

COMMUNITY SERVICE & FAMILY SUPPORT

# Strengthening Families

*Expanding the Dr. Thomas A. Bass Caring & Sharing Program.*

As Co-Director of the Dr. Thomas A. Bass Caring & Sharing Program, Brother Coats helped organize direct assistance for families, widows, and community partners while developing new systems for food access and year-round support.

## 01 DIRECT FAMILY ASSISTANCE

| SERVICE INITIATIVE               | OUTCOME                                          |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Thanksgiving outreach            | 170 families served                              |
| Christmas outreach               | 57 families served                               |
| Spring outreach                  | 40 families served                               |
| Widow visitation and recognition | 10 widows honored and supported                  |
| YoungLives partnership           | Two families adopted during the Christmas season |
| Family Essentials Hygiene Kits   | 40 kits assembled and delivered to Hope Clinic   |

## 02 FOOD SECURITY AND HUNGER RELIEF

Brother Coats coordinated Food Gatherers volunteer service that converted recovered food into approximately 836 meals for local households. He also participated in the Million Meals Project in partnership with NorthRidge Church and Feed My Starving Children, contributing to an international hunger-relief effort working toward one million meals for children.

## 03 COMMUNITY EXPANSION AND SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT

He initiated planning with Food Gatherers to establish a year-round food distribution partnership using Ypsilanti Community Middle School as a community hub. The proposed operating model brought together school leadership, program volunteers, and Caring & Sharing personnel while integrating food access, Family Essentials support, Senior Connections, and recurring volunteer engagement.

He also developed expansion concepts for a Winter Attire and Toys for Tots Drive, Christmas Family Sponsorship Program, and Community CPR and AED Certification Initiative. Together, these efforts created a broader platform for meeting seasonal needs while building toward continuous community support.

### FAMILY SUPPORT RESULT

*The program combined immediate relief with forward-looking infrastructure, allowing service to address urgent needs today while preparing for more consistent support throughout the year.*