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Christmas...A Time for Giving Back

Earlier this year, my Son felt led to begin a ministry in memory of his daughter Mylee Grace, who passed in August 2007 at the early age of 6-weeks. The ministry, given the name "Mylee's Missions", was created with the sole purpose of "Touching Children's Lives for Christ". With the help of many of you, this ministry has already reached out to touch needs of our local children, but on Saturday December 11; Mylee's Missions made the largest impact to date. With the help of over 85-volunteers & financial support of over 75-businesses, Churches, & families, Mylee's Missions held its first annual Christmas Event for children & their families of our area; at the former Portsmouth High School Gymnasium. This event, open to the needy children & their parents or guardians of our area, was an opportunity to share the true meaning of Christmas with 805-infants, children, & parents. These special guests were treated to cookies & drinks, a live nativity scene, & were presented the gospel of Jesus Christ. There were 84-children & adults who accepted Christ into their hearts that evening. As the children & parents entered the gym, they were greeted with a beautiful display of Christmas trees & decorations; & children & adult Choirs singing Christmas carols from the upper bleachers. The gym was transformed into a beautiful Christmas wonderland. The children stopped at the first station where they sat on a rug in a living room setting & enjoyed the Christmas story of Jesus' birth, read by a volunteer dressed as a Grandmother; sitting in a rocking chair. From there, the children went to the next stop where they received a New Testament Bible handed out by the Gideons. The next stop was craft tables, where each child made a nativity scene ornament to hang on their Christmas tree. From there, the children proceeded to a 12 foot Christmas tree with gifts placed beneath the tree for each of them.

The children sat around the Christmas tree as they opened their gifts. They went on from there to receive a goody bag filled with treats. Parents of these children entered the gym through another door. Those that had infant babies were given bags of infant care items (baby blankets, diapers, lotions, shampoo, pacifiers, baby formula, etc.). Parents were also given a bag of groceries, enough for a family meal, with a gift certificate for a turkey. Mylee's Missions sweatshirts & a tree ornament with the children's names were given to the parents for all of the children. As the children & their parents met up with each other, a station was set-up for family pictures to be taken. From there, they proceeded to the exit where they received a family Bible and candy cane. Food that was left over after the event was donated to the Homeless Shelter. This event was a way to make this Christmas special to so many that do not get to experience what you and I have been blessed with.

Do you want this Christmas to be different for you and your family? Do you want to share the Christmas Spirit with others this year? Do you want your children & grandchildren to experience sharing Christmas joy with others this year? It's really not hard to do. Many or you may already be doing this. Just look around & you will see the needs in our area. There are so many that have so little, & children looking at another Christmas season to come & go; leaving them with empty hands & an empty stomach. There are many programs in our area that work hard to provide a Christmas for the less fortunate in our area, which can always use your help. We all know a family or children who have so little. Maybe you can make it a family event & provide gifts & food for those who need help? Maybe your family can get involved with a Church or group that provide for these needs. Whatever you do, challenge your family to reach out this Christmas and make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate. I guarantee you will be blessed for your efforts. And there is no better way to begin a new year than by reaching out to others.

“Let us go forth to lead the land we love, asking His blessings and His help, but knowing that here on earth God's work must truly be our own.” John Fitzgerald Kennedy

*From All of us at West End Electric Co., Inc.,
We want to wish you & your family a Merry Christmas,
and a Happy & Prosperous New Year!*

December and January Birthdays:

*December: Will Collier, Don Yuenger, Jeff Swords, Kenny Stewart, &
Dustin Pendleton*

January: Mike Lee, John DeLaCruz, & Bill Holland

It's Winter, So Don't Be Stupid...

This is a true story about a man named John Porter, from New York State, USA, whose pipes froze when they lost their heating system; one Winter day. Anxious to unfreeze his pipes, Mr. Porter backed his car up to an open window so that the exhaust would warm up his house. A little while later Mr. Porter, his Wife and three children had to be rushed to the hospital, suffering from carbon monoxide poisoning. Here's your sign!

Another true story: George Gibbs of Columbus, Ohio, suffered second-degree burns on his face and head. This is what happened one freezing cold Winter morning. Unable to start his car, George diagnosed the problem as a frozen fuel line which he thought he could correct by running warm gas through it. So, he took a two gallon can of gas to his kitchen stove to heat up the gas.... Here's your sign!

Clay PK-12 School Rising

Most of the block walls have topped out on the new Clay PK-12 School building, and workers are preparing to set roof steel and decking. Nearly all of the underground conduits have been installed, and wire is pulled in most of it by now. All of the switchgear has been set, and feeders pulled in. Mike is working to get permanent power turned on very soon. There still needs to be some "drying in" before this can happen. Crews are working to get the building closed in and temporary heat on before Winter, but the weather has slowed this process down for now. The best we can do right now is tell everyone there is heat in the tools. Led by Mike Snipes, the following workers are hard at it on this project: Ed Sommer, Justin Singer, John Messer, Steve Marth, Ryan Evans, Jeff Swords, Mike Cantrell, John DeLaCruz, Paul Caplinger, Will Collier, and Nick Kingrey. This project is expected to be completed before school begins in August 2011. There have been no serious injuries reported by our Electricians. Great news!

"Why are you so late?"; growled the boss.

"Well, boss...the alarm clock woke up everybody but me this morning."

"Whaddya mean by that?"

"There are seven people in our family and the alarm was set for six."

Washington-Nile Middle School Under Roof

Most of the block and brick work is done, and most of the building is under roof, closed up, and with temporary heat. Some painting has already started in parts of the building. Switchgear has been installed, and Bill Mershon's crew have been pulling in branch circuit wiring for weeks now. Feeders started going in this week. This has been a good site to build on, and things have been progressing along well for the most part. Led by Bill Mershon, the following Electricians are working on this project: Dan Maple, JB Cronin, Rod Hensley, Dave Huff, Bill Holland, Will Mershon, Tucker Smalley, Tim Jenkins, and Sarah Justice. Washington-Nile School District is planning on occupying this new Middle School Facility when the 2011 School year begins in August 2011. No serious injuries reported to date, and that's a real good thing.

ODNR Watercraft Office Ready To Occupy

If you drive by the new ODNr Watercraft Office & Maintenance Facility, you would think it is all finished. Actually, it is very close. Just a few minor items and a punchlist. ODNr plans on moving in next Month. Danny Beekman, Ian Egbert, Jason Russell, and sometimes Kenny Stewart have been hitting it hard to get ready to turn over. As of this date, we just have a few items left to finish. Provisions have been made for the installation of an Emergency Power Generator and ATS on this project. We're not sure if we will be the one installing the Generator Set, but we'd love to help them out with it. This project has a bitter-sweet taste for West End Electric. The ODNr Watercraft Office has been occupying the first floor offices of our building for 20 years now. We will be losing some very good neighbors, but we also got to do the Electrical on their new building. As I've said before, it has been a pleasure working with the fine folks of ODNr. There have been no serious injuries reported on this project.

Nile Township Fire Station Is Almost Done

The new Nile Township Fire Station is almost completed. Permanent power was established about a month ago, and most of the lighting and devices have been installed. Kenny Stewart, Daryl Wolfe, and Jason Russell have been working to wrap this project up for a very anxious group of Volunteer Firefighters and Trustees who are wanting in their new facility. No injuries have been reported on this project, and we are thankful for that!

Bernard Manning said that the three phrases that best sum up the Christmas season are: "Peace On Earth", "Good Will To Men", and "Batteries Not Included"

Norfolk & Southern Crew Facility Finishes Up

Dwane Johnson and Jason Russell completed the Electrical on the new Crew Facility for the N & S Railroad. This has been a great fill-in project for Dwane, and also an opportunity to work with the good folks at Portco, Inc. No injuries reported on this project, and that's right on track!

SSU's New Multi-Purpose Sports Field Completed

The 60' steel light poles and security lighting has been installed around the new Multi-Purpose Sports Field, and this project is finished. What a beautiful addition to SSU's Campus. Another area of opportunity for students to spend their free time, as well as the Soccer Team to hold their games. I understand there has already been several glow in the dark Frisbee games played after dark, on the new field. We always appreciate the opportunity to work with our friends at SSU. Our crews that finished this project include: Kenny Stewart, Dustin Pendleton, Miles Ferguson, Jason Russell, Daryl Wolfe, and Danny Beekman. No injuries were reported on this project.

Anyone who believes that men are equal to women has never seen a man trying to wrap a Christmas present!

Portsmouth WWTP Work (Odor) Continues

The electrical installation has been completed to the Trickling Filters, Belt Press, and small Pump Building. Andy Eldridge and Justin Diller just began installing conduit to the new UV System. This project is scheduled for completion next month. As bad as it smells, it's always good to get to work for the City that collects your taxes; and keep the money right here at home. There have been no injuries reported to date, on this project.

SOMC Installing Sewage Grinders

Work was stopped on this project several months ago, but is scheduled to start back up again after January 1, 2011. This project consists of grinder motors being installed at the two sewer lines exiting the SOMC Campus, to assure no large "objects" flow through the lines and cause blockage to the City's sewer system. Grinders need electricity to operate, and that's where we come in. We are installing power to these two new sewage grinder stations. As of this date, Miles Lee Ferguson and Dustin Pendleton have completed some conduit and wire installation, and should be back at it in a week or so.

Doctors tell us there are over seven million people who are overweight. These, of course, are only round figures.

ACP FUTURE BEGINS NEXT YEAR

The latest news is that USEC has met the requirements and are on target for receiving the 2-billion dollar loan guarantee for the new ACP Project. Many people and businesses in our area are counting on this to happen, and we are no exception to this. There are a number of contracts we started or were ready to start with Fluor and USEC, that should start back up as soon as this guarantee has been granted to USEC. The latest dates we are hearing is early April for USEC to get started, and August for Fluor to return. Until then, we continue to receive small projects for USEC, which helps keep us on site. As of this date, Pete Nichols and Chad Hawes are our only people on site.

Exterior Lighting Repairs @ Manchester Schools

Kenny Stewart and Daryl Wolfe recently completed the site lighting repairs at Manchester Jr./Sr. High School. It's always great to get to work for our friends in the Manchester Local School District.

SSU's Student Service Center Renovation Is Done

The last of the work was completed this week, in the new Student Service Center at SSU. We have been waiting on office furniture to be delivered and set, so we can connect the power and communications to them. There are some minor punchlist items to complete, and then we're out of there. We've been working on different projects in this building for around two years. It's been a great place to work, and we appreciate it. Led by Kenny Stewart, the following men have been working on this project: Justin Diller, Daryl Wolfe, Miles Lee Ferguson, and Dustin Pendleton. Completion of this project should be some time in October 2010. Thanks SSU, for the opportunity to work on campus once again!

What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire? Frostbite!

We want to welcome Tony Rowland to our Warehouse. Tony and his wife reside in Portsmouth. He has been with us for several months now. We appreciate his contribution to this business.

SOMC Pharmacy Renovations Progresses

Phase 1 work was completed and is now occupied by Pharmacy. We are currently working on Phase 2, which should be completed in a week or two. Then it will be the final Phase of work. The entire project should finish up some time next month. Miles Lee Ferguson and Dustin Pendleton have been working on this project. No injuries to date, and that's great news!

Question: Why is Christmas like a typical day at the office:

Answer: You do all the work, and the fat guy in the suit takes all of the credit.

The Rubyville Community Church Worship Center Is So Close...

Dwane Johnson met with Inspectors this week, and everything looks in order to get a temporary occupancy granted for the Main Sanctuary area of the new building. The Life-Safety Inspection was completed this week. The Electrical work is in place, and all they have to do is complete carpet, trim, and install the pews and furniture. It is looking like the Church may get to move in sometime next month. We are excited for these good people, and appreciate the opportunity to get to work on this beautiful facility.

People say that fish is good for a diet, but fish should never be cooked in butter. Fish should be cooked in it's natural oils; Exxon, Shell, Texaco, Mobil, BP, etc.

Oak Hill Camp Ground Wraps Up

Work has been completed for several months now. Andy Eldridge and Justin Diller have completed most of the punchlist work on this project, and will return when the ground dries out a little. One day should finish up this project. It has been good to work with the folks from the Wayne National Forrest. No injuries have been reported on this project.

PMHA Generator Work Is Finished

Danny Beekman and Ian Egbert have completed the installation at the Miller Manor site in Wheelersburg, and Andy Eldridge and Justin Diller completed the work at Lett Terrace in West Portsmouth, Ohio. Testing and training have also been completed. These generators are on line, and ready to serve the residents of PMHA in the event of a power outage. A job well done!

It was Christmas and the judge was in a merry mood as he asked the prisoner,

“What are you charged with?”

“Doing my Christmas shopping earl.” replied the defendant.

“That’s no offense” said the Judge. “How early were you doing this shopping?”

“Before the store opened,” countered the prisoner.

Preventative Maintenance Awarded By SOMC

We recently received a preventative maintenance contract with SOMC. This project consists of inspections, maintenance, and operation of the high Voltage equipment, and Main Switchgear equipment at the SOMC Main Campus. Dwane Johnson will be heading up this work within the next 4-weeks or so.

Ironton Middle School Site Work Completed

Light poles are up and operational at the Ironton Elementary & Middle School Drop-off Points. Miles Lee Ferguson and Dustin Pendleton wrapped this project up last month. There may be a minor punchlist to complete, but everything else is done. We appreciate the opportunity to work with our friends at Solid Rock Construction Services, on this project. No injuries were reported on this project.

Campbell Elementary School Gets New Cafeteria & Kitchen

We were recently awarded the Electrical work with Trace Creek Construction, on the New Cafeteria and Kitchen Addition being installed at the Campbell Elementary School; in Raceland, Kentucky. Danny Beekman has already started work on this project, and will be seeing it through to the end. It’s good to work with Trace Creek Construction again.

SOMC East Campus Gets Chiller Replacement

Work was completed last week, on the East Campus Chiller Replacement project for SOMC. Dwane Johnson & Andy Eldridge completed the work on this project.

Buckeye Towers Gets New Generator

Andy Eldridge and Justin Diller recently completed installation of the new Emergency Generator and Automatic Transfer Switch; at Buckeye Towers in New Boston, Ohio. We always appreciate the opportunity to work with the good folks at Buckeye Towers. No injuries reported, and that's a winner!

Office Memo...

To: All Employees

From: Management

Subject: Office conduct during the Christmas Season

Effective Immediately, employees should keep in mind the following guidelines in compliance with "FROLIC" (the Federal Revelry Office and Leisure Industry Council).

- 1. Running aluminum foil through the paper shredder to make tinsel is discouraged.*
- 2. Playing Jingle Bells on the push-button phones is forbidden(it runs up an incredible long distance phone bill).*
- 3. Work requests are not to be filed under "Bah Humbug".*
- 4. Company cars are not to be used to go over the river and through the woods to grandma's house.*
- 5. All fruitcake is to be eaten BEFORE July 25.*
- 6. Egg nog will NOT be dispensed in vending machines.*

In spite of all this, the staff is encouraged to have a Merry Christmas!

What we've bid, and will be bidding...

- We were awarded a contract to install traffic signals at one of the main intersections in Flemingsburg, Kentucky. This work should be starting very soon.
- We turned in a preliminary bid for the Electrical system in the Physicians Group's new Medical Office Building being constructed on the former McKinley Middle School property on Kinney's Lane. Rumor has it that T.L. Blackburn Construction has been working with the owners on this project. Plans may be out in February 2011.
- We have turned in a number of bids on small jobs in our area. Some have responded positively, others have not responded yet.
- We recently bid a large project at the ACP, in the X-3001 and X-3002 Buildings. We should be hearing something on this bid in April 2011.
- We were not the low bidder on the Lewis County Public Library, that bid on October 12, 2010. We do not know who was awarded this project.
- We were not the low bidder on the generator installation project for Hillview Retirement Center that bid on October 8, 2010. The award went to BCI of Grove City, Ohio.
- We are planning on bidding the new K-12 School Facility, for New Boston Local School District. We were told the plans would be out in January 2011.
- We will be bidding on an office building project in Pike County, the last week of this year.