

God of All Things

The Lord is a God of the little things in life, just as He is in the big things. Oh, there is no doubt that He is supreme in the major events or situations before Him, such as:

- Creating the earth and the entire universe.
- Setting the planets in motion around the sun in our solar system.
- Parting the Red Sea for the Children of Israel to cross on dry land.
- Toppling the walls of Jericho.

But He also delights in the small details – certainly by comparison to the above – of our lives. Just ask the staff of Life Care Center of Citrus County.

The facility had established a goal of collecting 1,000 shoe boxes for our recent Operation Christmas Child project. Since July, associates had been producing and gathering those containers filled with gifts for needy children in countries around the world. But the deadline for sending the boxes on their way to a Samaritan's Purse processing center was approaching, and it appeared that the goal would not be met.

On Friday, November 17, Life Care's van was packed with 983 shoe boxes – 17 short of the goal – and was ready to deliver the cargo to a drop-off location in Spring Hill. Before leaving the building, however, driver Skip Schmidt discovered that the van had a bad tire and delayed the shipment to repair it.

While the tire was being fixed, a member of Shepard's Way Baptist Church arrived with 17 shoe boxes, exactly enough to make the goal of 1,000.

"We were so excited to share our story with her," said Vickie Menzie, activities coordinator at Life Care Center of Citrus County. "If the van tire had not been in need of repair, we would have missed these boxes. She was so touched, and we all knew God had a hand in this. We held hands in the activities room and prayed, thanking God and asking His blessing on the children these boxes would go to – all 1,000!"

God is a good God, indeed – in the big things and in the little ones.

--Beecher Hunter