



*The purpose of the Mission Moment:*

- To increase awareness of our missions to the LCVH church family.
- To inspire greater participation by our congregation in these missions.
- To invite prayer petitions on behalf of these missions.
- To thank God for the privilege to partner in missions.

*This week's spotlight...*

## **Blind Outreach Event at AIDB**

AIDB stands for the "Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind." It is a school for people with blindness and or deafness operated by the state of Alabama in Talladega. It also has various regional centers. AIDB currently serves 25,000 people from all 67 counties in the state.

LCVH has partnered with the regional center in Birmingham for eight years. The AIDB Birmingham Regional Center is located at 220 34<sup>th</sup> Street South, Birmingham, AL 35222.

Our outreach to AIDB is carried out mainly by a quarterly event at the AIDB regional center in Birmingham. The center provides support to the blind through: life skills coaching, independent living training, job training and placement, safety workshops, braille, technology classes, helping the blind integrate into our communities, and being an overall advocate.

Our quarterly outreach event over the noon hour consists of serving a meal, joining in a fun activity, sharing gifts, a seasonal devotion, prayer requests, and recognizing special milestones. Our quarterly event welcomes and serves 12-20 people. Some of these individuals have been attending for years!

Our connection to AIDB also offers opportunities for LCVH to learn more about various ways we can fund projects for the center and help out with the individual needs of the blind population.

Throughout the years we have purchased items such as specialized computer equipment, supplies for the children's school, and providing Braille religious resources. This Christmas we purchased backpacks for the students.

We have also helped individuals who are in need where government assistance is not enough. Helping with rent, purchasing furniture, roof repairs, utility bills, medications, etc.

Well over 90 % of the blind population is unchurched and questions the goodness of God. Our purpose is to reach out and be a little light of Christ that hopefully points them to the Light of Christ.

Karen Dampier is our current Blind Outreach Coordinator.

You can learn more at: [www.aidb.org](http://www.aidb.org)