




Servants of our Lord Ministry

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For Every Season There is a Purpose

Steady patience is what you need, so that after doing the will of God you may receive what you were promised. Hebrews 10:36

Today we want to pay tribute to our founder, Roger Whaley.

History:

In 2013, Roger started this ministry. He traveled from central Illinois to the Eastern Kentucky region with some friends to help Kentucky Cornerstone Ministry by delivering clothing, furniture, working appliances, and food.



As word of mouth spread of the generosity of donations, the ministry seed began to grow. The Appalachians region is one of the most economically depressed areas in America. There are 13.3 million people living in poverty, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Owsley County Kentucky, located in Central-Eastern Kentucky, is one of the poorest counties in America with 66% of all children living in poverty.

Present:

Our passion continues to be fueled by Roger's dream into a fulfilling legacy. In the past four years we have grown from serving 24 food pantries to 37 and are trying to research ways to acquire additional resources that would enable us to help more people in this area. We continue to work with our partners, Mid-West Food Bank and others to serve this area. As we look back upon the last 4 years, we see God's hand at work through the relationships that Roger built. Reading through some of the comments just a few days after his passing we see how **Servants of Our Lord ministry** has really made an impact in this area. For every season there is a purpose - Roger knew his purpose. That purpose has now become our purpose. As the years pass and the seasons change, so does the world as we know it. Our purpose is to be able to provide to those in need with God's help and direction.

One comment from Jeff Tackett of Water into Wine Food Pantry said "We were a proud member of Roger's vision, many lives bettered throughout the county from the generosity of this man's heart and Christ living in him. It's the legacy that we leave behind that lives on forever..."

From Danette Rhoades Bellman: Roger will be so greatly missed. His work here on earth was amazing. His passion for serving others was truly inspiring. His dedication to the people of Kentucky was like no other.. We will miss your enthusiasm and your love you displayed to All. You were a true Man of God. Roger was such a kind Human.

Bible verse: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." - John 14:27

Bible verse: "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9

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

"We should help others do what is right and build them up in the Lord."
Romans 15:2

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.*

Thank you

God Bless you for all you have done to help the people of Eastern Kentucky! Please pray that God will continue to guide this ministry to supply the food and spiritual ministry to all that are physically and spiritually hungry in this impoverished region.

Food Pantry Prayer Requests



Steve with JB Crain

This is JB, he was one of the guards at Powell County Detention Center. He suffered from many health issues and COVID had taken a big toll on him and the inmates. In September he went to be with his God and savior.

Due to COVID, we have not had the same level of help during our monthly distributions. This has put added stress on our dedicated volunteers. Please pray for health and healing of our volunteers. Also, please pray that God will continue to help us with the mission of providing for the people of Eastern Kentucky. And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. - Romans 8:28

If you have a prayer request please let us know via email at servantsofourlord@live.com.

Christmas Distribution Prep



I know that 2 months seems like an eternity to some, but to others it is right around the corner. We have been scouting out websites of retailers to try to get some good deals on winter coats. We found some children's coats for \$10 each. If you are looking for a way to help the people of Eastern Kentucky, you might consider helping us to prepare for our Christmas

coat and toy distribution in December. This distribution takes a lot of planning and execution in order to be a success. We are looking to distribute 400 toys and 300 coats or more again this year. We prefer these items to be new or like new condition. If you see toys, coats, gloves,



scarves, boots, hats or any other winter/Christmas necessities that you feel would be great for our Christmas distribution, please contact us with your suggestions, and/or donations and together we can make a difference for some of the population in the Eastern Appalachia Kentucky region.

Call (502) 791-6430 to leave a message.

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.

Perspective

As we look around our communities we see the good and bad that this pandemic has brought. I often think about a saying that I have been told and that is "God will not give you more than you can handle". With that being said think about the struggles that Jesus went through for us. Thanksgiving is a time to reflect.



Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. - Philippians 4:6-7

Amazon Smile

Do you like to shop online? Do you want to help put a smile on some faces? If you do, here is a way to accomplish both. How to sign up for AmazonSmile

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2. Sign in with the same account your use for Amazon.com
3. Select your charity: **Servants of Our Lord Ministry Inc.**
4. Start Shopping! Remember to checkout at smile.amazon.com to generate donations for Servants of our Lord ministry.
5. Tip: Add a bookmark to make it easier to shop next time at smile.amazon.com.

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