



## Fisherman's Peace

The best 'fish'n' stories always seem to start with "my dad and I" or "my grandpa and I". When a story has this beginning, you know that what follows isn't so much a story of some big fish but a moment in a person's life that was significant enough to be memorialized in a tale of fellowship. Each day you and I have the same opportunity to go 'fish'n' with our Father, to create an eternal story with significance, either for us or for someone else. Jesus has called believers just as he did that morning on the beach when he called His disciples, "Come, follow me," he said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." (Matt.4:19)

Today may not yet hold some special meaning for you but if you're out fishing for people it's possible you will be memorialized in a story. That story may be the one your best friend tells his grandchildren about his salvation, or you may never hear the story that you helped create. Have peace knowing that when we allow the will of God to be our will, He is glorified and made known to those around us.

May you be encouraged, to find peace in knowing that today holds a story for someone. Share your life with those around you, seek out the lost, love them as you are loved by the Father. Create eternal stories.

*By: Bryan Toll, Christ's Hands Director*

## Resources

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The website contains information about the ministry

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# Sharing His Blessings



## From A Fellow Servant

*By: Matt Nunez, Board Member*

My name is Matt Nunez. I have been a lifelong resident of Harlan and I am a local dentist. My Father (Dr. Al Nunez) moved our family to Harlan in 1971 while my Mother (Dawn Nunez) was pregnant with me. He moved here because he wanted to serve an underprivileged area and was fortunate to get hired at the Harlan Appalachian Regional Hospital. My mother was very involved in the community and charitable causes. That trait was passed on to me and my sisters and her legacy lives on through us. I attended undergraduate college at the University of Kentucky and dental school and the University of Louisville while always planning on returning to Harlan to serve its people. Several years ago I was approached by the director of Christ's Hands to consider serving on the Board of Directors. Without hesitation I accepted the offer. My office is less than 100 feet from Christ's Hands but I was not aware of all the wonderful ministries the organization was involved with. I have known many people who have benefitted from the Christian guidance, food and shelter provided by Christ's Hands, but often times I feel the volunteers benefit the most, especially in a spiritual sense. Christ's Hands provides a mechanism for people to share their time and energy to help others in need. Our daily meals, food pantry and shelter are a security blanket for those in immediate, as well as, longer term needs. Being able to minister to the residents and passers-by is truly a blessing to all. Christ's Hands is a cornerstone in our community and Harlan County would not be the same without it. The success of Christ's Hands is only made possible by the hard working director, staff and volunteers. The future looks bright for Christ's Hands and the people of Harlan are very fortunate for its existence.

To God Be the Glory.

If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. *- 1 John 3:17-18*



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## SUPPORT FOR CHRIST'S HANDS

Christ's Hands is blessed to continue in the ministry of serving. The assistance given to those in need 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 many ministries of Christ's Hands would not be possible.

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



## Partner Spotlight



Don's Super Saver has been a long-time supporter of Christ's Hands. We pick up donated goods seven days a week from mainly the produce department. During the Christmas season, the store creates holiday bags that can be purchased by the community for the pantry at Christ's Hands.



Christ's Hands receives donated items from Food City five days a week. The meat, bakery and dairy departments help keep our cooks happy with lots of meal options. The store also provides us with a \$500 gift card yearly.

*Without the local support we receive from these businesses and others, fixing over 25,000 meals yearly would be much more challenging.*

## Christ's Hands are truly reaching the world



Being a Missionary to slums in the deserts of Peru, and the deepest of the Peruvian jungles, to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ through the word of God and the love of Christ we go! At any given time you can find the ministry, building/purchasing feeding centers in the driest deserts on the equator, to feed hungry children living in extreme slums. Other times the team may be boating for up to twenty hours on the mighty Amazon River to take the gospel to those who have never heard the good news, in jungles deep within the Peruvian border. You may find us starting churches to disciple those who have received that glorious news, or holding Congresos to teach basic Christian principles.

Christ's Hands Mission in Harlan, KY. has been with us on each journey, through the donations they have so generously given to promote physical well-being as well as, spiritual well-being. With donations of pens, pencils, toys, and even luggage, to ensure these donations reach their destination they travel along with us. They have been a blessing, not only to our ministry but to the many Peruvian families that have received from them over the years. They have blessed many with bibles, and supplied crayons to several different schools of Shipibo children in the deepest parts of the Peruvian jungle. Christ's Hands has went from supplying tribal chiefs in various villages with Tylenol, antibiotic cream, band aids, ace bandages, and other needful resources - to supplying soap, wash clothes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and back packs, to the poorest of children in slums of the desert. Christ's Hands is truly reaching the world, and we are thankful beyond words for their participation in helping us to feed the hungry, clothe the poor, and tell all nations the good news of Jesus Christ! To God be the glory for the magnificent partnership He ordained years ago with the ministry of Christ's Hands INC.

*By: Tammy Owens, Christ's Hands Volunteer-Discipleship Mentor for Appalachian Challenge Academy*



*"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." - Luke 2:11*

## Hearts for Appalachia

Come and be with us as we celebrate the greatest gift of all; the birth of our Precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Worship service will be at Christ's Hands Dec.23 starting at 10:00 AM. We will have food boxes and toys and will be distributing to those in need after worship service. As we celebrate the birth of our Lord, we wish you and your family love, laughter and joy. Have a Blessed Christmas.

*By: Tim Wilson, Director-Hearts for Appalachia*

## Reflections

**SWAP** Harlan (Sharing with Appalachian People), a program of MCC (Mennonite Central

Committee), is primarily a home repair program for low-income families and hosts volunteer groups from places such as Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Virginia, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ontario, and Manitoba. What we do, we do in the name of Christ: share God's love, help those in need, and hopefully inspire a lifestyle of service.

This year, most weeks, we sent one of our work teams and a summer staff member to help at Christ's Hands. The major project that was started in March and continued through October was the renovation of the entrance to the building. Work included installing a new front door, framing a new entrance area, hanging dry wall, and building a stairway to the fourth floor. SWAP volunteers were also involved in building storage shelves for hygiene items, renovating the wood shop, separating food orders, and sorting and organizing donations. Three of our summer staff members did some welding on the fire escape during their break week. SWAP volunteers also worked on the roofs of two Christ's Hands clients.

One of the highlights of our week is Tuesday evenings when SWAP staff and volunteers join the locals for supper in the soup kitchen. The meal is either soup beans, cornbread, greens, and fried taters or chicken-n-dumplings and green beans. Often the meal is a new experience for our volunteers: both the fare and the idea of eating in a soup kitchen. We encourage our volunteers to mingle with the folks who come to eat regularly, to hear their stories, and share conversation with them.

Lives are often changed through the experience of Christ's Hands. This year two of our summer staff were impacted from their time spent as a volunteer last summer. Michelle from Ontario shared that she observed a mom coming to ask for a food box because her children were hungry. She realized she had never experienced the need to ask for food and wondered if there might be needs in her own community of which she was unaware. She and her husband and children returned this year to volunteer for the summer as staff. Derick from Harlan County volunteered at Christ's Hands last year and had a desire to be involved in ministry, to explore what leading SWAP work teams at Christ's Hands would be like. Each week, he supported the volunteers who served at Christ's Hands and shared his musical talent during our evening sessions.

SWAP is grateful to partner with Christ's Hands. Christ's Hands adds much to our volunteers' experience in Harlan County.

*By: Stephanie Broersma, SWAP Co-Director, Christ's Hands Volunteer- Cook*

My heart's desire is to be a light and a witness for the Lord to anyone I would ever come in contact with. I am grateful to work with and get to know the ladies from the **Hope Center** and everyone at Christ's Hands. I pray I can show the love of Christ, be a friend or whatever is needed in the moment. I pray I can encourage others to let Christ help them with whatever they are dealing with.

**"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."**

**-Psalms 46:1**

*By: Natasha Duff, Christ's Hands Volunteer-Discipleship Mentor for Hope Center*

## This Month's Q&A



**Q: What type of volunteer opportunities are available at Christ's Hands?**

We need people...

- to pick up donations at local grocery stores daily
- to cook and prepare meals daily
- to deliver meals daily to people who are homebound
- to mentor and work beside both male and female Challenge Academy Cadets weekly
- to help in the Distribution Ministry
- to help distribute furniture
- to help maintain the property
- to mentor and work beside court ordered volunteers daily
- to help in the Empowering Youth Group Ministry

-to pick up and deliver donated goods

-to help with the food pantry database

-to VOLUNTEER.

In each and every thing done at Christ's Hands, first and foremost, is the desire to share the love of Jesus.





## Harlan Co. Emergency Food Pantry

The pantry continues to serve the needy, never turning anyone away, sharing love and kindness with each box. Thanks to members of the community and churches both local and regional, countless kitchen pantries have been filled. Each month the pantry serves over 250 food boxes weighing over 50lbs. each to the needy. As one can imagine, it takes a lot of food to meet this need. Here is a list of the things needed each month, if you or your church would be interested in helping feed the hungry:

### Monthly Needs:

250 Cereal boxes, 250 Oatmeal or instant oatmeal, 250 Snack Crackers, 250 packages of rice (3-5lb. ea.), 250 packages of dry beans (3-5lb. ea.), 2000 cans of vegs (500 ea., green bean, corn, chili and tomatoes), 250 yogurt, 200 packs of meat (5lb ea.), 50 cans of meat, 250 juice, 250 potatoes (5lb bags), 200 drinks, 250 bread, 250 chips, 500 rolls of toilet paper, 250 macaroni & cheese, 250 canned fruit, 250 soups, 250 peanut butter and 250 butter containers

## New Covenant Kitchen

The kitchen prepares meals for 120 people each weekday. Thanks to local businesses and individuals, we are able to create delicious meals for those in need. It is nice when we can provide our volunteer cooks with the needed ingredients to prepare our meals, just as they do at home. Here is a list of items that we use regularly, but do not normally come in as donations:

### Needs:

Canned Food (carrots, green beans, peas, corn, baked beans), creamed soups (cream of chicken, cream of mushroom), chicken and beef broth, powered onion soup mix, french onion soup, bar-b-que sauce, ranch and Italian dressing, brown gravy mix, beef stew seasoning packets, ham flavored bouillon cubes, powdered coffee creamer, regular coffee filters, vegetable or canola spray, vinegar, ketchup, dryer sheets, zip-lock bags (gallon, quart and sandwich lock-n-fold), powdered dish detergent and disposable gloves

# Empowerment Ministry Update



Victory Baptist Church- August '17



Jones Creek Baptist Church- July '17



Britten's Creek Baptist Church- June '17

### Letter of Thanks

I wanted to thank you again for the donation that the EYG was able to make to the youth group from Burchfield trailer park, the Pastor of that church was so happy to have the items donated for the kids. The blessing that this ministry will provide is so needed within our churches and communities. Our church is able to use this as part of our outreach program to the community, which in turn helps to get us more and more involved and able to spread the word of God and Jesus' love. We thank you for your time and effort with this ministry as well as Christ's Hands for the wonderful work you all do.

By: Misty Short



Church of God Mountain Assembly Tazewell- May '17

## 2017 Ministry Update

New Covenant Kitchen:	24,000 meals provided
Food Pantry:	3,000 food boxes filled
2016 Winter Shelter:	20 night stays to 10 clients
Hospitality Center:	20 groups hosted
Distribution Ministry:	450,000 lbs. of food gathered
Empowering Youth Group:	Partnered with 10 churches
Discipleship Ministry:	Over 150 people shepherded
Volunteer Hours:	15,000+ hours served

## Thank You

Larry and Susan Herman and our friends at Mid-West Food Bank in Peoria, Illinois for donating an electric pallet jack. Bryan and Pete are very happy to have this new resource when loading and unloading trucks.



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Volunteering at Christ's Hands has taught me the meaning of being a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ. It has encouraged me to pray and seek the Lord more for those in need especially our children. All the payment you need is to see a child get so excited over a coat or the relief on a mother's face as she finds clothes for her children that she could not otherwise afford. To give children clothing is so needful and it could be your calling in the service of the Lord.

By: Betty Jones, Christ's Hands Volunteer-  
Empowering Youth Groups and  
Clothing Ministry

For such a young ministry, the Lord has allowed this avenue of sharing his love flourish. Betty Jones and Scott Pace are working together to collect and distribute goods all over Harlan County and the region. We are in need of children's coats for the winter both for girls and boys. For this ministry to continue to meet the need of the less fortunate we need help utilizing the networks of churches within the county. If your church would like to help us continue building this network system that allows donated goods to quickly get into the hands of the needy, call Bryan at Christ's Hands.

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