



Fisherman's Peace

Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard. –Proverbs 21:13

What a blessing to get to serve in God's Kingdom work here on earth today. I do not have to. I am not made to serve not paid to work in the Kingdom work. We (GET TO) wow what a thought. Many today miss out on many blessings of God because they have not found out a truth. It is better to give than to receive. Jesus gave all for us but today many find they say they want to work serve god but they just cannot find the time. I have found that whatever a person really wants to do they find time to do. This year I hope people will find time for the work that Jesus left us to do. The place to start is in your church, show that the love of god is real to your local community. There is another place to show god love at Christ's Hands we w I get to work and help supply the needs of people in need. Here the cries of the poor are heard the needs of the needed are seen and there is love given and an effort is made to answer their needs. When I was asked to write this for Christ's Hands I ask god what to say he said speak from the heart. The needs in your community should be meet by the I local new testament church. To meet the needs of our county is where we all can come together at Christ's Hands and together find time to supply the much needed assistance to those in need in Harlan County.

Have a Merry Christmas,
Pastor Danny McCreary, Verda Baptist Church



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Sharing His Blessings



From A Fellow Servant

By: Dr. Robert Atkins, Board Chair

We here at Christ's Hands cannot thank you enough for the generosity and time you have given us over the past year. Without you, our faithful volunteers and donors, it would be impossible to continue the ministry of Christ's Hands. Without your help, it would not be possible to feed the hungry, house the homeless, cloth the naked and most importantly, present the life changing message that Jesus came to this world to save us.

As we enter into the Christmas season, with all of its hype and commercialism, it is so easy to forget the true meaning of the season. No matter how tempted we are to be distracted by the gifts, commercialism, sports and other demands that so jealously demand our attention, we cannot forget the wonderful love and grace that God gave to us in Jesus. Immanuel, God with us. This is the true "meaning of the season". How great a gift we have been given, how great a love our heavenly Father has bestowed upon us by sending Jesus, His only son, that we might have a relationship with Him.

Behind all of the work at Christ's Hands, the true motivation has always been to show our love to the Lord by serving those around us. We at Christ's Hands join with you in this effort. Not for the glory that we might receive from doing something generous, but out of gratitude for what our Lord has done for us.

So In this Christmas season, I am reminded how blessed we are that our Lord has moved you to partner with us. I am humbled by the dedication and sacrifices of our volunteers and partners and we are eternally grateful for your support.

Thank you again for all you have done and it is our sincere hope that you have a great Christmas season and a blessed new year.





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Q: How does Christ's Hands use all the space in that building?

The building is about 30,000sqft. which allows for many opportunities.

The 1st floor consists of our offices and conference room, the Good Samaritan Room, a new sitting room, the kitchen and dining hall which doubles as our winter shelter, a shower and laundry area for our clients, a root cellar, a walk-in freezer and cooler, our food for the kitchen, our storage and processing area for the food pantry and space for the food bank operations.

The 2nd floor houses the hospitality center with 100 beds for mission teams, 2 large bathrooms, 2 smaller bathrooms, 2 staff bedrooms, a kitchen and dining hall which is also our large class room, a smaller class room, and our woodworking shop.

The 3rd floor contains our storage and processing center for the Good Samaritan ministry, and our community room which sits about 250 with a stage and separate game area and 2 bathrooms.

We have maximized the square footage as best we can. The next step for our growth will be looking to expand in new ways. As God leads, we will follow.

Donations were given in Memorial of the following

Brothers and Sisters in 2019:

Roy Allison, Lois Nolan Ally, Barbara Alred, Jeanette Ball, Ken Bread, Betty Bennett, Sherrill Ross Blankenship, Dennis Bush, Joe Carruba, Jackie Casto, Dora Clem, Shari Cummins, Donnie Davenport, Phillip Disney, Bill Dixon, Glenn Durham, Ken Elliot, Larry and Rhonda Ellis, Missy Taylor Essary, Robbie Estep, Mary Jane Feher, Raymond Fields, Sam France, Alam Gilliam, Carolyn Gray, Georgia Hale, Fred Hatfield, Kevin Hatfield, Theodore Helton, Phil 'Cigar' Hensley, Maxine Hunter, Lori Langham, Joe Letanosky, Allee Gracyn Lewis, Ann Ella Lisenbee, William Marrow, Martha McNeil, David McQueen, Stephen Morris, Nasie Napier, Harold Nolan, Martha O'Bradovich, Liz Parson, Faye Parsons, Elaine Perdew, Bobby Roy, Billie Short, Winifred Skaggs, Margies Stephens, Mary Surgener, JoAnn Thomas, Jeff Toll, Ernest and Julia Vanover, Debra Wetzel, Irene Wilson

"God's Ways are not our ways"

God works in the most mysterious and amazing ways! Last summer, I met Bryan at Little Buckaroo Horse Camp (our kids were participating, not us). Our wives already knew each other from a home school group they attend. Bryan and I talked about the ministry (I'm a local pastor), evangelism, and needs within our community. One of the first things that stands out about Bryan is his passion to tell others about Jesus. One of the ministries that God had just begun to make reality in our church was a fishing ministry with local kids. In a miraculous move of God, 80 rods, reels, and tackle was given to this budding ministry at our church. I was very excited about what God was doing and enjoyed talking with Bryan about the future possibilities of this outreach opportunity.

About two weeks after first meeting Bryan and hearing about his work with Christ's Hands, he called to ask me if I would tie flies with some of the cadets from the Challenge Academy as part of their community service and mentoring. I had just taken up the practice of fly tying and looked forward to using it in ministry. Sitting at a tying bench and carefully tying flies with thread, clumps of fur, and feathers can be very detailed and, at times, frustrating. It is also rewarding. He envisioned the project as a chance to teach a skill, invest time and build a relationship with these young men, and introduce them to Jesus.

I am forever indebted to Chad Morgan and Shawn Crow who came and assisted with all matters fishing and spiritual. They are certainly the strength to balance my deficiencies. We had the opportunity to spend five weeks each with two groups of cadets from the Academy. We tied flies. We prayed together. We read Scripture. We talked about life, God's wisdom, and the gospel. We watch as these young men shared their struggles, expressed fears, and their hearts soften to the reality of God's love. Several of the cadets had no previous experience with God, the Bible, or church. Some picked up a Bible for the first time in their life at our weekly Bible study. Some of them even tied some decent flies!

It's amazing how God works through a casual meeting of two dads at horse camp, to use what passions He has instilled in us, to get glory for His Name. Who could have imagined that a little fur and some feathers could do so much in God's hands.

*By: Pastor Mitch Huff, Christ's Hands Volunteer-
Discipleship Mentor for Appalachian Challenge Academy*

Reflections

As a Christ's Hands Volunteer I wanted to share one of my experiences. On what we call food day...

As the day was ending someone gave this beautiful young lady a ride to come and get a much needed food box. She proceeded to reach out to me for comfort. Her precious grandmother had departed this earth, leaving them grieving. Heaven's gain is earth's loss. She was really hurting. Since I know the God of all comfort I pray God's words of comfort and prayer were beneficial to her hurting heart.

As we talk she tells me she has four children. The clothing ministry, blessed with resources it has, blessed her with what is on hand that day. We blessed that day!

Then she blessed me with words I shall never forget. Words that humbled my soul. She said, "This place has been Jesus to me today." Then repeating it, "This place has been Jesus to me!"

I'm glad Jesus passed her way that day to meet the needs of a hurting mom and her four children. Jesus passed by thru Christ's Hands. Thank you for being Jesus with your resources. Christ's Hands has opened their hearts and their hands. They have first put feet with their prayers.

In Luke 5:1-9 they cast out their nets at Jesus word, into the deep, the catch was so great their nets break and they began to sink. Think of all that would have been lost if partners had not come to the rescue. The partners saved the fish and the boats too. Thank you for being Jesus to someone.

By: Anonymous, Good Samaritan Room volunteer

Christ's Hands Needs List

- Replacement rear roll up door for our Freightliner box truck \$1000
- Split-unit heat pump for the Good Samaritans Room and new Day Room \$2000
- LED light bulbs to finish the upgrade to 100% LED lighting in the building \$1200
- Replace three 80-gallon electric water heaters with one tankless on-demand gas unit \$1550
- One year's supply of latex gloves for the kitchen \$1750
- One year's supply of to-go trays to serve hot meals to our home bound clients \$1250
- One season to operate Christ's Hands Winter Shelter \$15,000
- One year's supply of 50 and 13-gallon trash bags \$1200
- One semi-truck of food acquired through Operation Blessing \$2500
- Items for use in the kitchen: Green Beans, Corn, Peas, Kraut, Baked Beans, Greens, Chili Beans, Carrots, Evaporated Milk, Dry Ranch Seasoning, Stuffing mix, Chili Powder, Taco Seasoning, Powered Coffee Creamer, Dry Pasta, fold top sandwich bags
- Items for use in the pantry: canned food
- Items needed for the Good Samaritan Room: new socks and underwear



Christ's Hands was the recipient of Post 10's 'Cram the Cruiser' Food Drive. We received over 2000lbs of food that will be distributed in food boxes during December to the community. We are thankful for the officers and local schools who made this possible.