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JGI begins second phase of Tools-For-School 2000

From staff reports

KINGSFORT — Joshua Generation International is "taking our education initiative to the next level" with its Tools-For-School 2000 program.

The second phase of the program, the 2000 Winter Project, began Thursday morning at Range Elementary School in Watauga, where JGI delivered school supplies to 144 students.

"(It was) the largest distribution to any school in 2000," said JGI President Ronnie Collins in a written statement.

Tools-For-School 2000 is the latest version of JGI's annual drive for school supplies for East Tennessee and Southwest Virginia students from low-income families. Collins said this year's effort is better aimed at children who need help.

The goal of phase two is to raise \$17,500 to provide school supplies to 2,500 disadvantaged school-age children throughout the region, Collins said.

For each \$7 donation to JGI, one child will receive school supplies appropriate to their grade level including filler paper, pencils, folders, pens,

crayons, wire notebooks and markers.

Collins is asking churches, businesses and industries, civic groups, and individuals in the community to support phase two by giving a gift from Oct. 20 through Jan. 31.

So far this year, Collins said 700 students from 21 local schools have benefited from the Tools-For-School 2000 campaign.

In previous years, JGI distributed the school supplies to the public. This year, JGI worked with Office Depot and will be delivering the school supplies directly to area schools.

"Teachers know the students and know their needs," Collins said. "We've teamed with Office Depot, and they're going to deliver until the money runs out, to every school."

Individuals who want to contribute can send donations to: Tools-For-School 2000 Winter Project; Joshua Generation; c/o Carolyn Clark-Stuart, treasurer; P.O. Box 3390; Kingsport, Tenn. 37664-3390.

Donations may also be sent to Tools-For-School 2000 Winter Project; Office Depot; c/o George Hutchinson; 2003 N. Eastman Road; Kingsport, Tenn. 37660.

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