

# SVA Weekly UPDATE



Jessa Bame gives a hug to her "adopted child," Amara, during the Journey to Bethlehem tour.

## Adopt-A-Child Christmas Party

Students shared the love of Jesus during the annual "Adopt-A-Child" Christmas Party last Sunday. 24 children, ages 11 months to 15 years, came to the campus of SVA to enjoy food and fellowship with our students and staff. After gym games, the families were invited to tour the street of Bethlehem on the J2B set. Arriving at the manger scene, children received their gifts from the students—an appropriate site since that is where God sent us His most precious gift of all: His only Son. May you treasure that gift this Christmas season!



Little Jessica was thrilled with her gift!

## Journey to Bethlehem Community Outreach

Journey to Bethlehem wrapped up this past Monday night. Over 1500 attendees were impacted with the message of Jesus Christ. At the tour's end, they received gift bags from Pastor Shane containing Bible literature and invitations to the Christmas concerts while they sipped hot cider. The frigid nights with temperatures in the teens did not dissuade the actors and support staff from showing up each of the five nights to reenact the story of Christ's birth in a realistic town setting built by SVA students and members of New Market SDA.

Participants felt like they were actually in Bethlehem as they watched the interaction between the townspeople and witnessed the angels announcing that Jesus Christ was born.

Choirs and orchestra groups from both SVAE and SVA performed in the New Market Church for the groups waiting to go on the tour.

27 SVA students & 14 SVA staff were among the 500 volunteers who contributed to making this year's program a success. Darlene Anderson, J2B Chief Director, plans to make this an annual event.

## CALENDAR

### Friday, December 16

- Candlelight Concert @ 7:30 p.m. at church

### Saturday, December 17

- 1<sup>st</sup> Service @ 9:00 a.m.
- Load bus for Homeless Trip @ 10:30 a.m.
- (2<sup>nd</sup> Service @ 11:45 a.m.
- Christmas Concert @ 6:30 p.m. in the gym

### Sunday, December 18

- Final exams @ 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. (SEE EXAM SCHEDULE)

### Monday, December 19

- Final exams @ 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, December 20

- Final exams @ 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

### December 21—January 3

- CHRISTMAS BREAK



Janelle Tacaca is ready to hand out presents at the manger during the Adopt-A-Child Party.



Andrea, Skyler, Gabriela, and Codi at the Christmas Party



Johanna helps Colten with his gifts.



Shepherds were grateful to warm their hands by the toasty fire each cold night during J2B.



Katrina Pepper buys spices at the market.



Diego Swayne demands taxes from a bereaved widow.

## Please Take Note!

- Those going on the **Homeless Trip to D.C.** must go to 1<sup>st</sup> service. We will be loading the buses behind the cafeteria @ 10:30 a.m.
- The sacred **Candlelight Concert** is this Friday evening, December 16 @ 7:30 p.m. at the New Market SDA Church.
- The festive **Christmas Concert** is this Saturday, December 17 @ 6:30 p.m. in the SVA gymnasium. All are invited to attend!
- **Final Exams** begin this Sunday, December 18 @ 9:00 a.m. The last exam ends on Tuesday, December 20 @ 4:30 p.m.
- **Christmas Break** runs from Wednesday, December 20 until Tuesday, January 3.
- **School resumes** on Wednesday, January 4.

Music teachers Marc Elysee and Kelly Wiedemann, along with Randy Wiedemann were party of the group that played for the J2B attendees.



Nick Lapido & Ken Laughlin lead the Adopt-A-Child kids on a tour of Bethlehem.