

TriState Relief Sale July 14 & 15, 2017
P O Box 824, Grantsville, MD 21536
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Wow! TriState Relief Sale is now on facebook. Search for the TriState Relief Sale page and say if you like it. Send it to your family and friends.

Thank You! To the many Volunteers who attended TriState workdays at Kaufman MC and Springs MC. If you would like to give some of your time on July 14 & 15 call any of the numbers in this newsletter.

Garret College dormitory rooms will be available for lodging on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. The cost is **\$60.00** per person, per night. If you bring your own linens the charge is \$50 per person for the first night.. If you stay the second night it would be \$60. per person per night. **RSVP to Doug Berg by email at dougberg@zoominternet.net, or Phone 814-442-4313. The deadline for reservations is June 1, 2017..** Please make checks payable to the: **TriState Relief Sale**, and send to: **Doug Berg, P. O. Box 4087, Hidden Valley, PA 15502**

Reminder: Quilts and Wall Hangings must be submitted by **May 30, 2017** to be included in this year's TriState Relief Sale auction.



The 2017 My Coins Count project is to provide relief to **families in Vietnam who live with disabilities, most associated with Agent Orange (Dioxin)**. In Quang Ngai Province alone, 25,000 are affected. The province was sprayed heavily with Agent Orange to clear vegetation during the Vietnam War, affecting civilians and soldiers on both sides of the conflict. The horror continues, with birth defects, cancers and neurological disorders affecting young people born long after the war ended.

Collective evidence from multiple studies have led scientists, doctors and others, including the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, to associate a variety of health conditions with exposure to Dioxin (Agent Orange). The effects can be passed on from parent to child and can even skip a generation.

MCC is responding by supporting two initiatives in partnership with Vietnam Association for Victims of Agent Orange (VAVA) — a daytime care center and a cow bank program.

MCC provided a clean water system and exercise equipment for the daytime care center and funding for local doctors to train staff and families in physical therapy techniques. A new MCC worker, who is an occupational therapist, is scheduled to begin working with the center.

The **Cow Bank** program that MCC supports through VAVA started with another small spark in 2015, with just 20 families who received a female cow, a larger investment than families could make on their own. When a cow has its first calf, its owner gives the calf to repay the loan. Female calves are given directly to other families affected. Our coins can make a **huge** difference in the lives of these families and children. Please support the My Coins Count project. For more information, stories and pictures go to this website.

www.mcc.org/stories/vietnam-mcc-cow-bank-helps-victims-agent-orange

The TriState Relief Sale is sponsoring a **Bike-Hike Fundraiser** on The Great Allegheny Passage. It will be held on Saturday, June 24, 2017, from 10 AM to 3 PM. It will start at Garrett, PA. There are no roads or cars to worry about. It is a great place for a family outing biking or hiking on the beautiful Great Allegheny Passage. You can take the trail in either direction as far as you wish. Drinks and snacks will be provided only at the starting location. There are no entry fees, but **get sponsors** to support your ride or hike. Download the sponsor form from the www.tristatesale.org website. Checks should be made payable to TriState Relief Sale. All proceeds will benefit the Mennonite Central Committee. To learn more about MCC go to their website at www.mcc.org. A poster will be coming, but if you have questions, contact Dale L. Miller at 724-787-6541 or e-mail dmljam824@gmail.com.

An Update on Market Place: If you have questions or need to contact someone to arrange for pick up or dropping off items for TriState Relief Sale at World's Attic, contact **Sheri Speigle** at **814-479-2799**.

Visit www.tristatesale.org or facebook as information will continue to be added as auction items come in for the TriState Relief Sale.

Donations to TriState Relief Sale can be sent to Treasurer Dale L Miller, 415 Manor Harrison City RD., Harrison City, PA 15636