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Freedoms

Do you ever look around and count your blessings? In this day and age, we are a throw away society. We have so many things to be thankful for. We have family, friends, and good faith in Jesus! ***"Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God."*** 1 Peter 2:16.

During the June distribution, we had a lot of donations (from a church garage sale) that we brought down for the agencies to sort through and take back to their food pantries. We did not have a lot of volunteers at the warehouse. We are truly thankful for those volunteers that did come out and help. We also had very warm temperatures and our air conditioning in the office broke down. Thankfully days like these are few and far between, but when they happen it makes for long days. Celebrate your blessings each day.



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

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9.

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

Never Too Early For Christmas Visions



As the warmth of the sun is upon us you are probably thinking of cool temperatures, wishing for the snow or maybe that Jack Frost would send a whoosh of cool air your direction. Well, maybe you could use those thoughts to do a little shopping for our Coat and Toy Christmas Distribution. You could stay inside and surf the webpages of your favorite stores that might have some specials going on. Or maybe you could use a little physical exer-

cise.....you could walk the neighborhoods and see if there are any good garage sales with some slightly used toys or coats that you could donate to make someone else's Christmas one of blessings. The stores around here keep their air conditioning at a pretty comfortable temperature if you would prefer to take a little trip and maybe when you are done get some great ice cream or iced coffee treat! ***"Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered."*** Proverbs 11:25.



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.



Life, Love & the Pursuit of Happiness



Although this picture was taken several years ago, it is still a testament of what our organization set out to do in the beginning. Roger (Steve's Dad) started this ministry in October 2013 and we both started helping in 2014. Roger passed away in September 2017 and there was a need to continue his vision. We took over this ministry all the while working full-time jobs, going to school full-time and feeling our way along in a new endeavor as a non-profit. Changes in our life's path have been made and a withdrawal from nursing school in January 2018 (for me) eventually led to me retiring from

GROWMARK Inc. after 23 1/2 years in January 2023. Steve has been at GROWMARK Inc. 35 years and continues to work and also work full-time for our ministry.

When we took over in 2017, we had 24 food pantries. We got our CDL's and have both been driving the Midwest Food Bank box truck to Kentucky monthly which adds a dozen pallets of additional food. A semi comes from Midwest Food Bank with around 50 pallets of food and is delivered to our Clay City, KY warehouse monthly. In addition, the box truck also doubles as a way to add soup as a staple to distribute to the food pantries that we serve. The numbers of food pantries has reached as high as 37 and has been holding now at 32. We do have a waitlist of food pantries and are hopeful that Midwest Food Bank will approve them to boost the number of people in Kentucky that can receive more food. In September 2023, we added a second monthly distribution which allows the busiest 13 food pantries to receive additional food. The food pantries were selected by Midwest Food Bank based on information provided in their annual agency audit. This second monthly food distribution starts with a pre-load of the food in Normal at Midwest Food Bank by Illinois volunteers and then is loaded on a semi for distribution at our Clay City, KY warehouse.

You may wonder why the number of food pantries that we serve changes. This can happen due to circumstances like: The food pantry has no way to pick up the food from our warehouse; food pantries closing because there is a retirement of personnel and there is nobody to take the reigns of the food pantry over. It is sad, because there is still a need for the food pantry, but resources are not always available.

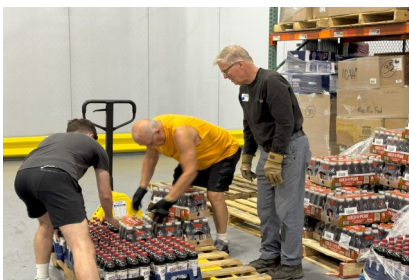
Another question that has been asked: How do the food pantries pickup their food? Sometimes, they come in mini-vans, rented U-Haul, trucks, trucks with trailers (both open and enclosed).

For us, this endeavor is one of love. We love working together for the love of God and the love of the people of the Eastern Appalachia Kentucky region. As long as there is a need and resources available we will continue to serve God and his people! If you are interested in being a volunteer, please contact us. Serving is such a blessing, especially when you are surrounded by others that really want to make a difference!

Power of the Volunteer



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 (502) 209-8222.

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 the community homeless that are frequenting the food pantries.
- Pray for the food pantries on our waitlist.
- Pray for healing for Wanda at Gateway.
- Pray for the relief from the recent heat wave that has surfaced in this area.
- Pray for safe travels for volunteers travelling to/from Clay City, KY.
- Pray for more Kentucky volunteers.
- Pray for air conditioning in the office again.



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