



Current Ministry Needs

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

•**Food:** non-perishable food, spaghetti sauce, brown gravy mix, French onion soup, chili, canned vegetables, carrots, greens, sauerkraut, baked beans, cream of chicken soup and Food City, Walmart or Visa gift cards

•**Supplies:** cooking oil, dish soap, dishwasher soap, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, heavy stainless steel scouring pads, fold top sandwich bags, Ajax, medium disposable gloves, and non-stick cooking spray

**For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat,
I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink...**

Matthew 25:35



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Beautification by Gifted Hands

By: Bob Howard, Artist

Today I stepped back from the Front Porch Mural and realized I was maybe a day away from completing panel three of four. The funny thing is I was somewhat sad, because it has been such a blessing to be able to paint it. From the first days of layout last winter to now the Dog Days of August I have felt the Lord's presence and guidance in the work. I have received help from a number of visiting groups this summer. It gave me a chance to get to know them and share my work. The fourth and final panel toward the highway will start late August and I hope to be finished by cold weather. Prayers for me as I work. Stop by and look it over. Know that God is good and is working in your life daily.

Sharing His Blessings



From A Fellow Servant

by Scott Pace, Board Member

I would first like to thank everyone that makes a contribution to Christ's Hands. Your willingness to seek the Lord's will for your life and give back is the foundation of our ministry. The impact that we have within our community is a direct reflection of your service to Him.

My connection with Christ's Hands began several years ago and has been one of the greatest blessings of my life. I am a school teacher which I feel is my calling and I try my very best to be an example for Christ and have an impact on those around me. Over the years I have always found myself in church through the week and fell into a comfortable routine. I had faith, but felt that my work for the Lord was not what it should be. I understand that once we surrender to Christ and become equipped with the gospel it is our duty to present it to others regardless of the location or circumstances. Under conviction, I prayed for additional opportunities to do just that and in just days I received a call from a close friend inviting me to come to Christ's Hands and volunteer. It was truly amazing how quickly the

Lord moved in my life and I can't begin to express how much I have grown over the years as a result.

I would encourage anyone to pray and seek the Lord's will in their lives and look for opportunities to use their gifts both within and outside of the church. Your testimony, service or simply your kindness might make all of the difference in someone's life and lead them to salvation!

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

-James 2:14-24

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New Partnerships



WUIC, seeks to join in spreading the good news of Jesus Christ, inviting all to experience his unconditional love and grow in a deeper relationship with Him. Based upon a foundation of four pillars- prayer, evangelization, teaching, and healing- our work seeks to reflect the authentic biblical teaching, and to appeal to all ages and groups.

Christ's Hands owns a radio transmitter and has an FCC license to broadcast/boost an FM station. Currently it is rebroadcasting WUIC to a larger audience on FM 106.7



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Bring your extra harvest in today. We love serving fresh fruit and vegetables.



Make Christ's Hands Inc. your charity and Amazon will make a donation with each purchase that qualifies for the Smile program.



When you donate to the local Goodwill ask them to credit the donation to Christ's Hands account. This allows us to write vouchers for those in need.



A partnership with Midwest Food Bank started forming in 2013 when God planted a seed in the hearts of the people in Peoria, Illinois to minister in Appalachia. A representative from Midwest visited several locations in Central Appalachia during June of 2014 and a visit to Christ's Hands ignited the relationship. Keith Barr, Director of Mennonites Central Committee's S.W.A.P. program, helped bring the final pieces together in the summer of 2015. Christ's Hands received its first semi-truck load of food in December with the hopes of getting 3 to 4 trucks a year from Midwest.

Monica Scheuer, Director of Administration for Midwest Food Bank, rode along with her husband, Steve, as they delivered a trailer full of dry foods, fresh fruits and vegetables to Harlan. She said, "The whole experience was rewarding because we were keenly aware of so many families that are in hardship in the heart of coal mining country."

Surpassing expectations, the fifth truck of food arrived at Christ's Hands in August of 2016. This new partnership has enabled Christ's Hands to distribute over 100 tons of food to the needy. Working with Midwest has opened avenues for Christ's Hands to partner locally and regionally with others. Christ's Hands benefits from additional food for use in the food pantry and soup kitchen. However,

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the bulk of the food from Midwest is distributed to 10 different food pantries in Bell, Harlan and Letcher counties with plans to continue this growth into Leslie county.

As this ministry has grown, so has the need to expand the infrastructure. Midwest Food Bank currently has the capacity to send Christ's Hands a semi-truck of frozen food every other month. However, Christ's Hands has stored frozen foods in donated second hand residential chest freezers, and has not had the capacity to store bulk frozen food.

In July, a 40x12 walk-in-freezer and a 12x12 walk-in-refrigerator became available for purchase. Don Parsons, a longtime community partner, was instrumental in its acquisition and set-up.

'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' -Matthew 25:40



Leadership Leading the Way

Leadership is fundamental to the success of any team or organization and at Christ's Hands the Board of Directors provides that leadership. God has blessed the ministry year after year to provide the opportunity to meet various needs within the community. The board addresses each matter with prayer, seeking guidance from the Holy Spirit, which has been critical as Christ's Hands continues to grow. As much as the church's prayers are sought after for the ministry, clients and community, prayers for the leadership of Christ's Hands is appreciated as well.

Board of Directors:
Dr. Robert Atkins is the founder of Christ's Hands and serves as Chairman of the Board. He currently resides in Naples,

Florida where he practices medicine at Physicians Regional Healthcare and volunteers at the neighborhood clinic. He and his wife, Julie, attend Center Point Community Church.

Tim Howard serves as the Secretary of the Board. He is the owner and president of Howard Engineering and attends Harlan Christian Church. Tim volunteers Wednesday evenings serving and delivering meals.

Kevin Doan maintains and makes repairs as needed to keep the property operating smoothly. He is employed as a federal mine inspector. He and his wife, Brandee, and their four children attend Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Scott Pace offers his expertise in technology support. He is a teacher at Harlan County High School and attends Sunshine Baptist Church. Scott volunteers on Monday evenings serving meals.

building projects. He is the owner and operator of Total Electric. He and his wife Mattie attend Immanuel Baptist Church. Steve volunteers in assisting with the various operating systems within the building.

Matt Nunez provides a valued connection to local community resources. He operates the Harlan Dental Clinic where he serves the community as a dentist. He and his wife, Brandee, and their four children attend Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Christ's Hands is funded solely by churches and individuals who believe in and want to invest in the ministries of Christ's Hands. During the current calendar year Christ's Hands has received monetary donations from over 35 different churches and Sunday School Classes. In addition to churches, Christ's Hands has received funding from business and community organizations. The majority of donors however are individuals. While some financial supporters send one time donations, others send monthly support.

It is with humbled hearts that the leadership at Christ's Hands diligently works to keep costs down and ministry impact growing. As the need in the communities of influence grows, so does the need for support. Please pray about becoming a monthly, quarterly or annual donor. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us.

LOCAL BUSINESS DONATES A BOX TRUCK TO CHRIST'S HANDS



One of our community business partners, Southern Wholesale, donated a box truck which Christ's Hands began utilizing this summer. Southern Wholesale represents one of the many businesses that are giving back to the community through Christ's Hands. With the help of this donation we hope to be picking up and delivering donations for years to come, but more importantly sharing the love of Christ to more people.

This Month's Q&A



Q: How is Christ's Hands funded? And how can I begin partnering financially in the work being done?