

More Grace Newsletter

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MORE GRACE OUTREACH

Highlights from this issue:

- *Member increase demands greater resources. Community steps up to help.*
- *MGO launches online video devotional*
- *Food pantry sees month of incredible results, reaching over 570 members and families*
- *Annual Toy Giveaway registration opens. Individuals can register on our website.*

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God's Hand Through the Community

Elizabeth Luffy, Executive Director

In the month of October the MGO Food Pantry was hit on the first day of operation with a massive increase of members receiving assistance. October 2nd the Pantry volunteers served over 98 individuals. Immediately a third of the resources that were purchased for the month of October were bagged to meet their needs.

We took to Facebook with a plea for assistance to our community. For that specific post our view count was over 5,600, and an outpouring of assistance flooded MGO. A community leader stepped up and ran a GO-FUNDME campaign raising \$200. West Taylor Elementary School jumped in and held a canned food

drive, collecting a wide variety of food items for the pantry.

The community support did not end there, as a Facebook community site, *The Original \$1 Auction Site* momentarily contributed as well as nonperishable food items. Individuals joined the need to help neighbors access the pantry by dropping off food each time the doors were open. MGO would cease to reach the community if it was not for the abundant care and concern from people stepping up and making a difference, and for all those that helped make God's vision for the month of October a reality, we express our gratitude.



Starting the Week Off Together

Last month we launched a weekly video devotional on our Facebook page. This devotional aims to connect us to the community and kickstart the week in a healthy way.

In October's devotionals we discussed the focus of our min-

istry by asking the questions "who do we base our ministry off of?" "What is the heart of our ministry?" and more. Each of these can be found on the *videos* tab on our Facebook page.

Throughout November we will be discussing thankfulness, and how being thankful for God's blessings in your life can change your attitude altogether. Be sure to tune in Monday mornings on our Facebook page.



Food Pantry Update

God has been faithfully demonstrating His provision for the past few months, with need met in the food pantry through various generous parties (*see page 1*).

In October the MGO food pantry reached 571 members and their surrounding families.

We are currently seeking sponsors for November. If you, your church, or your organization would be willing to generously

sponsor our pantry for an upcoming month, please let us know using one of the contact methods on the last page of this newsletter.

Smaller donations are always accepted as well. The list to the right captures specific 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)
- Shelf-stable milk

“...all we ought to do is handle our today. God handles the tomorrow.”

Devotional - He Knows Our Need

Stephen Luffy, Outreach and Media

Matthew 6:31-34

I was reading a book recently in which the author said something to the extent of “We must always remain excited about what is to come, but we must also never be overwhelmed.” So often we can look at what is ahead of us and become overwhelmed with

our expectations for ourselves. This happens in work, in our families, in our kitchens, closets, and especially with personal goals. I find in myself, I want everything resolved today that will eventually be resolved tomorrow, and in that I grow uncomfortable. In the verses above, in regard to the material, Christ says that

God himself knows our need. We can get excited about what is to come, but we can’t get overwhelmed with the weight of the future. We can rest assured that in him we find our provision, and all we ought to do is handle our today. God handles the tomorrow.

Volunteer Interview - JR Shaffer

Our food pantry staff is quite often comprised of younger volunteers. With our Pantry Supervisor Israel Rollison at the helm, our pantry staff help to keep one of our most demanding ministries afloat. Among this staff is JR Shaffer, and young man who has been faithfully serving in the pantry since early 2018. He initially started com-

ing because his mom forced him to, but he stays due to the lasting friendships he has made in his time here.

“I mostly bag groceries and carry them out to cars, but it always feels good to help.” stated JR.

JR additionally remarked about the good times he has had serving with Israel in the pantry

alongside the other volunteer staff, and he plans to continue serving for a time to come.

Annual Toy Giveaway Registration

We have opened registration for our Annual Toy Giveaway! Each year we receive a large supply of toys from West Virginia's Greenbrier Resort and other local supporting organizations that we distribute to families in need in the community.

If you know a family in need this Holiday Season, send them our way! They can register at our website or in our front office during open hours. Distribution will be December 15th from 10am to 1pm. Toys are geared toward both boys and girls up to age 12.

You can reach us with any questions at 681-404-5357, or at moregraceoutreach.com/contact.

Needs for the Winter Season

Lori Shaffer, Reception and Administration

As the temperatures start to decrease, MGO starts seeing membership numbers increase. People are in need of more help during the colder months and around the holidays. Parents are looking for warm clothes to layer their

children in during those cold months.

MGO needs your help this winter with the donation of winter clothing such as coats, gloves, scarves, hats, etc. We believe no one should go cold

in the winter. Please consider partnering with us by passing on some of your old winter clothing.

Upcoming Events

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

- ***1st Annual MGO Banquet***, November 11th. *To reserve a table for your organization, please let us know in advance.*
- ***Annual Toy Giveaway***, Distribution December 15th. Register online.

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.

