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Hillbilly Elegy Eye Opener

The book *Hillbilly Elegy*, by J.D. Vance has received a lot of attention recently as Trump selected him as his V.P. candidate. I was skeptical to read or listen to the book or even watch the movie on Netflix, but then I did. I am glad that I did. I downloaded it and listened for 3 days as I did my morning walks. This tells the story of the people from the Eastern Appalachia Kentucky region that we serve. It provides some understanding of this region and how they think, respond and interpret life in an area of our country that time has forgotten. The book was written through the eyes of someone that sees life from the mountain landscapes to the city skylines and everything in between. You may not agree with J.D., but this is a storyline of survival. It provides timelines and a basic understanding of what life looks like from a family trying to grow and succeed in an area in which resources of the coal mining industry were striped down due to other energy alternatives. Imagine if you were a farmer in central Illinois and all of your farm land was taken over by cement buildings and roadways and no farmland existed. What if that was all you knew about? How would you support your family, friends and the community that you and your ancestors knew so well? Eventually, life would continue to go on without you, maybe moving on to some other area. This is how I see Kentucky and the people that our ministry serves. In our current world, there is so much hate and unrest. Political parties blaming one another for the conditions of life as we know it. Then there is our ministry that we try to make life a little better for the people in the Eastern Appalachia Kentucky region. We bring food, drinks, household items, furniture and a variety of items each month in hopes that they will help meet the needs of the area that we serve. Imagine our world if we could put aside our differences and just strive to help one another live a better life! ***"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28.***

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

"Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others." Philippians 2:4 (KJV).

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

Working Together

Here are a few examples of our volunteers working together to get food ready for the agency distribution.



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.

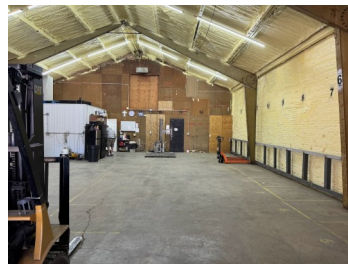
Financial Partners. Please prayerfully consider ways you can help with a monthly donation. 100% of all donations go to providing food to the Eastern



Food Distribution Numbers

When we come to the Clay City, Kentucky warehouse each month, we start with an empty warehouse. We fill it up with food, then place the food on 2 pallets for each agency. Then the agencies have an assigned time to pick up their orders and we conclude by noon on Tuesday.

This month from the Clay City, KY warehouse we distributed 5,395 cases of food and drinks to 31 agencies in the Eastern Appalachia Kentucky region. Earlier this month we filled orders at Midwest Food Bank located in Normal, IL for 13 of the 31 agencies and they were hauled by semi to our Clay City, KY warehouse where they were distributed earlier in the month. Over 3,200 cases of food was distributed to the 13 agencies. The picture above shows food ready for some of the 31 agencies awaiting their distribution pick up time.



Come in out of the heat

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 of the COOL August volunteers that came in out of the heat! 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/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

- Pray for safe travels for volunteers travelling to/from Clay City, KY.
- Pray for healing for Steve's foot issues.
- Prayers for Sally's hand healing.
- Prayers for Lisa's wrist healing.
- Prayers for Bill's heart issues.
- Prayers for Sally's Dad's health issues.
- Prayers for additional donations to cover our expenses for this ministry.
- Prayers for more volunteers in KY for the September & October distributions.



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