



Current Ministry Needs

Ministry Growth:

- Work groups
- Office paper (8.5x11 and 11X17)
- Food City, Walmart or Visa gift cards
- Vinyl Flooring for the Hospitality Center (1300 sqft.)
- Electric Pallet Jack (\$3500.00)
- Mechanical Dock Plate (\$1500.00)

Harlan County

Emergency Food Pantry:

Canned vegetables, dried beans, sugar, flour, corn meal, cereal, peanut butter, mac & cheese, beef stew, chili, macaroni, pork & beans, rice and coffee

New Covenant Kitchen:

Coffee mate, napkins, gallon freezer bags, cooking oil, dish soap, dish washer soap, laundry soap, dryer sheets, bleach, heavy stainless steel scouring pads, fold top sandwich bags, wide aluminum foil, disposable gloves, non-perishable food, canned vegetables, spaghetti sauce, salt, barbeque sauce, self-rising flour, self-rising meal

Resources

www.christshandsky.org

Our website contains information about the ministry and current projects.



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CRAFTSMEN NEEDED

As Christ's Hands continues to grow, we are increasingly developing and improving areas of our building for ministry. In order to accomplish this growth, volunteers are needed who have expertise in the trades. We need **electricians** to relocate and upgrade wiring in several areas of the building. A **plumber** is needed to work on the sewer line and complete a bathroom install. There are several projects for **framers and painters** in the building, including a stairwell expansion. **Ceramic tile layers** are needed to tile bathrooms, laundry areas and a kitchen. We are seeking a **welder** who can extend an existing fire escape from the 2nd to the 3rd floor. Lastly, we are always in need of general **handymen** to help repair, replace and develop areas of the building. Please help us spread the word.

Sharing His Blessings



Loyall Evangelism Project

In December 2016, Christ's Hands began partnering with Calvary Baptist Church in Loyall to provide a hot meal in their fellowship hall once a month to the residents in need within the community. God grew that endeavor from serving 8 to 12 individuals the first month to feeding over 30 individuals in April. In May, the program expanded to five partnering churches, offering a hot meal each Thursday at a different church each week. It is our prayer that by offering a hot meal inside the churches of the community, the lost will experience the love of Christ and through relationships be brought into the Kingdom. We hope to use this model in other communities in the future as new partners and volunteers join us in this work.

FREE HOT MEAL
Will be available at the following Churches each Thursday evening at 5pm in partnership with Christ's Hands.
1st Thursday- Loyall Baptist
2nd Thursday- Cornerstone Community
3rd Thursday- Loyall Methodist
4th Thursday- Calvary Baptist (Hot meal & Food Box Give away)
5th Thursday- Loyall Church of Christ

Empowerment Ministry

The primary goal of the Empowering Youth Groups (EYG) ministry is to equip churches with resources that will allow them to provide incentives for their youth groups. It is our prayer that this will not only provide for the basic needs of our children, but more importantly encourage them to attend services where they will learn about Jesus through faith-based instruction and come to know Him personally as their Lord and Savior.

The EYG ministry is an extension of Christ's Hands and exists due to the donations, support and partnerships of organizations, churches and individuals who have a desire to see the youth ministries of our churches grow, providing a foundation and support system for these churches going forward.

Please be in prayer for this ministry and that it will glorify God by demonstrating His love through compassion and goodwill. If your church can benefit from this ministry or if you are interested in donating items and/or volunteering your time please contact Scott Pace at scott.pace@gmx.com or call Christ's Hands at (606) 573-6030.

Here is a list of items we hope to gather and distribute to any church in need: Non-perishable snacks, drinks, etc. (items that can be given to kids during Bible study or Sunday School services); Hygiene items including: toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, soap, etc. (travel size welcome); Sleeping bags, blankets, raincoats & windbreakers with hoods, gently used age-appropriate clothing for youth, new socks & underwear, shoes/boots in good condition, backpacks, school supplies, board games, children's books, alarm clocks, and reusable water bottles.



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"Greater love has no one than this:

to lay down one's life for one's friends." - John 15:13

Partner Spotlight



Cumberland Hope Community

The mission of Recovery Kentucky is to provide hope to the homeless, and those in fear of homelessness, who are suffering from alcohol and drug addiction, by using a program that integrates a peer-to-peer, self-help model.

The Hope Center sends volunteers to Christ's Hands on Mondays and Tuesdays. We are currently looking for volunteers to help us disciple the women.

The Elimisha House

"The mission of Elimisha House is to mentor, disciple and train women in the knowledge of God's Word." The ministry is a faith based transition house used to help women in recovery from drug and alcohol addiction develop a firm foundation in their faith walk.



"We provide food and clothing while ministering to the needy and homeless in the Appalachian Mountains of Kentucky and West Virginia."

Pastor Tim Wilson and his mission team travel from North Carolina to Christ's Hands the last weekend of each month. They host a give-away on Saturday and a church service on Sunday at 11:00am at Christ's Hands.

From A Fellow Servant

By: Tim Howard, Board Secretary

In the Book of Nehemiah, we read of a young exiled Jew that served as the cupbearer to the Persian king Artaxerxes. God placed a desire on the heart of Nehemiah to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the walls of the city that were destroyed years earlier. With the Persian King's blessing, Nehemiah returned to Jerusalem and, despite opposition and ridicule, rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem and city gates in a miraculous fifty-two days! God placed Jerusalem's need for a solid foundation for the security of the city upon Nehemiah's heart. Nehemiah acted on God's calling and completed a great act for God's glory.

In much the same way, God gave a vision to a group of Christians in Harlan to operate a community outreach and Christ's Hands was born. What started as a simple soup kitchen in downtown Harlan has grown to a multi-faceted faith based outreach organization that deals with community needs in Harlan and Harlan County. From the headquarters on Railroad Street in Harlan, Christ's Hands meets the needs of hungry through the New Covenant Kitchen and the Emergency Food Pantry.

Christ's Hands also partners with other faith based outreach programs to offer a food distribution program through local community churches.

Christ's Hands also operates a community shelter during severe weather and winter emergencies. Christ's Hands also caters to the needs of at risk youth by providing adult mentors. These projects allow interaction between at risk youth and adult Christian mentors by performing tool repairs, bicycle repairs and wood working activities. God is doing great and mighty things through the Christ's Hands organization.

Even with the abundant blessings, there is still much work to be done. The needs of our communities are greater than ever. Jesus told his disciples in Matthew Chapter 9..."The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few".

There are many opportunities to serve the Kingdom through support of Christ's Hands. First and foremost, I hope that each reader would pray for Christ's Hands and those who are served by their programs. These prayers are needed so that Christ's Hands will recognize the needs in the community and to reach out to those in need to help them with these needs.

**"The harvest is plentiful
but the workers are few."
-Matthew 9:37**

These prayers are needed so that people's hearts that are served by the Christ's Hands programs will be receptive to God's message and to understand the need for God's offer of salvation for their lives.

Christ's Hands also needs financial support to continue the outreach programs. God has blessed the Christ's Hands ministry, but greater financial resources will allow Christ's Hands to reach out further into the communities to minister to those in need.

Lastly, Christ's Hands needs your time and talents. God has richly blessed this ministry, but more workers will only multiply the opportunities for Christ's Hands to minister to those in need. Many work opportunities at Christ's Hands only require 1 to 2 hours of your time. I pray that every reader would consider contacting Christ's Hands and offer your time and talents to this ministry.

In closing, I thank each and every one that has supported this ministry in any form. God has clearly blessed this ministry and I pray that God will also bless you in your walk.

Ministry Development - Foyer Expansion



The ministries of Christ's Hands continue to grow each year. Our building at 112 Railroad Street has proved to be an exceptional resource for the work we do. In an effort to expand into new avenues of ministry and to use the facility to its capacity, we have enlarged the foyer. This has created better access when loading and unloading goods; it will be a warmer welcoming area for volunteers, clients and guest alike; and when finished will house a staircase providing access to the entire building. Our faithful supporters make this project possible.

3rd Annual Christ's Hands Derby Dash



On the first Saturday of May, many across the state and nation enjoy the festivities of the Kentucky Derby. Here at Christ's Hands we do the same by hosting our annual fundraiser. This year over 30 people came out for the 2-mile fun run. Thanks to the participants and this year's sponsors over \$5000 was raised for the ministries of Christ's Hands. Thank you to all of the participants and sponsors for making this year's Derby Dash successful.

Ministry Update

In the first 5 months of 2017 the ministries of Christ's Hands have collected and distributed over 203,537 pounds of food to 12 different pantries and 9 schools. The food distributed created approximately 10,000 hot meals, 13,450 food boxes and backpacks and went into the hands of over 2,300 different people each month.

New Art Work



We want to thank local artist Casey Hendrickson for creating a new address sign for the building and a beautiful hanging sign for the porch.

This Month's Q&A



Q: What is the driving force behind the ministries of Christ's Hands?

It's all about Jesus Christ! It doesn't matter if we are serving a hot meal, handing out a food box, passing along furniture, providing shelter, evangelizing the lost, shepherding the hurting, befriending the marginalized, caring for the sick, mentoring youth or loving the addicted. Christ's Hands first and foremost, desires to share the love of Jesus. Each and every avenue that God has directed us to pursue starts with creating a relationship that opens the door to introduce Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior. It is by His will that we minister. Your partnership makes it all possible. Come and be involved in helping us share Jesus Christ with others.