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The Glory House "Loop" Keeping you connected to the heart of Christ

FIRST QUARTER 2021

A New Season

2020 was one of the most challenging years of our ministry! A normal year was transformed by the initial fears and lockdowns from COVID-19. As schools began to close in March, we responded by opening two mobile feeding stations giving bagged meals to both children and elderly. Many volunteers came to help build and distribute those meals. With the aftermath of the Dec. 2019 tornado still looming and the destruction of the April 2020 tornadoes in our area, it made a hard year even harder for many. Jones County and the surrounding counties affected will never be the same. Through it all, we have seen our community come together like never before and we cannot say THANK YOU enough! During the several months following the storms, The Glory House



and its partners provided our surrounding communities with over 25,000 meals, 6 disaster relief centers and several debris removal teams.

After the April tornadoes, our county EOC director asked us to start a long-term disaster recovery program for Jones County to serve the victims of the December and April tornadoes. After much prayer and counsel, Restore Jones County was formed with The Glory House serving as the fiscal agent. We have two full-time case managers and a construction manager who are working with clients helping rebuild homes and lives. Many people were served in 2020, but there are still many more in need. If you would like to learn more about this branch of our ministry, please reach out to one of the case managers at 601.778.2350. They would love to talk with you! Just as the initial disaster efforts began to slow, we expanded our food pantry by opening The Bread of Life Center in June. Our goal is to feed people physically and spiritually! Folks can come every four weeks to receive a grocery bag, hygiene items, or other items we have on hand. Our numbers have been consistently over 700 families served a month, with several months reaching over 1,000. We always need volunteers and pantry items. Let us know if you would like to host a food drive! All of these services have been ongoing during this pandemic. We've never closed. At times everything was overwhelming, but God is so faithful to send us people like YOU to help! We are forever grateful and we still need your help to continue serving Jesus and our neighbors. The harvest is plenty.... Answer His call today! Grant Staples—Glory House Co-Founder/Director

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in Heaven. (Matthew 5:16)









Because You Gave!

Our 2020 Glory Christmas Store was a HUGE success! All participants practiced COVID protocol and many were blessed with all that was donated and with the love of Christ!

- All participants received prayer and ONE individual accepted Jesus as Savior. Hallelujah!
- 135 families received a new, warm blanket
- 493 children were provided new pj's, socks, underwear and toys
- Over 70 volunteers participated
- I 3 local retailers served as toy drop-off locations
- Plainway Baptist Church graciously offered again the use of their facility to host our store!
- (1 Peter 4:10) As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

-Welcome to Our Team-

We are excited to announce some additions to our work here in Laurel and Jones County.

Gabrielle Morgan or "Gabby" joined our team as an Administrative Assistant and has already been a tremendous asset in the day-to-day operations of Glory House and Restore Jones County. She is a Laurel native and lives in the Calhoun community with her husband Halcyon and her two fur babies, Paisley and Mando.

Blake Seymour has been a volunteer for Glory House since our 2nd year of ministry but felt led last year to take the leap of faith and come along to serve as a full-time missionary with us. He runs our Bread of Life Center and helps coordinate food donations as well as volunteers who come to serve there. He lives in Ellisville with his two sons Troy and Silas.

We are so grateful that the Lord saw fit to send them our way to help shine the light of Christ's love to our community!





Restore Jones County (RJC)

RJC has been running wide open since it's inception and has processed 61 applications for disaster assistance. Our clients are either under-insured or noninsured. There are 38 outstanding cases. Six of those families are in need of complete re-builds. The base of operations for this work is the campus of Houston Rd. Baptist Church. Some work was done to accommodate 8 campers and since February 5th we have hosted a construction group known as the NOMADS. They bring their campers and RV's and live as they work

in teams weekly to accomplish the work for our clients. They provide various types of construction. Their efforts have been very fruitful and this group is currently helping to repair and rebuild 10 homes. All of the money for materials is raised through donations and fundraising efforts.

Current Needs



One great way to help us serve the homeless and hungry is through donating much needed items for use in our food pantry and outreach ministries. Below you will find a list of items we always need, plus an updated list of food needs. We are so thankful for all that you give!

Personal Hygiene

Soap & Shampoo Toothpaste & Toothbrush Deodorant Razors & Shaving Cream Washcloths

Cleaning & Paper Products

Toilet Tissue Paper Towel Dishwashing Liquid Fabuloso or Pine Sol

Trash Bags (33-38 gallon) Food: **Canned Veggies & Fruit** Canned Meat Pasta Sauce Tuna Helper **Rice & Pasta Noodles** Dried Beans Mac & Cheese Grits & Oatmeal Pancake Mix Peanut Butter & Jelly Cereal Granola Bars Nabs & Raisins

Donations may be dropped off at:

The Bread of Life Center 506 Chantilly St Laurel, MS 39440 Tues. & Thurs. 10:00-2:00 Or call to schedule 601.262.5555 Want to organize a donation/food drive at your school, business or church? Email us: thegloryhouselaurel@gmail.com

