

More Grace Newsletter

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MORE GRACE OUTREACH

World Vision Week 2018

Here's what happened:

- *MGO hosts volunteers from all over the country as they reach various families in need.*
- *Teams tackled all sorts of projects, from roofing to painting and everything in-between.*
- *Families from MGO had the opportunity to interact with the volunteer teams and grow in relationship throughout the week.*

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On June 18, 2018, the doors of MGO were flooded with volunteers eager to find their place of service for the next four days. Commissioned by World Vision, each of the teams were being sent to homes of various members of MGO. The upcoming week would consist of painting, roofing, cleaning, and other various renovations.

Differences in age, occupation, and background were of little concern as these volunteers found themselves coming more and more into unity with one another as the week progressed. Many returning individuals, when questioned about why they came back, stated that the relationship formed with fellow workers was among the larger

draws of the experience. Others spoke of how seeing others content with less sparked them to observe their own happiness.

MGO had the unique opportunity to visit each of the sites, speaking with the volunteers and witnessing the work transformations first-hand. In addition to this, MGO also had the opportunity to host each of the volunteer teams for lunch throughout most of the week. The smiles and joy of the volunteers only testified to the presence of God on each site throughout the week. It is our dream that these weeks of mission would spark the Church to an even greater call to the mission outside the four walls of our buildings.



Educational Enrichment Graduation Ceremony

Early June saw the conclusion of MGO's Educational Enrichment program. Goodbyes were said for graduating seniors while other students began looking forward to what the next year may have in store. Many unsuspecting students were recognized with academic

awards in all areas of study. Though a bittersweet ending to this academic term, each family found reason to celebrate in the achievements of each student represented.





Food Pantry Update

The month of May saw record-breaking numbers in regard to families reached through our food pantry, with June not following far behind.

MGO would like to thank New Community Church, out of Wexford, PA, for adopting our food pantry for the month of June. We would also like to thank Gateway United Methodist, for adopting the pantry for the month of July.

It is because of the generous

donations of the Church and other organizations that we are able to keep our doors open. MGO is always honored to see Churches step up and embody the words of Christ in Matthew 25:40.

If you are interested in adopting our food pantry for one of the coming months, or giving a one-time donation, you can always reach us at moregraceoutreach.com/donate.

The following are the requests of the pantry staff for July:

Canned potatoes or olives, canned soups, cereal, shelf-stable milk, baked beans, ramen, bagged rice, pasta sauce, canned meats, peanut butter, oatmeal, pancake mix, canned fruit, any personal care products (shampoos, laundry detergent, etc.)

Desk of the Director

Elizabeth Luffy

“...there are countless hearts laying in darkness that God wants to bring to light.”

I was sitting on me back deck that overlooks the beautiful rolling hills of West Virginia. I could see with my physical eyes the deep blue-sky draping over a field littered with wild flowers, and I thought to myself, “I so blessed with this view.” I clearly heard the Lord speak to my heart in the moments following and He said to me now push

back what you see and now really look at the land before your eyes. Beyond the natural beauty,” Almost Heaven West Virginia “, there are countless hearts laying in darkness that God wants to bring to light. On that day my heart was called to love my community and reach in to the dark places. So, a call on my life was presented and just as

it is written in Acts 20:24 I began to run my race... not a sprint but a marathon for the souls in my back yard.

” However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace. Acts 20:24

More Grace Newsletter—Welcome

It has been on our hearts for a while now to launch the newsletter you are currently reading. The testimony of God’s work at MGO is something we believe in sharing with our donors and volunteers.

The *More Grace Newsletter* will be released the first of each month, recapping the previous month’s

events. If you are interested in signing up to receive a digital copy by email, you can contact us at moregraceoutreach.com/contact. We are excited to share all that God is doing with out ministry.

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ABOUT US

More Grace Outreach is a non-profit outreach center, based the heart of Taylor County, West Virginia. We service families with food, clothing, educational tutoring, counseling, and more for a fee of only \$20 a year. We operate exclusively on the basis of donation, and are always amazed at the generous heart of the Church, and the divine hand of God to keep our doors open. If you are interested in donating, volunteering, or reading more about the different ministries we offer, you can visit us at our website or at our facility directly. We would be happy to see you during our open hours, or offer you a tour by appointment.

