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December 2019 Newsletter

Blessings

Thanksgiving is behind us and Christmas is just a few short weeks away but lets take a moment to reflect on what we have to be thankful for. The Bible says “Always give thanks for everything to our God and Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Ephesians 5:20,TLB). The blessings that our ministry has received this year are answers to the prayers of many. We were able to erect donated steel shelving to help eliminate bottlenecks in the warehouse during distribution. We added a nice heater to the warehouse to keep the food and volunteers warm during the cold winter months. We had four additional pallet jacks donated which allow us to operate more efficiently and replace a couple older jacks. Each month we are blessed with a wonderful group of volunteers that come from Illinois, Kentucky and Wisconsin. Our volunteers are people that dedicate a few hours a month to help with the food distribution. That is what Jesus meant by “love thy neighbor”. The Bible tells us “Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward them for what they have done” (Proverbs 19:17, NIV). All of these are blessings for which we are truly thankful.

Sometimes it’s hard for us to imagine that there are many people out there that have little or nothing to eat. Each month we have the opportunity to help these people by bringing 5,000 to 6,000 cases of food and supplies from Illinois to 36 food assistance agencies in Eastern Kentucky. This would not be possible without our outstanding partnership with Midwest Food Bank (MFB). MFB provides blessings not only to our ministry, but distributes over \$18 million worth of food to over 1,700 non-profit organizations each month. If you would like more information visit midwestfoodbank.org.



We have been praying for ways to help more food pantries and be able to increase the quantity of food and supplies that we distribute. Please keep these needs in prayer as we look to God for opportunities to help His hungry children.

OUR MISSION

To serve our Lord, Jesus Christ, by meeting the spiritual and material needs of the many economically deprived individuals living in the Appalachians and surrounding areas.

MONTHLY SCRIPTURE

*Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.
Psalms 107:8-9(NIV)*

MINISTRY NEEDS

Prayer Partners. Please lift up the food pantries and volunteers that make this all possible, and also the families that receive God’s abundance! Please pray for the ministry leaders, that they may know the will of God.

Financial Partners. Please prayerfully consider ways you can help with a monthly donation. 100% of all donations go to providing food to the Eastern Kentucky region.

Did You Know?



Do you know about Amazon Smile? If you place an order on smile.amazon.com Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your AmazonSmile purchases to the charity of your choice? If you choose Servants of Our Lord Ministry we will receive that donation. While you are busy shopping for Christmas, please use Amazon Smile and choose Servants of Our Lord Ministry and show your support! Thank you in advance.

Spotlight Agency

Jackson County Food Bank

In November we had an opportunity to visit Jackson County Food Bank located in McKee, KY. Jackson County Food Bank is managed by Director, Joyce Marks. Joyce has operated the food bank since the beginning, 33 years ago. Joyce is assisted by a small, but dedicated group of volunteers and her son-in-law, Henry, makes the two hour trip each month to pick up food. Jackson County Food Bank serves over 900 people each month with emergency food and supplies.



Joyce Marks & Janice Collett

Christmas Giveaway

Please consider donating new or gently used coats or children's toys for the December Christmas giveaway for underprivileged Eastern Kentucky children and teens. Last



year our prayers were answered when over 350 coats, 500 toys, 250 new pairs of shoes along with a variety of hats, gloves, books and teen gifts were given away at our annual December Christmas giveaway. We had over 30 volunteers that came together from both Illinois and the local Stanton Christian Church to make the day a resounding success.

This year we hope to collect over 500 coats and 700 toys to make Christmas special for so many in need.

Needed items include coats, toys, gloves, caps and scarves. If you wish to donate items they can be dropped off at the Lexington, IL True Value Hardware store or contact :

Sally Whaley (309) 365-2112 or Diana Frerichs (309) 275-3727.

If you wish to make a tax-deductible donation please mail to P.O. Box 224 Lexington, IL 61753



Steve & Janice

2020 Distribution Dates:

- Tuesday, January 7
- Tuesday, February 4
- Tuesday, March 3
- Tuesday, March 31
- Tuesday, May 5
- Tuesday, June 2
- Tuesday, July 7
- Tuesday, August 4
- Tuesday, September 1
- Tuesday, October 6
- Tuesday, November 3
- Tuesday, December 8

Become a Ministry Partner

Please keep in mind, this ministry operates solely on individual donations and the help of volunteers. If you have the time and desire to help with the monthly food distribution, there are a variety of tasks that need volunteers. If interested, please contact us via email at servantsofourlord@live.com or phone (502) 791-6430. If you would like to help with the Ministry's monthly operational costs, please send your tax-deductible donation in the envelope provided or mail to P.O. Box 224 Lexington, IL 61753. Thank you and God Bless.

Thank you

God Bless you for all you have done to help the people of Eastern Kentucky! Again this month we have received more applications for new food pantries. As our ministry grows please pray that God will use this ministry to supply the food to all that are hungry in this impoverished region of our country.