

More Grace Newsletter

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MORE GRACE OUTREACH

Highlights from this issue:

- *Boothsville Volunteer Fire Hall hosts egg hunt to raise funds for MGO.*
- *Classes wrap for our 2018-2019 education term.*
- *463 dependents served through the food pantry in April.*

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Boothsville Vol. Fire Hall Hosts Egg Hunt

Elizabeth Luffy, Director of Operations

In the month of April, More Grace outreach was gifted a wonderful community event sponsored and run by Boothsville Volunteer Fire Department. This 1st Annual Easter Egg Hunt Outreach reached Boothsville Cornerstone UMC and members of MGO. It is a gift to have such a giving caring group of volunteers assemble with fire trucks and over 1000 eggs ready for little ones to hunt. MGO concessions were operational during the event. The dedication of the firefighters represented was realized immediately, when 10 minutes before the event began, an emergency call went out from dispatch, that assistance was needed for an

accident on the interstate. Sirens and lights turned out of MGO's property and these community heroes went straight in to action. Happily, upon return it was reported that everyone was safe, and the festivities continued. Children ran through the woods in search of tiny eggs, laughter swept through the air. What a sense of gratefulness for the fun experience, but also the knowledge that our community is covered by volunteer firefighters willing to drop everything at any given moment to make sure their community members are safe.



Classes Wrap for Educational Enrichment Program

Stephen Luffy, Outreach and Media

In April our classes wrapped for our Educational Enrichment program. Students and teachers alike had the privilege of learning together this year throughout our Elementary, Jr. High, and High-school age groups.

As a first-time teacher this year, it was a joy (most of the time) to

join with my students each Wednesday afternoon and discuss the way we communicate through writing.

I was proud time and time again of the way my students pushed through the mental barriers they had erected for themselves, ultimately crafting work they did not

think they were capable of producing.

As leaders in the faith, we must always be aware of those up-and-coming around us, and we should regularly seek counsel from the Lord as to how we can guide them on the path to discovering their potential for Him.

Food Pantry Update

In April we served 463 dependents and families in our food pantry.

Special thanks to those that partnered with us to supply the food pantry for the coming month of May.

If you are interested in partnering with us to help feed the hungry in our community, the following are our primary needs. Thank you in advance for your help, as the need in our community is still very great.

Current Pantry Needs:

- Breakfast foods (cereal, oatmeal)
- Peanut butter and Jelly
- Instant meals (ramen)
- Shelf-stable milk
- Bagged rice
- Noodles
- Personal Care Items (Shampoo, etc.)



Desk of the Director

Elizabeth Luffy, Director of Operations

Over the past month, as the director of MGO I have found myself filled with such a grateful heart witnessing the faithfulness of God to the ministry at More Grace Outreach. Many times over, He has poured provision to accomplish His heart beat for this amazing community we love serving. I am excited to announce on Tuesday, April 30th a vision the Lord deposited in my heart years ago, came to pass. MGO was gifted, through amazing donors, our first cabin on the property. This cabin has been given to Executive Director Tony and Dana Ross as needed when they travel to West Virginia. It is their desire to be a part of what the Lord is doing in WV several months during the year while traveling the east coast to partnering churches to spread the word of what God is accomplishing in our community. They have retained their primary residence in

Oklahoma. This is just the beginning of what God is developing on the ministry property. In the month of May we break ground for a tiny prayer chapel that will be open to the public 24/7 as a house of prayer. We need to raise \$3,500 to complete this building goal. If you would like to contribute to this missional goal, please submit your gift to the address on the last page of this newsletter. Thank you in advance for your contribution, and for all that you have to support us so far.

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How Can I Get Involved?

There are a number of ways you can join us in helping see God's vision for this ministry fulfilled.

First, you can **volunteer**. We are always looking for individuals to come and sort clothes, carry food, and love on the community with us. You can come and volunteer with us during any open hours.

Secondly, you can help us with **food and clothing donations**. Food and clothing are some of the biggest needs we receive, and though we regularly receive donations from the community, our supply always end up heading out the door with someone in need. You can drop off food/clothing donations to our facility during open hours, or by scheduling an appointment to

meet with an MGO representative.

Finally, you can always support **monetarily**. You can mail us a check, or reach us online at paypal.me/moregraceoutreach.

Thank you for considering partnering with us.

An Update on Membership

Lori Shaffer, Membership Coordinator

Since the beginning of the new year, MGO has processed 33 new membership cards representing 100 individual dependents bringing our count to almost 1300 families served. MGO membership costs \$20 a year that can be broken up into smaller payments. With that annual fee, members are able to utilize our food pantry once a month. They are also able to shop for clothing, shoes, and housewares every Tuesday and

Thursday during operational hours. In addition to food and clothing, we offer licensed counseling on the first Thursday of the month and a Bible study every Tuesday from 9:15-9:45am. As MGO's membership coordinator, I have personally seen many people come into our facility weary from the weight of the world on their shoulders. When they leave, I can see the little spark of hope in their eyes and a smile on their face. Not only do we

help them with food and clothing, but we offer smiles, a hug, prayers, companionship, and compassion.

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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.

