



Fisherman's Peace

When Kingdoms Collide

“Let there be light” came the voice of Almighty GOD shattering the shroud of darkness that was upon the earth. We as Christians and followers of our Lord and Savior JESUS CHRIST, are on a collision course with the world every day of our lives whether we recognize it or not. This collision is one where we are destined to be the victors not the victims. Have you ever considered the passion of JESUS as a collision of kingdoms? On that day love collided with hate, truth collided with lies, proud men collide with the humble Suffering Servant, sin collides with righteousness, and ultimately death colliding with life on Sunday morning as the stone was rolled away. The Kingdom of Heaven ultimately conquering the kingdom of darkness.

On our daily walk with the Lord, we see this same collision. Hurt colliding with healing, the wounded colliding with the healed, despair collides with hope, broken hearts on a crash course with joyful ones, and darkness trying to overthrow the light. We have this treasure in our earthen vessels, the treasure of hope, healing, joy, love and peace. Are we sharing this treasure with those around us. People lost in the darkness are expecting something from those of us who walk in the light, just as the lame beggar in Acts 3 looked at Peter and John expecting something from them. What we have, let's give to those in need. Be the glue that GOD can use to put broken people back together, be the person who puts smiles back on the faces of humanity, be the light in a world full of darkness. Let's revive kindness in a world that knows nothing but hate.

Lights shine brighter in the dark, wounds heal quicker when they're tended to, lives are changed when we as Children of the Light aren't afraid to collide with and declare war on the darkness. So, I encourage you today to put on the full armor of GOD, stand strong in the faith, and declare victory over the lives of the people you encounter. For our weapons are not carnal but mighty through GOD for the pulling down of strongholds. You can make a difference and you will make a difference. Love God, Love People, share the good news, change hearts, and transform lives for the Glory of GOD'S Kingdom!!!

LOVE NEVER FAILS!!!!!!

By: Jason Mills, pastor of Kildav Community Church



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From a Fellow Servant

It is hard to believe that another year has come and gone. As each year passes, Chaucer's words, "Time and tide wait for no man." becomes increasingly evident.

As we approach the end of 2024, we would like to thank our Lord and you, our faith community, benefactors and friends, for your faithful support and prayers. Without you and your faithfulness, we would not be able to fulfill the mission given to us almost 30 years ago, "To present the good news of Jesus by helping those in need".

Looking back on this year, we cannot help but reflect on the Lord's blessings, and the privilege it is serving with our brothers and sisters in His kingdom.

Christ's Hands, partnering with you, has been honored to witness our Lord's grace and faithfulness as we work to provide food, emergency housing, home repair services and clothing to those in need. As important as these basic needs are, the opportunity to present Jesus as the answer to all of life's questions is the most important work we do.

Because of your faithfulness, we have been afforded the opportunity to increase our outreach and share Christ's love and saving grace with over 2500 families.

As we all experienced the challenges of providing basic essentials for our families, we saw an increased need in basic food needs in families around us. God allowed us to address these needs through collaboration with Amazon, Mid-West Food Bank, and Save the Children, whereby we were able to deliver 531,026 meals to households in Bell, Harlan, Knox, Leslie, Letcher and Whitley Counties.

Working with Appalachia Service Project, Christ's Hands provided housing and support for 320 volunteers who provided construction services to 10 families, completing 41 repair projects with 11,200 hours of service, improving the living conditions of 34 clients.

We were also able to provide 30,313 meals through our facilities in Harlan while serving 95,504 meals to families through monthly food boxes and providing 115 families with clothing and household supplies.

A staggering 2,940,000 pounds of donations were processed through our facilities, all made possible by our Lord's blessing and your partnership.

This year presented Christ's Hands with an unprecedented opportunity to serve our community, and without your prayers and support, it would not have been possible. **Thank you.**

As we approach a new year, we can be certain of two things. First, that our Lord Jesus will be faithful. Secondly, the work of Christ's Hands has been blessed by your prayers and financial support. We would like to thank our Lord, but also thank you for your faith in us and ask for your continued prayers as we enter 2025 and address the challenges that lay ahead.

Once again, **THANK YOU** and may our Lord bless you and your families.

By: Robert Atkins, MD



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Question of the Month



Q: Seems like Christ's Hands does many things, what is the most important one?

A: Christ's Hands uses several different avenues of service to accomplish our mission of telling people about Jesus. While each physical need that Christ's Hands has been equipped to meet is celebrated, our focus is on food insecurity. Our neighbors suffer from the lack of access to healthy nutritious food and are financially overburdened by the cost of nutritious food. Our methods of addressing this need are varied. We provide 3 hot meals each weekday on-site and throughout the county on Mondays. We distribute food boxes monthly on-site to everyone who comes, and deliver food boxes weekly to the homes of families that are in one of the programs we administer. We also distribute food to other non-profits and churches in Bell, Harlan, Lee, Leslie and Letcher counties so their neighbors can be served within their respected neighborhoods.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

December 6th @ 6pm
If you have volunteered at Christ's Hands this year or during the last 25 years, come fellowship with us and celebrate what God has done through your service to our neighbors and the community.

Partnership Spotlight- Laurel Mission

To the Board of Directors at Christ's Hands and the Servant hearted Staff (and supporters):

From the bottom of our hearts, we Thank You for being the Hands and Feet of Jesus Christ to Harlan and Eastern Kentucky counties. Your ministry truly reaches lost souls for Jesus Christ. You also enable Believers/the Church, through various ministries, to serve and help Families in true need.

I am Executive Director of Laurel Mission. Laurel Mission has served Harlan and surrounding Counties for 86 years.

How have you helped Laurel Mission? Because of the food and good stuff, you distribute to us from Midwest Food Bank, we have been able to reach 10 times more people for Jesus Christ. Before our partnership with Christ's Hands, we had a small pantry that reached 30 people a month. Now Laurel Mission reaches over 300 Families a month. On Laurel Mission property, the public gathers every 3 weeks to receive food. They average attendance is 125 Families. Over 80% of these people are unbelievers.

During our food giveaways at Laurel Mission, everyone hears the Gospel, a Bible Lesson and Prayer before they receive food. Local Families that attend appreciate the Food, the fellowship, and the Bible Lessons they receive.

Again, we want to sincerely say Thank You for partnering together with Laurel Mission to reach the lost Souls of Jesus Christ.

By: Nathan Boggs, Director- June 2024

Ministry Needs

- **Items for use in the Kitchen:** 33-gallon Garbage Bags, Latex Gloves, Quart and Gallon Bags, T-shirt bags, Fold-Top Sandwich Bags, Egg Noodles, Spaghetti, Elbow Macaroni, Stuffing Mix, Instant Potatoes, Canned: Green Beans, Corn, Peas, Carrots, Diced Tomatoes, Baked Beans, Chili Beans, Tomato Sauce, Cream of Chicken, Cream of Mushroom, Sweet Potatoes
- **Items for use in the Pantry:** Peanut Butter, Canned Meat (tuna, chicken, etc.), Oatmeal, Flour, Cornmeal, Canned Soup, Beef Stew, Dry Pinto Beans, Hamburger Helper, Stuffing Mix, Dry Pasta, Canned Vegetables, Crackers, Beanie Winnies, Cereal, Vienna Sausages, Protein Shakes
- **Items for use at Camp:** Stihl Leaf Blower (\$450), 2 Multi-head Mini Split systems (\$7,500)
- **Items for use at the warehouse:** Used 24' Refrigerated Box Truck with a lift (approximately \$75,000)
- **Items for use at Christ's Hands:** Funding to purchase and install HVAC on the 3rd floor (\$28,000)

Donations were given in Memorial of the following Brothers and Sisters in 2023 & 2024:

AA Fernicola, Alma Fee, Anne McFarland, Bob Howard, Carlene Thompson, Cathryn Tagmeyer, Cecil Baird, Cedric Craig, Darel Howard, Debra Braswell, Dolly Watts, Dorothy Allen, Dorthy Allen, Faye Platt, George Howard Jr., Heather Burkhart, Jackie Bryant, Jackie Dean, James Carmical, James Carmical, Jan Hockensmith Laun, Janice Charles, Jim Morgan, John Staley, Judy Lewis, Karolyn Owen, Ken Wier, Kenneth Day, Lester Bailey, Libby Balenovich, Madge Haynes, Marsell Barton, Mike O'Bradovich, Nancy McClain, Otis Doan, Rebecca Helton, Robert Bryant, Sandra Vicini, Stanley Sturgill, Thena Hensley, Violet Lewis, Virginia Carmical, William 'Sparky' Middleton, and Wilma Moore

Donations were given in Honor of the following Sisters in 2023 & 2024:

Amiee Cupp and Dorothy Toll

2024 Ministry Update

Thanks to the continued support from you and our other supporters, Christ's Hands has been able to fulfill our mission of "promoting the knowledge of Jesus Christ through service to the residents of the surrounding community" in 2024.

There are many platforms God has given us, meaning Christ's Hands has the opportunity to serve our community in a variety of ways but our focus is food insecurity. Numbers don't do justice to the stories behind them, stories of how God is changing people's circumstances through previously unmet physical needs being addressed by volunteers working together within the kingdom of God. However, for perspective here are some numbers which represent the work from the first ten months of 2024:

- The soup kitchen has served 30,313 meals.
- Christ's Hands delivered to the door step of homes in Bell, Harlan, Leslie, Letcher, Knox and Whitley counties 30,091 food boxes, containing 531,026 meals.
- Christ's Hands gave out 5,969 food boxes, containing 95,504 meals during our monthly food pantry distribution at Christ's Hands.
- January through October Christ's Hands total meal count was 656,843 meals
- This food was managed at our warehouse where 98 trucks brought in 2,940,000 pounds of donations that were processed and distributed.
- Christ's Hands assisted over 15 other non-profits and/or church pantries by providing them with donations they were able to distribute in their local community.
- Christ's Hands provided 428-night stays to those in need within our community through the winter warming center.
- Christ's Hands housed 592 mission team members, who provided home repair and other services to the community.
- Christ's Hands provided 6,122 services collectively related to showers, clothing, hygiene items, diapers and other essential needs.
- Christ's Hands has given household furniture, appliances and related items to approximately 115 families.

Again, these numbers do not represent the true work we are called to do, which is sharing the love of Christ. As much as possible we use the time given providing assistance to our neighbors to build relationship. From these relationships comes trust, from trust comes the chance to speak the Gospel truth into people's lives. We are grateful for the opportunities we have been given and excited about the work God has accomplished. Again, it is because of donors like you and countless volunteers from our communities that make this possible.

Camp Tabor

As you drive up Pine Mountain you are literally looking down on the world and the panorama is breathtaking. This summer I led a mission team from Madison Christian School in the suburbs of Columbus, Ohio and we stayed at the camp, the repurposed forestry camp at the top of Pine Mountain! The location is perfection. Seven miles up the Little Shepherd Trail, right on the mountain top ridge line, this facility is a dream. The camp has dorms for both men and women, a central meeting and dining hall with commercial kitchen, and a chapel. The views are refreshing and the breeze is great after a day of serving others and working on ministry projects.

Our team was serving in Harlan and Loyall. In Harlan we were blessed to help prepare food boxes at Christ's Hands as well as conducting a VBS for the children of the Anna Lee Apartment complex. In Loyall, our team served and partnered with the Loyall Church of Christ and pastor Chris Wheeler. At the church, our team continued a renewal of the exterior landscaping. In addition, we also spent a day working, painting, and doing lawncare at the Laurels personal care facility.

It was great week of sharing the love of Christ with the people of Harlan County. Lodging and worshiping at the camp was perfect for our team. The facilities are in great upkeep, and our mission trip actually became a wonderful mountaintop retreat. It is only a 15-minute drive to town once you get used to the curves! I cannot recommend the camp enough for your mission team or your retreat. It truly is a mountain top experience.

By: David Fletcher, Director of Operations for Appalachia, Thirst Missions



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