



Current Ministry Needs

●**Building Maintenance:** volunteers, bicycles repair volunteer, dock leveling plate, motorized pallet jack, 5 fire door panic bars, and commercial double door freezer

●**Food:** spaghetti sauce, brown gravy mix, French onion soup, ham flavored bouillon cubes, canned carrots, greens, sauerkraut, baked beans, cream of chicken soup and Food City, Walmart or Visa gift cards

●**Supplies:** cooking oil, parchment paper, dishwasher soap, toilet bowl cleaner, dryer sheets, gallon Ziploc bags, Ajax, medium and large disposable gloves, and non-stick cooking spray

Resources

www.christshandsky.org

Our website contains information about the ministry and current projects.

PayPal

Donations can be made through PayPal via the website.



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"...but, set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity."

1 Timothy 4:12

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Christ's Hands Ministry Impact

The **New Covenant Kitchen** is open Monday through Friday and the last Sunday of every month. The volunteer cooks arrive at 9am and usually finish preparing the daily meal by noon, followed by the evening volunteers arriving between 3 and 4pm to prepare the meals to be delivered to shut-ins. The evening meal begins with a devotion and prayer at 5pm. Volunteers are always needed to help the cooks in the mornings, deliver meals and to help serve in the evenings. In 2016 each month **averaged over 1900 meals served** with a yearly total of approximately **23,240 meals**. The morning cooks and evening volunteers provided over **600 hours of service monthly**.

The **Furniture Ministry** provides used appliances, beds, furniture and household goods to the needy primarily victims of fire, single parents and those in recovery. This year **over 200 donated items** were given to those in need.

December 2015 through February 2016 the **Winter Shelter** provided a warm and safe environment for those needing a place to sleep by offering a cot, blanket and a pillow. During that time, we provided **54 night stays**. This year the winter shelter opened in November and we anticipate staying open through February provided the money needed can be raised. We are seeking to raise \$20,000 to be open 4 months; currently over \$10,000 has been raised.

In 2015 we installed a generator and were also able to make a few other upgrades to the facility that has enabled us to offer a **Severe Weather Shelter** to the community. The shelter is made available to the public in partnership with the Harlan County Emergency Management office and other local partners in times of natural disaster and inclement weather. In January 2016 we were able to offer emergency shelter to the community for over **100 consecutive hours** during a winter storm event.

The **Harlan County Emergency Food Pantry** has been serving the community for over 20 years. The pantry is open Monday and Tuesday of the third week each month from 9am to 1pm. Individuals are required to provide identification, a 911 address in Harlan County and proof of income, however no one is ever turned away. In 2016 our dedicated **volunteers served over 1500 hours** to operate the pantry. **Approximately 2750 food boxes** were served in 2016, consisting of **630 adults and over 115 children monthly**. We accept any and all donations to help provide the needed items to fill the food boxes.

Year-end Giving

Here at Christ's Hands we have been blessed to continue in the ministries that have been laid out before us. The growth we have experienced has been accomplished by the dedication of our many volunteers and donors.

We encourage you to consider making a year-end contribution. Without your generous support the ministries would not be possible.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for these Kingdom building ministries.

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New Partnerships



"The National Guard Youth Challenge Program is an evidence-based program designed to provide opportunities to youth who are academically at-risk, but who demonstrate a desire to improve their potential for successful and productive lives."

We work to provide discipleship through volunteer opportunities with the cadets.

www.kychallenge.org



"The Mission of Hope is a year round ministry blessed to assist many of our less fortunate Appalachian neighbors with much needed goods and resource; college scholarships; and help with basic educational, healthcare and home repair needs."

www.missionofhope.org



"Feeding the spiritual and physical hunger in the needy."

This partnership puts a nutritional pack of food in every backpack that goes home in local school systems weekly.

www.feedthehunger.org

From A Fellow Servant

by Kevin Doan, Board Member

Fall is officially here and the holiday season is fast approaching. This time of year brings out the best in all people. It seems that even secular people feel the urge to be generous around Jesus' birthday and this is a wonderful thing.

Here at Christ's Hands, this is a busy but joyous time for us. A large portion of our food stocks for the year come in during the Thanksgiving to Christmas time. There are many local food drives of which we are the beneficiaries. Don's Supersaver starts in November with an opportunity for customers to fill a special bag with needed items. Food City has the Race Against Hunger where customers can have a donation added to their check-out total. The Kentucky State Police have their statewide "Cram the Cruiser" event, in which our local Post 10 often raises the most donations. Several local schools and various clubs within the schools also have food drives.

Each of these programs and every single can or jar is critical to our mission of spreading the gospel by feeding the less fortunate as we are instructed to do. *Proverbs 14:31 Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honors him.*

With this help, we can operate through the time after Christmas when the focus of many people returns to the daily chores of working, school, fixing dinner, shoveling snow and myriad other things. The poor and needy are still so in January as they were at Christmas, but who will help them now?

You will! That food drive that you held for Christ's Hands has been safely stored and will be coming off the shelf in the coming months to provide a good wholesome dinner to someone in need. Our volunteers are working throughout the year to distribute this food. Your gift can really make a difference.

With our local economy in a severe decline, those needing our services are constantly rising. It is heartening to know these people will not have to worry how they will feed their family tonight. Because you gave to Christ's Hands, clients often are so thankful for the help; they leave with tears in their eyes.

We have seen the Lord work in marvelous ways over the years.

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People in other states, miles away have been moved to help us and with God's

guidance their efforts have meshed perfectly with what we are working on. We are in constant prayer for His guidance and direction and we encourage you to be in prayer for us as well. Is the Lord telling you to work for him, but you don't know what you can do? You can contribute to a local food drive, or organize one of your own. You can come by and volunteer to help cook meals in the morning/afternoon, serve in the evenings (only an hour to an hour and a half), help stock the food pantry or prepare and deliver a short devotional. One day a week or even one day a month makes a difference. Ask some people from your church to come with you or set aside a time to serve as a family. These are only a few of the opportunities that we have. Come by and talk to Bryan Toll or give him a call at (606) 573-6030 to see how you help.

We need you and cannot make it without your help. Let your generosity shine throughout the year.

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This year we started operating a **Hospitality Ministry** to individuals and groups ministering in Harlan offering accommodations for groups up to 60. Volunteers help keep the space clean and ready for guests. We are humbled to have a **missionary group** using this space monthly. Offering this space has opened the door to minister in new ways, such as housing **20 firefighters** who came to fight forest fires throughout the county this Fall.

In December of 2015 we entered into a new **Distribution Ministry**. In partnership with the Mid-West Food Bank in Peoria, Illinois, we are distributing food to area churches and pantries. In 2016, we **distributed 303,500 tons of food** to our partners. This led to the need for and installation of a 12' by 40' walk-in-freezer allowing us to receive bulk frozen items for the first time. Through this partnership with Mid-West, every month frozen food and dry goods are being sent to **3 school programs, 9 pantries and 12 churches in 3 different counties.**

There are several other ministries Christ's Hands is currently involved in. At the heart of each and every ministry we endeavor to work through, is the passion for sharing the Gospel.

Community Service Award Recipient



The Harlan County Chamber of Commerce announced its annual award winners in October. The winners highlight the best of Harlan County's business, service and nonprofit community. Christ's Hands was awarded the Community Service Award. The purpose of the Harlan County Chamber of Commerce is the improvement of the quality of life in Harlan County through the promotion and stimulation of economic, social and cultural development. This year's theme — Harvest the Growth — builds on the momentum that the county has recently seen in economic development efforts. "The gala is always a great event where we celebrate businesses from across Harlan County," Chamber President Flora Asher said. [excerpt from the Harlan Daily Enterprise]

This award represents the positive impact Christ's Hands has on the community. It is truly an honor to be recognized for the work we are doing in the community. We cannot stress enough the importance of volunteers in the work Christ's Hands accomplishes for the Kingdom of God. All honor and glory should be and is given to our Father in Heaven. We are truly blessed to be able to serve Him in the work we do for the community.

Appreciation Luncheon

It is an honor to work alongside so many dedicated Harlan city employees. Serving an annual lunch is only a small way of saying thank you for the services they provide day in and day out to our organization and this community. Thank you all!



This Month's Q&A



Q: What type of donations does Christ's Hands accept?

Christ's Hands accepts donations of any kind.

Monetary donations provide the supporting framework the ministry needs for expenses related to operational cost, growth and development and long-term planning.

Physical donations are the driving force of the ministries we offer to the community. We accept food, used appliances and furniture, building materials, hygiene products, towels and linens, household furnishing, bicycles, clothing, etc.

The donation of time. We are always in need of volunteers. Any and all gifts and abilities are beneficial to Kingdom work. We strive to offer areas of service for everyone.