for **each** pack you have committed to.
4. Enclose a check made out to Bridge of Hope, in the amount of **\$3.50 for each backpack**.  
(We will be purchasing these wholesale as it is much more cost efficient and ensures all students get the same quality bag!)

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# Bridge of Hope

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Backpack Blessing

### List of School Supplies for Each Pack

- 2 Packages Loose-Leaf Paper (wide rule)
- 4 Spiral Notebooks (wide rule)
- 4 Folders with pockets (Plain colors preferred)
- No. 2 Pencils (pack of 6)
- Eraser
- A pencil case
- 2 Glue sticks
- Crayola Crayons (please note that we are requesting only "Crayola" brand Crayons)

Supplies should arrive at Bridge of Hope around August 1st. Please call if you need us to pick them up. Also, if you would like to come and help us "pack-up" and / or "deliver" backpacks, please let us know. Dates and times for packing and delivering can be set up to suit your needs.

Thank you for considering us as an extension of your ministry. We look forward to hearing from you very soon. May God richly bless you as you serve the Lord and His people.

Please call Pastor Shawen Farley at 314-223-5425 with any questions and to let us know how many backpacks you would like to fill!

P.S. Pictures from last year's Backpack Blessing and BBQ can be seen on our website. Just go to: [www.stlbridgeofhope.org](http://www.stlbridgeofhope.org), and scroll down through the posts on the right hand side. There are 3 posts with pictures that relate to the event. Here are the direct links to those posts:

- <http://www.stlbridgeofhope.org/2008/08/12/backpack-giveaway-event/>
- <http://www.stlbridgeofhope.org/2008/08/06/our-bags-are-packed/>
- <http://www.stlbridgeofhope.org/2008/07/28/backpack-giveaway-update/>

P.P.S. Updates for this year's event will also be posted on our website so you can keep up to date with Bridge of Hope!



In Him,

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