




# Servants of our Lord Ministry

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## Faith and Generosity

*Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. And he said, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on." Luke 21:1-4 (ESV)*

We wish to thank you all for your faithfulness and generosity throughout the year. The faithful servants that you have been to God and the people of the Eastern Appalachia Kentucky region is so appreciated. Even a prayer or small amount is not under appreciated. It amazes me in this day and age how people come forward to help one another in a world so divided. I wish that everyday could be Christmas, so that we could all feel the love the whole year through. The spirit of Christmas is so powerful! It is not about the gifts it is about the outpouring of concern for one another that gives the warm, cozy feeling. That is what Jesus wants for each of us.

Our Christmas Coat and Toy distribution is an outpouring of love to the people of the Eastern Appalachia Kentucky region. It was Roger's dream to have the children of this region have something special at Christmas time that they could call their own. Even though a toy, coat or piece of clothing may not last long, it is the thought that someone cared enough to do something for them. Some people have said to me it would be more beneficial to teach them more about the bible. Yes, that is true, but sometimes it is the little things that make a difference for someone. The idea that people come to an impoverished area and want to help them is something that tends to melt the hearts of people that have the resources to help make a difference in a situation. Putting aside one's differences to be the one that provides that toy on Christmas morning that their family may not have otherwise been able to provide to that child. Providing a warm coat, gloves, scarves and hat so that a child can go outside to play on a cold Winter's day is something that is simple and in some areas of our great nation called the United States a necessity. In the Eastern Appalachia region of Kentucky that we serve families do not always have the funds needed to purchase a toy or a coat, but are dependent on hand-me-downs from one child to another to get by. So

you see a new coat or gently used coat can brighten the day for the recipient.

We start collecting for our Christmas Coat and Toy Distribution immediately after we do our distribution in December. If you have any new or gently used coats or toys that you would like to donate to our organization, please feel free to contact us.



### SCRIPTURE FOCUS

*"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." Hebrews 13:16 (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

**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.

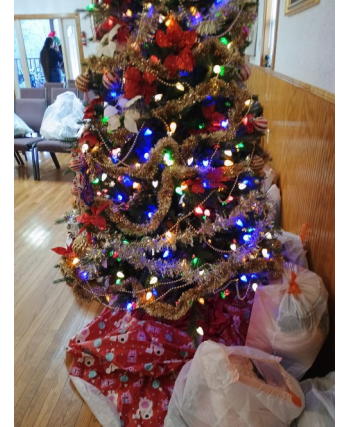
**Financial Partners.** Please prayerfully consider ways you can help with a monthly donation. 100% of all donations go to providing food to the Eastern Kentucky region. As expenses rise, your consideration for financial donations is greatly appreciated.



## Food Pantry Christmas Parties

The innocence of a child at Christmas receiving a present, whether it be a story from the bible or the simple present wrapped in a bag.....the look is something that you soon will not forget. A smile is worth so much more than words can say. What a great feeling it gives us all to know that your gift is so appreciated. Some people may read this and say that they thought our ministry was to supply food to the food pantries in the Eastern Appalachia Kentucky region. That is our primary mission, but something that was close to Roger's heart was to be able to give something to kids in this area. Sometimes the family's do not have the means to purchase gifts for their children. The children are future of this area and sometimes they just need a little joy in their lives. A small gesture has such a rippling affect. Although it is nice to have new toys and coats, gently used ones can also serve the same purpose in the eyes of a child. They are just so thankful to know that someone thought of them enough to send something to them.

Some of the food pantries have a meal and have a Christmas program for their clients.





## Hygiene Products Needed

Our organization works all year long for our Christmas Coat and Toy distribution. We are a not-for-profit 501 c3 organization that solely depends on contributions to cover our expenses. <https://givebutter.com/S4twTI> The organization starts collecting for our annual Christmas Coat and Toy distribution in the months of January through December. We will also be collecting hygiene products twice a year to distribute to our food pantry partners. We like to look for ways to make a difference for the food pantries and the people that depend on them. Many of the food pantries that we serve have homeless populations. The food pantries tell us that food stamps do not cover simple things like toilet paper, cleaning supplies, lotions, shampoos, soap and hygiene products. We would like to start collecting these items to distribute to the food pantries twice a year (Spring and Fall). Our hope is that the project of collecting hygiene items twice a year would help to cut some of the costs that food pantries are spending on these items and allow them to invest more into food for their families. In October, Midwest Food Bank had some bars of homemade soap donated that we bagged up and took down to Kentucky and distributed to the food pantries in our January distribution. Many of the food pantries expressed their appreciation of the hygiene products and the soap bars.



At the warehouse, they received 5 inches of snow and ice on top of it. The owner had to bring in special equipment to clear the ice and snow to protect the drivers and volunteers from getting hurt.

## Volunteers Needed at our Kentucky Warehouse

Did you make any New Year's resolutions this year? Our country is a divided country and what better way to love thy neighbor than to volunteer for an organization that would love to have your expertise? We work hard and play hard at the warehouse. Come and show some love to the people of the Eastern Appalachia Kentucky region. We fill orders for all 31 pre-approved

food pantries who have scheduled pick-up times on Monday and Tuesday of our distribution week. We provide treats while you work. On the other hand, you receive quite the cardio workout, so if your New Year's resolution was to be more active and get involved with improving the relationships around you—you would be a great fit! Come and try us out!





## Key Club Volunteers



## 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](mailto: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.



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## Prayer Requests

- Please pray for two of our volunteers that were bruised and sore from a traffic accident on the way back from the December distribution.
- Please pray for answers to medical issues with Grace of God Ministries.
- Prayers for relief from the recent weather in Kentucky.
- Prayers for Joyce at Jackson County Food Bank.
- Prayers for Pastor Greg who was injured in a fall on ice.



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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!

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/GCN5j> or scan this QR code:



Volunteer Signup