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### Annual Toy Give-away

On Saturday, December 8, we held our annual Christmas gift give-away. Through God’s blessings, and the generosity of Ms Pam Jacobson, Chicagoland Toys for Tots Motorcycle Parade, and the parishioners of Stone Church, and Oak Tree Community Church—Chicago Southland, we were able to get gifts to 400 children this year.



Thank you to all the donors and volunteers that helped make it another successful year.



Unfortunately, we find ourselves in dire need to have the roof replaced in order to continue to help those families in need as well as the other organizations that depend on us so greatly. Can you help us continue helping those in need? Any amount donated will help us. Please find it in your heart to donate even a small amount and share in our campaign. If an individual or organization donates a majority of the amount that is needed we would dedicate a plaque on the building recognizing that person or organization. Any money collected above the roof repair would go into our general fund and help with day-to-day costs. Remember your contribution is tax deductible. Thank you for supporting our efforts in feeding people, body, mind, and spirit. God bless you.

Here is where you can contribute:

<https://gofundme.com/non-profig-roof-replacement>

### 2018 Statistics

Heads of Households	15,522
Individuals	53,484
<b>Salvations</b>	<b>1277</b>
New clients	1362
Prayed for	13,543

### MONTHLY MEETING

You are invited to Operation Blessing’s monthly meeting. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 5, at 7pm. We meet in the Conference Room of the Pantry.

We are excited and pleased to announce that Operation Blessing has been awarded the Bronze Seal of Transparency by GuideStar. GuideStar is the world's largest source of information on nonprofit organizations. They state that "We envision a nonprofit sector strong enough to tackle the great challenges of our time".

GuideStar's nonprofit profiles provide you with the information you need to make smart decisions, build connections, and learn from each other to achieve your mission.



A big thank you to Alsip Fire Department. They dropped off 480 pounds of food to us on December 13. That made a huge difference to many families. Thank you so very much and stay safe.



We wanted to take a moment to thank all of our tireless volunteers. Without your dedication and hard work we wouldn't be able to assist all the families that come through our door.

### **A few testimonies of God's goodness...**

Felicia came into the pantry for food and prayer. She was feeling very depressed and almost suicidal. The counselor prayed for her and gave encouragement. She came back the next month to say that she was a different person and God had healed her. Glory to God.

Dulce stated that the counselor prayed for her heart. She had just left the doctor's office with a bad report. But she said ever since the counselor prayed for her, she feels good. Praise Jesus.

Shana came to the Woman's Ministry. She was in kidney failure and needed dialysis three times a week with no hope of recovery. The counselor prayed for her healing in Jesus' name. She came back in a month later and stated that she is now making urine and urinating after not being able to urinate at all. Her swelling went down markedly. She stated that she feels much better and the doctor told her that her lab numbers were much better. Hallelujah.

A woman came in and stated that she had been coming to the food pantry for years and Operation Blessing has been a great help to her in her life with the prayer and the food she has received. She says that she doesn't know how she would make it without the pantry.

Terry Wuethrich, President; Hank Frickenstein, Vice President;  
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