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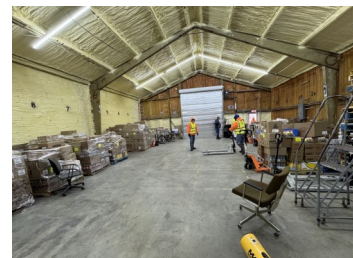
Serving up Love

In January, we are always looking for ways to start out our year fresh. I decided to look up some quotes by a great man, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'" Dr. King also went on to say, "Everybody can be great because everybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love." When I think about February, I think about Valentine's Day and the love that I have for my family, friends and the ministry in which we serve the people of the Eastern Appalachian Kentucky region.

Another example of a rippling effect for our ministry is the planning that goes on for our Annual Christmas Coat and Toy distribution that happens in December. We have a group of people that spearhead this event and work throughout the year to find bargains and items that the food pantries can use for the families that they serve. We are always on the lookout starting right after the distribution. We were able to find some good sales to get a jumpstart for this year. We pray for funds and resources to become available for this part of our ministry. So if you want to help out, please let us know. Love does not have to be limited, but can be spread out the whole year through, in fact your whole lifetime through to everybody that connects to you one way or another. Like a stone skipping across the pond, your life and those that interact with it can be affected by the ripple that you cause. Praise be to GOD for sending you to serve up some LOVE to others!



Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. *1 Corinthians 13:4-8 (NIV)*



SCRIPTURE FOCUS

"For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Galatians 5:13-14 (ESV)

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

Semi drivers needed to haul loads to Clay City, Kentucky for our monthly distributions. Apply at Midwest Food Bank.



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.

Weather It Through The Storm



February brought about some weather that devastated several counties in the Appalachian Kentucky, Tennessee, and West Virginia regions. There have been several food pantries that our ministry serves that suffered some damage that was bad enough to shut them down temporarily. Some of the pantries experienced severe flooding, which means that they suffered loss of food, storage and the ability to serve the people in need. Kentucky suffered 21 deaths due to the February storms. Here is a link to a recent story that aired on WKYT about the recent floods in Perry County, Kentucky: <https://www.wkyt.com/video/2025/02/21/people-look-new-homes-relief-organizations-arrive-flood-ravaged-hazard/>. Here is another news story about the flooding from 14 News: <https://www.14news.com/2025/02/17/ky-river-hazard-hits-highest-flooding-decades/>. In Hazard, Kentucky, the Kentucky River crested at 30 feet, the highest it's been in decades. Our organization serves many food pantries in this area. They have a need for many items including cleaning supplies, water, general household items. Some people have lost their homes, businesses, and jobs due to this flooding and have to start over. The people in this area need cleaning supplies; bleach, gloves, buckets, mops, shovels, diapers and wipes (adult and baby), etc. "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." *Jeremiah 29:11 (ESV)*.

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Volunteer Corner

Volunteering is a good way to start off your year of giving! We need volunteers to help combat the food insecurity that many counties in Kentucky suffer from. Mark your calendars, so that you can help make a difference! The Clay City, Kentucky distribution for March is Monday, March 17th and Tuesday, March 18th. Come make a difference with us!



We Love Our
Volunteers!

Love makes
the world go
round!

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

- Please pray for the victims of the recent floods.
- Please pray for Maple Street Church of God food pantry.
- Please pray for Ray of Hope food pantry.
- Please pray for resources for the people of Kentucky, Tennessee, and West Virginia.
- Please pray for the volunteers that help with the clean-up efforts.



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