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WHY WE GIVE IN SECRET

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“From Jesus, with love.”

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HOW YOU CAN JOIN IN

The Stealth Run continues this legacy today by collecting gifts for children who might otherwise face a bleak Christmas. There are three ways to help this ministry: purchase gifts for kids, help with gift picking and wrapping, or help deliver those gifts in secret on Christmas Eve blessing families with joy, hope, and the love of Christ.

When you join the Stealth Run, you become part of this beautiful story of hidden generosity—quietly serving, faithfully giving, and letting Jesus be seen above all.

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WHAT TO EXPECT

- After the Christmas Eve service, everyone gathers at the church to receive gifts to be delivered.
- Families then set out—by car or on foot—to the homes where the children's gifts are waiting to be shared.
- When you arrive, the fun begins! Stealthily make your way to the door, quietly place the gifts on the porch or doorstep, ring the bell (or knock), and then run like crazy so you won't be caught!
- The adults in the home will already know that gifts are coming that evening, so someone will be there to bring them inside.
- If no one happens to be home, simply try again a little later or return the gifts to the church.
- We encourage you to bring your children along. There's something special about kids helping deliver gifts to other kids—especially knowing those gifts are given in Jesus' name. It's a beautiful way to spark a spirit of generosity in your own child or grandchild.

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