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Volunteering to make a difference

According to Happiness.com The Greek philosopher Aristotle once said that the essence of life is "to serve others and do good." There are benefits to both sides of volunteering. Of course for the beneficiary of the volunteer act they are receiving food or resources from our ministry. For the volunteer, they are helping each other, and creating community benefits, reducing stress, combating depression and providing a sense of purpose. Volunteering connects you with others, builds self-confidence and self-esteem, can boost your mental and physical health, helps you to forget your own problems and focus on others, and can be used as a career booster.

Why do I volunteer? I volunteer to serve others that are less fortunate than myself. I volunteer because it gives me a purpose. I volunteer because I want to serve God and show others that there is more to this life, then all of the turmoil that our country and world is going through. Going to Kentucky and serving is like going back in time and seeing how much others appreciate the fact that you are taking time out of your day to make someone else's day better. Volunteering for our ministry includes book-keeping, picture taking, newsletter articles, driving the box truck, warehouse logistics, recording & tracking product, meal planning and forklift help in a pinch. I do a lot of volunteering, not just for our ministry, but

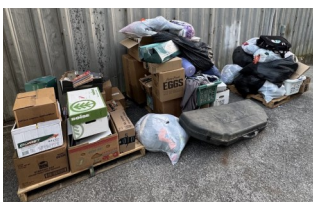


for many other organizations in McLean County, Illinois. Volunteering passes my time, gives me a good feeling inside and helps me to show others that life is good! ***"And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then I said, 'Here I am! Send me.' Isaiah 6:8. (ESV).***

Are you volunteering? Come out and help yourself to help others. You will be glad that you did! God is calling. Are you listening?

Food, Drinks and More!

Have you ever gone to the cupboard and found it was empty? There are many Americans that are seeing this as costs of food, gas, utilities, and insurance are on the rise. When you look around and see what has happened with our economy doesn't it make you think if I am suffering this bad, than what is happening to those individuals and families in the poorest areas of our nation (Eastern Appalachia Kentucky)? This is an area that our ministry serves. This area lacks many resources and when there is a good resource to help this area it is important to help sustain it. This month we were able to do our Kentucky distribution in which we distributed 5,317 cases of food and drinks to 31 food pantries on July 15th and 16th! Our July 2nd distribution was packaged in Illinois and was distributed in Kentucky with 13 food pantries receiving 3,000 cases of food and drinks. Our July 15th and 16th distribution also included donated items, such as books, clothes, and household items that the food pantries could pick through to take back to their clients.



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

"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31 (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

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.

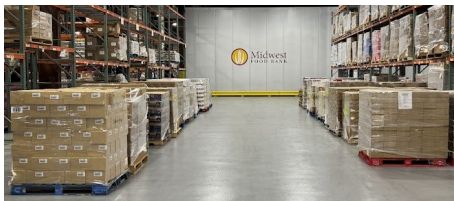
A Big THANK YOU



Rick and his wife have been a true blessing to our ministry as they have been able to be our hands and feet from the Kentucky side. He has been able to meet the truck driver to unload our preloaded items from Normal, Illinois and been there to unload and place product in place for us to begin our Kentucky pallet loading as well. We have had some other great volunteers from Powell County Detention Center that have been able to provide some "muscle" to our distributions. We have had some great volunteers in the office as well (we know why they choose the office.....THE AIRCONDITIONING and HEAT are a good incentive)-all kidding aside! WE TRULY LOVE AND APPRECIATE ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS THAT HELP SERVE GOD AND HIS PEOPLE! THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS!



Midwest Food Bank Preload



If you have not volunteered with us, but would like to volunteer in an airconditioned warehousewe have just the place for you! We do a Kentucky preload of food and drinks in Normal, Illinois. Here are some pictures from the July preload for 13 of the food pantries that we serve. You do not have to lift anything if you want to run the scanner!

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:



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

- Prayer for Pastor Pete (Fullness of the Word) he will be having surgery.
- Prayer for additional resources in order to add more food pantries to our monthly distributions.
- Continued prayer for healing for Wanda at Gateway.
- Pray for safe travels for volunteers travelling to/from Clay City, KY.
- Pray for more Kentucky volunteers.
- Prayers for additional donations to cover our expenses for this ministry.



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