

# More Grace Newsletter

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## Highlights from this issue:

- *Students speak out about the impact of the education program.*
- *462 dependents served through the food pantry in February.*
- *We will be discussing parables of Christ in our March Video Devotional.*
- *A census outlining our reach throughout the counties in our area*

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## Testimonials from Our Education Program

Elizabeth Luffy, *Director of Operations*

God has called for love from the hearts of the leadership and tutors who work with the children we serve through our Educational Enrichment Ministry. 1 Corinthians 16:14, "Let all that you do be done in Love." It would seem easy at first, a ministry requiring a single hour of a volunteer's time on a Wednesday afternoon is not too large of an investment. The door opens and soon MGO facility fills with smiling faces of 36 students ages 3-17. This ministry is an hour commitment one time a week and that initially consists of homework help, reading a book to test comprehension and of course the most powerful moment of their hour time slot, snack time. Past these moments a relationship begins to cultivate, and tutors become stabilizing heroes to each child.

Their commitment develops a safe place to learn, love and rely on the comforts of a once upon the time stranger becoming an align for their education. The students who attend our program in many cases come from difficult circumstances. Instability with living environments, the threat of hunger circles through

their minds and at times education is never addressed at home.

That's when the hearts of MGO tutors step in with love and ignite change and hope. Seeing confusion adjust to knowledge, discouragement turn to hope is why they forge ahead in advocacy for these beautiful capable young lives. One of the students recently hugged a tutor around their waist and said, "You are my best friend, thank you for helping me learn fractions and believing in me." Another older student said, "Why don't you just give up on me? I am never going to be anything in life." The tutor's response, "I will always fight for you to see how valuable you are not only to God but to me and the world around you. You are designed for great things in this life. You have a purpose!" MGO tutors are following 1 Corinthians and they are laying down their time resources and energy to LOVE!

From the Board of More Grace Outreach thank you for this investment which will reap fruits for years to come!



## Food Pantry Update



We would like to extend a special thanks to Flemington Assembly of God, who stepped up and helped supply most of the stock of our food pantry for the month of February. In partnering, we were able to help feed 462 dependents.

If you are interested in partnering with us to help feed the hungry in our community, the following are our primary needs.

### **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*

*“...when love is easy, it doesn't cost much.”*

The month of February was filled with rich opportunities to shine the light and love of Jesus brightly to our community. As the Director of this ministry, God has been challenging me personally on the degree of love that He is looking for from me as a ministry leader. Loving to the degree on laying your life down for someone is not something generally called for in our country, yet across the world many brothers and sisters are led

to that level of love. Here though we can apply this truth in many other ways. Love when it is easy, when it doesn't take much time or energy doesn't cost much. What happens when it becomes a challenge or situation that causes our hearts to stop and say no way not that Lord. These moments at More Grace Outreach become the defining moments of ministry loving the unlovely, the hard

situations, the ones you cannot change but by love God can change. We had a family this past month burned out of their home and lost a loved one in the fire. To see the volunteers and body of Christ rally to love and give was such an encouragement. This is the rich degree of love God is calling MGO to operate in as Christ followers.

## February Devotional Preview

Each month on our Facebook page we do a weekly Monday morning devotional. Each devotional runs around 60 seconds, and the goal is to kickstart the week together looking to Christ. Last month we discussed what Scripture says about how we should carry ourselves in

different key areas of our lives. Each video can be found on our Facebook page.

This month we will be looking at a few key parables taught by Christ during his time on earth, and how they can be applied to our lives .

Be sure to join us each Monday morning on our Facebook page so that we can kickstart our week together.

## 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

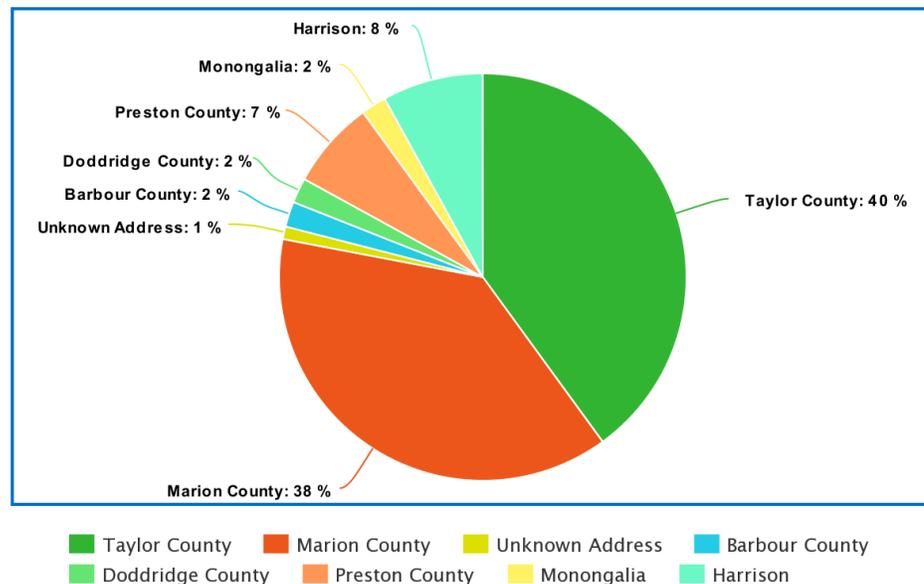
meet with an MGO representative.

Finally, you can always support **monetarily**. You can mail us a check, or reach us online at [paypal.me/moregraceoutreach](https://paypal.me/moregraceoutreach).

Thank you for considering partnering with us.

## Census

Below is a census outlining our reach in the various counties in our area (Updated January 2019)



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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.

