



Servants of our Lord Ministry

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March 2018 Newsletter—Happy Easter!

GOOD NEWS TO REPORT

Give, and it will be given to you.

A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

Luke 6:38. In February, Steve got his license to drive the box truck that Mid-West Food Bank has offered to let us use to provide additional food to agencies in Eastern Kentucky. We were

able to increase the amount of food brought into the area by 16 pallets (about 20,000 pounds). It is our hope to be able to provide this additional food and supplies to this area on a monthly basis. With this increase in food we were able to provide 29 food pantries such things as cases of soup, canned vegetables, staples and snacks. The additional food was an answer to prayers for many of these agencies. As the needs of this area increase we are so thankful that the Lord has provided us with resources far greater than we had even hoped for in order to continue our mission. We are so thankful for all of our prayer partners and financial supporters. that come from near and far to spread good news!



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.

MONTHLY SCRIPTURE

Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon. *Isaiah 58:10.*

MINISTRY NEEDS

Prayer Partners. Please lift up the food pantries, volunteers that make this all possible, and the families that receive God's abundance! Also pray for the ministry leaders, that they may know the will of God.

Financial Partners. It is only through faithful supporters like you that this ministry is able to meet the spiritual and material needs of thousands of needy families living in Appalachia Kentucky. Please mail your financial gift to:

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Project Update



This past winter we had to rely on space heaters to provide heat for our warehouse and warmth for the workers. While this will work in a pinch, a long-term solution is needed. We are in the process of getting a natural gas line into the warehouse to provide much needed heat for the cold winter months. Once the gas line is finished we can install a permanent heater. Please pray that this project can be completed before cold weather falls on us again.

(Turn over for more news)

Sow a Seed Near and Far

You know that God plants seeds and it is interesting how these seeds are sprinkled. I have a story this month of an example of this. We recently went on vacation and came across a family carrying some Ale 8-1 cases of soda with them and we knew that these came from the Eastern Kentucky region that we serve. We bumped into this family again on the second day of our vacation and had a conversation about where they were from. Through this conversation we found out that they were from Clay City, a short 5 miles from our Stanton warehouse. I told them about our ministry and how Roger Whaley had a passion for helping this region and that we would love it if they could come and help out. On the last night of our vacation, we ran into them again and this time I had two business cards that I offered them and told them to go out and take a look at our

Facebook page and website and let us know if they would be interested in volunteering with our organization. We came in February and had not heard anything from this family. I had a video from vacation and I was showing it to Patty and Tina in the office and I paused it on this high school girl who had a Powell County High School shirt on and asked Patti's grand-daughter if she knew her and she said "yes". I looked at them and said well at least I found someone who knows her, maybe something will come about this encounter. A few days after we returned home we received a phone call from Vicki wanting more information about volunteering and she wanted to come and volunteer in March! We met Vicki in March and she explained to us that she was looking for a way to give back to her community and wanted to do so through helping us! What a great example of God planting the seed! Through volunteering for an organization that helps others you enable the goodness of one's heart and you see what they bring to the table! I myself volunteer for many organizations, but this one gives me the most fulfillment of my heart in knowing that the services of this organization reach so many people.

Sally Whaley

In the News

We would like to introduce you to our ministry's new board member, Pete Friedmansky. Pete has served in our country's military for 26 years and is a retired U.S Army Master Sargent. Pete and his wife Verna live in Lexington Illinois and attend Eastview Christian Church. He enjoys hunting and fishing with his three grown children and 14 grandchildren. He especially enjoys hunting the back country of the Rocky Mountains in Colorado. Pete has been a vital member of our volunteer team since the beginning. He makes the trip almost every month and often pulls the trailer full of food and various other donations. He also enjoys grilling and smoking meat and, as our volunteers can testify, is a great cook. We would like to welcome Pete and if you see him please thank him for his many years of service for both our country and our Ministry.



Volunteer Vicky Campbell



Servants of our Lord board member
Pete Friedmansky

February/March Distribution Updates

In February we completed another very successful distribution of over 70,000 pounds of food and supplies provided by Midwest Food Bank to 29 churches, missions and food pantries located in the Appalachians of Eastern Kentucky. We had a dedicated crew of 14 faithful volunteers from Illinois and Stanton Christian Church that worked a total of 117 hours to get all the food distributed.



A packed warehouse full of food and ready for distribution.

In March we were able to transport an additional 20,000 pounds of food added to the usual 70,000 pounds. This allowed us to provide each agency with an additional 700 pounds for food and supplies for the month. A delicious lunch was provided by Pete Friedmanky, Patty Gordon and Tina Thomas for all volunteers.

A big THANK YOU goes to our dedicated volunteers from Stanton Christian Church. Without the help of these and other faithful workers we would not be able to do all that we do.



We begin each distribution day with a word of prayer



Volunteer William Carmack loads a pallet of food into an agency van



Agency Update

One of the newest agencies to receive monthly food relief from our ministry is Buckhorn Children and Family Services (BCFS). BCFS operates a Campus-Based Residential Treatment Program for youth 13 to 17 years old from two locations in Eastern Kentucky:

- **Buckhorn Children's Center** - Buckhorn, Kentucky (all-girls campus)
- **Dessie Scott Children's Home** - Pine Ridge, Kentucky (all-boys campus)

Kids referred to these programs are survivors of chronic and frequently severe abuse and neglect. They are products of families that suffer from drug addiction, domestic violence, poverty, and a lack of education and parenting skills. They are challenged with mental disorders, developmental delays, and educational shortfalls. Many of them have faced the unimaginable and often come to BCFS after a number of failed placements or when no other residential treatment program in the state will accept them.

For these children, it seems like no one cares. For them, they feel like there is nowhere to turn, no one to trust, and no place to go. At BCFS they show these children a hopeful world full of people who will walk the miles with them, who will meet them step for step.

Kentucky has one of the highest rates of child abuse and neglect deaths in the nation, and recently, the number of Kentucky children removed from homes because of abuse and neglect has reached unprecedented levels.



Since 1902, Buckhorn Children & Family Services has provided help and support—and paths for rebuilding lives—to thousands of troubled children and families

across eastern Kentucky. A refuge in the heart of Central Appalachia for over 115 years, BCFS fulfills its mission—to provide a sanctuary of health, healing, and hope—by serving hundreds of kids and well over one thousand families each year. From the mom looking to save her child from substance abuse and self-harm to the teen searching for safety from abuse and neglect to the child needing a forever home, BCFS is there.

Thank You!

Finally, we thank God for providing financial partners like you that donate the funds necessary for us to carry out our mission. Our monthly financial needs now exceed \$2,100 to provide emergency food and supplies to needy families in Eastern Kentucky.

Did you know?

**National Volunteer Week is
April 15-21, 2018.**

In February and March over 30 volunteers helped us distribute almost 200,000 pounds of food from our Stanton KY warehouse.

Volunteers are vital to our ministry, without volunteers we would not be able to help as many people as we do in the eastern Kentucky region. We say a most humblest “Thank You” for partnering with our organization and making a difference in so many people’s lives!

We welcome all volunteers and have many jobs to fill each month. If you are interested in helping with distribution or have other talents to offer please email us at servantsofourlord@live.com.

From everyone at our ministry, we wish you a very Happy EASTER.

