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# MISSIONS



## THE SEASON OF CHANGE

Colder weather, changing leaves, holidays and lots of candy. These are the busiest months of the year. Oftentimes we see many people we don't get to see other times of the year. In the over it is easy to forget to enjoy the moment, take a breath and love on those around us.



# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

## ELI Thrive

At ELI, we help move people forward—one family at a time, one goal at a time. We operate within four pillars of need for the community: housing, employment, economic stability, and healthy relationships.

We have found housing to be a large barrier for families to become sustainable. That is why one of our main goals is to help families find safe and affordable housing. ELI is currently undergoing a new housing initiative in the East Lake area. These new homes will be occupied by families in our program at a subsidized rate.



13 You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. 14 For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

*-Galations 5:13-14*

## Serving You

Every day in Birmingham, numerous families are faced with a stark reality: pantries are empty, power bills are due, and finances are lacking to cover their needs.

With a passion to care for our neighbors as we would hope to be cared for, ServingYou provides grocery relief and utility assistance to thousands of families in crisis.

At our beginning In 2013, we were blessed to minister in an area covering 8 zip codes. Our reach today has expanded to include all of the Greater Birmingham area.

The ServingYou team serves with dignity and respect, building relationships and partnering with churches and organizations around the city. Each day we are reminded people need hope, and we are honored to be a part of moving families from crisis to thriving.



*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.*  
2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-4



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# OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



What is Operation Christmas Child? Operation Christmas Child is a project by Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief organization, that delivers shoebox gifts to children in need around the world. The project's mission is to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and demonstrate God's love to children in a tangible way.

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

*John 13:34-35*



# UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

October- Operation Christmas Child boxes.

November- Happy Thanksgiving

December- Lottie Moon Luncheon

10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

*1 Peter 4:10*



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