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Community

What is community? According to the Oxford English Dictionary, "Community—A body of people or things viewed collectively." I view our community as people with a shared desire to serve others. Our Mission statement is a good definition of how our organization meets the needs of a community of people in the Appalachians and surrounding areas. I think our organization goes beyond that statement. We try to bring together people that have giving hearts that are willing to share the love of Christ with other communities that are in need.

Our children's Christmas coat and toy distribution in December is one of the ways that we meet the needs of a population of people that are living in communities that do not have proper housing, jobs, or scarce opportunities to improve their lives. Our ministry provides food, spiritual and material needs to food pantries which then rip- ples down into the individual communities of people that they serve. Homelessness, drug abuse, alcoholism are all products of feeling helpless in society. There are re- sources available to some, but not all. Through our food pantry partners we are able to meet some of the food insecurity needs. Through household donations, we are able to help with some of the basic needs that families have.

Recently, we received a lot of household items and made a trip down to Kentucky to take some donations. The donations were taken to Kentucky Cornerstone. Kentucky

Cornerstone was the first food pantry that Roger delivered to when he started. Miss Dora was the founder of Kentucky Cornerstone and passed away on April 22, 2023. Lisa who helps with Kentucky Cornerstone said that they can use whatever we bring, they know the needs of the community and donated the extra books to the local library and school. Glory be to God!



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 needs to all that are physically and spiritually hungry in this impoverished region.

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

"For I was hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:" Matthew 25:35(KJV).

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.

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. As expenses rise, your consideration for financial donations is greatly appreciated.

Mountains of Hope

Lexington, IL to Kentucky Travel (By Diana Frerichs)

In September four volunteers from Lexington traveled to Kentucky to learn more about the food pantries we serve. We have all been a part of Servants of Our Lord for a number of years, yet several had never had the opportunity to be onsite to witness how pantries operate at the local level and to see the dedicated volunteers in action as they serve those in their community.

Traveling through corn & soybean country where we live is vastly different than traveling through the mountains and backroads of eastern KY. We won't elaborate on the experience of getting lost in the hollers, but suffice it to say it gave us an entirely new perspective of the everyday challenges faced by those we all serve. The Appalachian Mountain country is beautiful and we loved it, but it brought an awareness of the difficulty our pantries face to pick up the food they receive and for those who receive it. Just those challenges alone were daunting to us flat-landers. Understanding the challenges faced by each food pantry to meet the needs of their clients and the God focused joy of reaching out to help neighbors was heartwarming.

The work being done is not easy, yet is rewarding for each one of us as we all work in partnership as the hands and feet of God, doing His work to care for the needs of others. *How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"* Isaiah 52:7.



Many Angels Heed the Needs

If you have not volunteered with us, but would like to volunteerwe have just the place for you! If you are interested in helping at the Clay City, KY warehouse, where we load pallets for 31 food pantries each month, please contact us for the dates and further details. .

We do a Kentucky preload of food and drinks in Normal, Illinois. We do a preload for 13 of the agencies that we serve each month in February through November. Scan the QR code below to see what dates will work for you! Then sign up! You do not have to lift anything if you want to run the scanner! Come make a difference with us!

If you are interested in being a team player locally in our area with Servants of our Lord Ministry, please refer to this link to sign up <https://shorturl.at/dmV15> or scan this QR code:



Volunteer Signup

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 (859) 363-6421.

If you would like to help with the Ministry's monthly operational costs, please send your tax-deductible donation in the envelope provided or donate on our website at <https://servantsofourlordministry.com/get-involved> or mail your donation to P.O. Box 224 Lexington, IL 61753.

Thank you and God Bless.



Donate

Prayer Requests

- Pray for safe travels for volunteers traveling to/from Clay City, KY.
- Continued prayer for healing for Steve's foot issues.
- Prayers for additional donations to cover our expenses for this ministry.
- Prayers for more volunteers in KY for the November & December distributions.
- Prayers for the people suffering the floods and wind damage from hurricanes Helene and Milton
- Prayers for the food pantries and their clients.



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