



Fisherman's Peace

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us," looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith..." -Hebrews 12:1&2a

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, how is it with your Christian "race"? How is it with your spiritual direction and pace? We all have a spiritual course to run. On occasion it is a smooth down-hill course with fellow runners in step. At times it seems we are alone on a dark and discouraging path. God has laid out the course set before you. He knows where you are on your journey. He loves to see you run. Psalm 37:23 says the steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way.

So as runners let us:

REMEMBER those who have gone before us. Let's recall the witnesses to the stand, like Hebrews 11, to testify and encourage us in the faith.

RESOLVE to lay aside besetting sin and weights and entanglements that detour our path, deceive our hearts, and divide our team.

REFOCUS on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

We have a perfect forerunner on our behalf, Jesus Christ, who is our steadfast hope (Heb 6:19). God is ever beside us; coaching and empowering us. He knows the obstacles and challenges you are facing. He reminds us in Isaiah 41:10 *"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."*

Let's run with patience, endurance & joy! Christ Jesus waits at the finish line. Let's look to Him and run!

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From A Fellow Servant

By: Mr. David Jones, Volunteer

Why do I volunteer at Christ's Hands?

I had been feeling that the Lord wanted me to do something more than just church, but what? So one day my wife Betty and I had taken a donation from the church down to Christ's Hands. She took it inside and then came back out and says, "Wait a few minutes; someone wants to meet you."

Bryan Toll comes out and introduces himself as the director of Christ's Hands. We began talking and within 15 minutes, he had asked me to help teach some boys in woodworking. As we drove away, I knew this was what the Lord wanted me to do. It just felt right.

Matthew Chapter 28:19-20 "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen".

Now, I had heard these verses many times and like most Christians, I felt like Jesus was talking to everyone else, because no way could I ever be the one who did this. I really tried to live the way the Lord wanted me to, but to talk to other people about him? I just didn't think I knew enough. There was so much I didn't know. What if I said the wrong thing or misled someone?

But woodworking, I could talk about this, having done it my whole life. Perfect. I could help with the class, and after all, Jerry Haynes was the main teacher. He could do all the spiritual talking, and I'd just be there and support him. I had it all figured out. Great.

A verse in the Bible I wasn't as familiar with is; Romans 3:30 "Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified." I should have just trusted the Lord.

Everything seemed to be going along fairly well. I thought I had it figured out. Then someone asked one of the boys, "Why are you taking this class and who are you going to give your cutting board to?" He answered, "I'm gonna give this to my momma because, just one time, I want to do something my momma will be proud of me for."

This young man nor any one else knew, but he had just ripped my heart out. Doing what the Lord wants isn't about quoting Scripture or showing others what a good Christian I am. It's about showing love. The love that Jesus showed for me when He saved me. He wants all people to be saved and He uses His people to show that love to the unloved of this world. It doesn't matter who you are-people with drug or alcohol problems, prostitutes, homosexuals, kids from bad home lives, old people who just don't have anyone...anyone who hasn't accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior. And Jesus uses His people to show this love in all kinds of ways-teaching young people, cooking or serving a hot meal, giving needy people clothes, food boxes, working on His building, packing food boxes, mopping floors, or whatever it takes to keep it going.

So I guess the real question isn't why am I a volunteer at Christ's Hands, but why aren't you a volunteer showing God's love to the unloved?

Christ's Hands Needs List

- Media/Technology Volunteer
- A forklift
- An electric pallet-jack
- 24' Refrigerated Box Truck with a lift
- Volunteer Warehouse Manger
- **Items for use in the Kitchen:** Pinto Beans, Green Beans, Corn, Peas, Baked Beans, Greens, Mixed Vegetables, Cream of Chicken, Sweet Potatoes, Carrots, Evaporated Milk, Dry Ranch Seasoning, Brown Gravy Mix, Pasta- Macaroni, Spaghetti, etc., Stuffing mix, Chili Powder, Taco Seasoning, BBQ Sauce, Ranch and Italian Dressing, Powered Coffee Creamer, Fold Top Sandwich Bags, Gallon Sized Bags, Plastic Forks and Spoons, Cooking Spray
- **Items for use in the Pantry:** Corn, Green Beans, Peas, Tomatoes, Pinto Beans, Pork & Beans, Soup, Macaroni & Cheese, Spaghetti, Egg Noodles, Sugar, Salt, Meal, Flour, Oatmeal, Mash Potatoes and Can Meat- Tuna, Salmon, Chicken, Beef Stew
- '8 and '4 LED Bulbs
- Latex Gloves
- Volunteer to Host Mission Teams at Christ's Hands

HELP CHRIST'S HANDS
SHARE THE LOVE OF
CHRIST BY

VOLUNTEERING

We need volunteers to help in ministering to our community, as Christ's love needs shared now more than ever. There are numerous ways you can lend a hand.

Consider these areas of service: working in the food pantry, helping prepare meals, working to sort and organize donations, drive a truck to pick up donations, present a devotion, deliver food to shut-ins or work in our warehouse distributing food.

Bring your family, Sunday School class, your friend group or come by yourself and meet some new people. Without volunteers, Christ's Hands cannot impact the community for Christ.



Appalachian Service Project

“warmer, safer, drier”

Summer '21 Staff Picture:
Grant, Katy, Carrie and Sawyer

Appalachia Service Project (ASP) is a Christian ministry, open to all people, that inspires hope and service through volunteer home repair and replacement in Central Appalachia. In 1969, Rev. Glenn “Tex” Evans – a United Methodist minister – became one of the first people to connect the energy of youth with the deep needs of the poor. In 2020 the world changed for everyone, and ASP made the decision to suspend its volunteer program during that time. Work continued, on a smaller scale, through grant funding. ASP was able to complete 4 projects in Harlan County consisting of roofs, siding, and a porch.

ASP was very excited to be able to host volunteers for the summer of 2021 and thankful for the partnership with Christ's Hands to have a space where volunteers could stay. Things looked a little different and ASP implemented procedures to ensure social distancing between volunteers and families that ASP worked for including working on all exterior (outdoor) projects. ASP had 16 different volunteer groups consisting of 208 people come to stay at Christ's Hands this summer. 30 projects across 10 homes were completed to help 31 people. The most common projects completed were safe exits/entrances to homes, tin overlay/roof repair, and vinyl siding. All of this work would not have been possible without the partnership and community of Christ's Hands.

By: Kristina Rowles- Assistant Director of Home Repair, Appalachian Service Project

Feed The Hunger Packathon

hosted by Christ's Hands

In June, Christ's Hands partnered again with Feed the Hunger and along with 30-plus community volunteers, packed 14,400 meals. That means 60 local, food-insecure children will have access to nutritious food for months. While we have distributed these packets for years, this is the first time to host a packathon. Stay tuned for more...



New Covenant Kitchen



Like so many others, during the past two years due to COVID-19, Christ's Hands had to change many of the ways we have done ministry. Thankfully none of our ministries completely stopped, but each of them was impacted. While we continued to serve hot meals on the porch and deliver to shut-in's, the dining hall area of our soup kitchen closed in March of 2020. We had hoped to reopen it in the late summer and early fall but chose to wait. Now as cases have began decreasing in the area and the weather again turning cold, we hope to reopen the dining hall by the first of the new year. Because we have been operating with reduced volunteers, we are now in the position of needing both seasoned Christ's Hands volunteers and new volunteers to come help us serve hot meals weeknights at Christ's Hands. If you or your church is interested in helping, please contact us.

Distribution Warehouse

Because of your investment, we are making a larger impact in our community. After opening the warehouse in late 2020, it has been filled and emptied many times. We have been blessed with new opportunities to give as well as receive. Our reach has extended deeper into the outlying areas of Harlan County and further into Letcher County. This year we have worked with churches and ministries in Redbud, Big Laurel, Bledsoe, Brittan's Creek, Cranks, Coxton, Cumberland, Eolia, Evarts, Jenkins, Loyall, Partridge, Verda, and Whitesburg, as well as several school systems. It is extremely rewarding to begin new partnerships with churches and organizations. We hope to continue empowering the local church to be able to meet individuals' physical needs, so that the opportunity is created where a person's spiritual need can be addressed. Spreading the message of the saving grace of Jesus Christ is the reason behind everything we endeavor to do. Again, this is only possible because you support Christ's Hands.

Donations were given in Memorial of the following Brothers and Sisters in 2021:

Axie Reasor, Billy Ray Campbell, Bob Blanton, Caroline Barnett, Daisy Gibbs, Eddie Tammé, Elmer 'Blue' Smith, Fred & Hazel Famer, Gerald Roberts, Harry K. Moody, Helen Mathew, Herbert Stallard, Howard Scott, Irene Wynn, Jack N. Shell, James Monroe Glover Jr., James Nunn, Jim Shoemaker, John D. Howard, Libby Balenovich, Lynn Bussell Bruce, Madge Robinette, Mary Gledhill, Matt & Samantha Bryant, Phillip McNabb, Randy Bowman, and Rodney Adams

Donations were given in Honor of the following Brothers and Sisters in 2021:

2021 ASP Staff: Carrie, Grant, Katy and Sawyer, Barbara Nolan, Brad and Rebecca Stoffer, Bob Howard, Frank & Carol Hensley, Frank & Stephanie Hensley, Nancy Hensley, Stuart Rothenbury, and Steven & Robin Hensley



2021 Ministry Update

New Covenant Kitchen:
15,000 Meals provided

Food Pantry:
2,313 food boxes filled

2020 Winter Shelter:
530 night stays

Volunteer Hours served:
20,000 hours

Good Samaritan Ministry:
79 families served and
over 23,000 pounds of
appliances, furniture,
clothes, etc.

Distribution Ministry:
Partnered with 20+
churches and
organizations distributing
food, clothes, cleaning
supplies, household items,
school supplies and more
Distributing over 555 tons

Hospitality ministry:
Housed volunteers serving
with ASP, as well as
several other groups who
served our community

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