

# More Grace Newsletter

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## MORE GRACE OUTREACH

### Car Wash Highlights:

- *Over 40 cars processed resulting in over \$600 raised for MGO's food pantry.*
- *The students presented the idea for the car wash, wanting to give back to MGO.*
- *Special thanks to Advance Auto in Whitehall, WV, for allowing MGO to host this event at their shop.*

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## Educational Enrichment Car Wash

It was a hot morning on August 4th as some of our students, staff, and volunteers set out to raise funds for MGO's food pantry. The students, eager to give back to MGO for all the good done in the Educational Enrichment program, presented the idea of a car wash at Advance Auto Parts in Whitehall. They voiced their vision to our director Elizabeth Luffy, and got the approval for the fundraiser. It was the heart of the students to raise funds to supply stock for the food pantry and give back to a cause that they loved.

By the end of the event, over 40 vehicles were processed in the short window of 11am-2pm,

resulting in some very tired but happy students. Alongside the students was also a crew of parents helping in the cause. The efforts of everyone ultimately ended up raising over \$600 for the program, supplying most of the needs of the pantry in addition to efforts from other organizations.



## MGO Hires Lori Shaffer as Receptionist

August 14th was the official starting date of our newest staff member Lori Shaffer. Lori has faithfully served behind MGO's front desk, checking in members and updating information for months. She was recently hired to take on membership and volunteer administration, as

well as maintaining her duties as our receptionist. We are very excited to have her on our team and equally excited to see where God will take her in this season of her life.



## Food Pantry Update



The operation of the food pantry throughout the month of August was thanks to the generosity and efforts of Trinity Assembly of God (Whitehall, WV), Janes Memorial United Methodist (Boothsville, WV), and the MGO Educational Enrichment students (see page 1). In August, 468 individuals were served.

All work done in the MGO food pantry is due to the hand of God working through generous donors.

If you or an organization you know are interested in adopting our pantry for an upcoming month, you can let us know anytime at [moregraceoutreach.com/contact](http://moregraceoutreach.com/contact). If you are interested in helping out in a smaller way, here are biggest pantry needs.

### **Current Pantry Needs:**

- Canned Goods
- Personal care items (shampoo/soap, toothbrush/toothpaste, toilet paper, etc.)
- Breakfast foods
- Peanut butter and Jelly
- Instant meals (ramen)

*“The students decided to use their collection to purchase food...”*

## Desk of the Director

*Elizabeth Luffy, Executive Director*

August has proven to be a month of provision through the small hands of children and young people in our community. As the Director of MGO, I am faced monthly with the task of entreating a sponsor to help fill the food pantry with products to serve the hundreds of families we reach monthly. This can be a daunting task as the need increases and the estimated cost of servicing this

part of the ministry has jumped to \$1,200 monthly. In August, MGO was approached by Janes Memorial UMC with funds collected by their Sunday School Class in the amount of \$211.36. The students decided to use their collection to purchase food. Additionally, MGO Educational Enrichment Students held a car wash and with their proceeds of over \$600 the students also purchased

food. To see the hearts of children contributing in such a way to resource this need was a blessing. In the month of August God multiplied what they gave and MGO was able to serve 468 families.

## Volunteer Interview—Tyler Quinn



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Tyler Quinn just started volunteering in August after taking part in a local fundraiser his Church (Trinity Assembly of God) put on for MGO. When asked how he started serving, he responded, “after seeing the need, I figured there might be a chance to volunteer my time in addition to donating monetarily.”

Tyler quickly found a fit in our front office helping check-in our members on Thursday evenings.

“It’s a wonderful place to volunteer, with surprisingly little stress. I come and do what I’m told, and I see God move because of it.”

Tyler stated that he’s seen God move through the lives of the other volunteers just as much as

through the members. “It shows people in the Church how to love the community well,” stated Tyler. He plans to continue volunteering, and encourages others in the Church to join.

*“What do I need to sustain my life for today in the now?”*

## Devotional—God of the Now

*Elizabeth Luffy, Executive Director*

### **Matthew 6:25-34**

“Take no thought for your life,” such a strange way to think. For most of us our thoughts are consumed with our day to day life choices, but here we see the Lord direct us to stop thinking that way. At MGO, we have seen many desperate situations crest the doors weekly; hunger, finances, homelessness, drug addiction, hopelessness that weigh people down, to a point that they wear

their worry and thoughts across their precious faces. The expressions become life lines of concern. The Lord in his love shows us a better way in verse 33, seek first the kingdom of God and his provision will be added to the lives of those who call upon his name and invite Jesus Christ into their hearts. God cares about our practical need in the *now*.... What do I need to sustain my life for today in the *now*. At MGO we get to see God move in the *now* each time

we are open. Desperation turns to hope through a bag of groceries, a new pair of jeans, a hug of acceptance and *hope* is restored, and Gods promise is fulfilled in the *now*.

## Membership Information

*Lori Shaffer, Reception and Administration*

As a More Grace Outreach member, you will receive a monthly food pantry visit, and two bags each time we’re open for clothing, equaling to sixteen possible bags total for the month. All that is required for membership is a form filled out

yearly, and a twenty-dollar annual fee. The fee can be broken up into payments, if necessary. The fee goes to help keep MGO running so we can continue to serve our community. to serve 450 families.

You can apply for membership anytime during regular open or office hours.

## Upcoming Events

Here are some chances to get involved with MGO over the next few months!

- On September 15th, we will launch our second academic year of our Educational Enrichment program! *We are currently looking for sponsors for students! If you are interested in sponsoring a student for just \$100, let us know using the contact information on page 4.*

- **MGO Car Show**, September 18th. *If you are interested in being a vendor at our upcoming car show, please get in contact with us!*
- **1st Annual MGO Banquet**, November 11th. *To reserve a table for your organization, please let us know in advance.*

As always, you can keep up with all of our upcoming events on our facebook page!

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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.

