

More Grace Newsletter

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MORE GRACE OUTREACH

Highlights from this issue:

- *Toy Giveaway reaches over 253 children.*
- *EFHS inspires a community canned food drive, supplying many canned food items for MGO's Food Pantry.*
- *Recipient of Toy Giveaway speaks out (p.2)*

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2018 Annual Toy Giveaway

At MGO we believe in community helping community. We believe that there is something special about the Christmas Season, and especially about celebrating the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Consequently, we never want to see families in our community miss out on the joy of the Christmas Season because of other various needs. Each Christmas we set out to put a few toys under a few Christmas trees and remind our neighbors in our community that Christ truly is the reason behind Christmas.

This year we partnered once again with the Greenbrier Resort and other various community partners to collect toys to give to families in

need. Any one of our members could feel free to register and receive toys for children ages 12 and under.

We hosted the actual giveaway on Saturday, December 15th, and served families from 10am - 1pm. Almost every registered family came out, and together we were able to bring a better Christmas to over 253 children in our neighboring communities.

If you donated any time, money, or gifts to our Toy Giveaway this year we want to thank you for your help. You can read a testimonial from one of the receiving parents on page 2.



EFHS Inspires Community Canned Food Drive

In December, the students and staff at East Fairmont High School decided to step up and give to their community by hosting a canned food drive. Together, they collected over 1,000 cans for our food pantry, filling the back of our empty moving van to capacity.

Others in the community took notice of EFHS's efforts and decided to step up as well. Advance Auto Parts in Whitehall also hosted a canned food drive.

While we still have need for certain foods in our pantry, the efforts of our community have secured many meals for families in need.





Food Pantry Update

In December, while we were closed a good portion of the month, we still served 123 families with 364 individuals out of our food pantry.

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.)

“...we fix our eyes on the goal of reaching hearts...”

Devotional - Don't Grow Weary in Doing Good

Elizabeth Luffy, Executive Director

Galatians 2:9 (ESV)

“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.”

So, often at MGO we are asked if we ever get tired of extending ourselves for the community. In Galatians 6:9 we read an exhortation to not grow weary in doing well. There can be days

for those who serve and volunteer when the load gets heavy, but we fix our eyes on the goal of reaching hearts by the love of Jesus Christ. We choose not to let ourselves grow weary in doing good, and we find our strength to persevere through good and bad times through Jesus Christ. We have no intention of relenting or giving up on our local mission field, our com-

munity. If you find yourself struggling or growing tired, we encourage you to find your strength in the Lord, and continue fighting the good fight.

Testimonial

Elizabeth Luffy, Executive Director

December 15, 2018, MGO stepped up and partnered with families, day care centers, and partnering ministries to assist over 250 children receive Christmas gifts. The following is an example why our pursuit to love our community is unwavering. Josh Thompson, father of young children we assisted with gifts, took to our Facebook page with the following comments:

“I want to thank you guys from the bottom of my heart I'm so glad I met with this group, you guys are a true blessing thank you for doing that toy giveaway it means a lot to me. I'm going to be a proud member (MGO), come January 8th! Again, thank you guys I felt the joy and great vibes while I was there, whenever I got to my car, I had to take a second and pray it brought me to tears get-

ting the help from you guys it means more than you know!! I am so glad to of met such amazing I people that devote their time and efforts into making this happen and spreading the love of Christ!’

Moments like these are the fuel that keeps our hearts running.

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.

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.

We still have a few months of harsh weather before the spring truly breaks. Please consider partnering with us by passing on some of your old winter clothing.

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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.

