



**“Don't Forget to Pray”**

**Ephesians 6:18-20 "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should." Right before Paul writes these verses, as he is imprisoned and in chains, he just finished writing about the armor of God, and being strong in the Lord and his power. He writes to put on the full armor of God, but then in verses 18-20, he writes multiple times to pray. I can't help but think that Paul writes this passage to impress upon the importance of prayer, just as important as putting on the full armor of God to fight against the devil's schemes. Important to put on the belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, helmet of salvation, and the rest of the armor, but remember to pray in the Spirit. Paul didn't ask the Ephesians to pray that his chains be gone, but to pray that he will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel. Despite his circumstances, he prayed for God to still use him. Put on the full armor of God, but don't forget the importance of prayer, the power of prayer, that His will be done in all circumstances! I believe that Paul was able to fearlessly proclaim the gospel, while in chains for proclaiming the gospel, because he had on the full armor of God and he knew the importance of praying in the Spirit and did so on all occasions!**

**In His Care,**

**Dwayne P. Mills,**

**Executive Director, ARO**



Dwayne Mills and Debe Polich, who directs the Haven of Rest in Martin County, met to finalize plans for the short term mission teams that ARO will be hosting. Haven of Rest provides overflow housing for our short term mission teams. ARO is very grateful for the work that Haven of Rest does in Martin County, and we are proud to partner with them!



Burlington (Iowa) Church of the Nazarene sent Crisis Care Kits and School Pal Packs to Martin County. Thank you for your donations that will be a great blessing to those in our community!



Dwayne Mills had the honor of speaking at Petrey Memorial Baptist Church in Hazard, Kentucky.



Dwayne also had the privilege of speaking at Irvine (KY) Church of the Nazarene.



A special thanks to Harvest Community Church in Michigan who loaded a trailer for the ARO Thrift Store, and to those from Turkey Creek Nazarene and the community who helped unload the trailer..



Dwayne spoke to the Cultural Responsiveness in Health Care classes at Mount Vernon Nazarene University. It was a great privilege to share about what God is doing through ARO!



Our 1st Work & Witness team of 2022 was the Indiana Wesleyan University Nursing Department. Throughout their time here they presented in all the schools in Martin County, led workshops at Karen's Place Maternity Center, served at Martin County Celebrate Recovery, spent time in the Highland's Regional Hospital, learned about the important work of rural healthcare, and toured the Big Sandy Bureau of Prisons. What a blessing to have them be apart of the work that ARO is doing!





**STAFF HIGHLIGHT-GET TO KNOW OUR STAFF**

Bill & Jana Zuidema

- What is your role at ARO and when did you start? Bill started role of Thrift Store Manager Aug. 2011 and has added Food Pantry Director and Campus Overseer Jan. 2019 where Jana assists him as needed.
- What are 3 words that you would use to describe ARO? Faithful in Martin County for 50 years, Compassionate, God-seeking
- What drew you to ARO originally? We became aware of ARO through our Christian Reformed Church in MI who supported ARO and the previous Directors, Will and Jan Ruthven, whom we knew. Once we visited, we were drawn to the ministries of ARO and the impact in the community.
- Best vacation you've been on? Our honeymoon in the Pocono Mountains in Pennsylvania. With our family of 5, we have always enjoyed our trips up to MI to visit with extended family!
- What is your favorite sport? Basketball, football, and futbol (soccer)!
- What is your favorite meal? Bill-chicken and eggplant parmesan! Jana's favorite is manicotti!

If you are in the area where Dwayne will be speaking, or want to plan to hear about ARO and how God is moving in the mountains, we would love to see you on the road!

**Dwayne's Upcoming Speaking Schedule:**

Sunday, April 3rd—Muncie Southside Nazarene —Muncie, IN  
Saturday, April 9th—South Central Ohio NYI Convention—Circleville, OH  
Sunday, April 24th—South Charleston Church of the Nazarene—Charleston, WV



Thank you for partnering with ARO to be *Christ's Love in Action*. Thank you for your faithful prayers, service, giving, and trust in ARO! Will you continue to pray that God would continue to guide our footsteps? Thank you in advance for your faithfulness!



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