

Appalachia Reach Out

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Prayer List For 2020

1. ARO Summer Ministry
(Summer Feeding Program,
ARO Food Pantry, & Work &
Witness Teams)
2. ARO Summer Interns:
Salena Alexander & Andie
Verhoeven
3. Peace in our homes, peace in
our churches, peace in our
communities, peace in our
nation, peace in our world

"ARO truly cares about the children of Martin County. Thank you for giving to the children this summer."

- **Martin County School District Cook, Summer Feeding Program**

Goodness & Mercy

Early in May I had the opportunity to speak one night for the Martin County Ministerial Association Virtual Revival. It was a wonderful opportunity for Appalachia Reach Out to be represented in the Martin County community. I spoke from what I believe to be the most recognizable chapter in all of God's Word. The Holy Spirit kept breathing into my spirit as I prayed and planned for the message I would share. The Lord helping me, I was able to share a message that focused on Psalm 23. As I was studying and preparing, verse 6 hit me like I had never experienced before. I'm not sure if this has ever happened to you while reading scripture, but the words "goodness" and "mercy" protects me kept reverberating in my spirit. It was as if the Lord was reminding me like never before of His promise to keep and care for me in all circumstances of life. Verse 1 says, "The Lord is my shepherd" which reminds the reader, He is leading me, to be aware not only does He lead me, He also provides protection as a rear guard with "goodness" and "mercy". It is a wonderful reminder of His promise to all of His children. So for those who read this newsletter, it's my prayer you will know the overwhelming presence of Christ in your life as all of us live in times of much uncertainty. I'm thankful today He cares for me! I pray you sense and feel the same!

- *Dwayne P. Mills*, ARO, Executive Director

ARO Delivering Food to the Most Remote Places in Martin County

ARO Executive Director, Dwayne Mills has stated over the past few months, ARO's "why" (Christ's Love in Action) will always remain the same, our "how" is looking different in these uncertain times. As reported in previous communication ARO to date has cancelled 10 Work & Witness teams from the middle of March through the month of June. Cancelling these W & W teams is having a great impact on the work ARO does for Martin County and surrounding communities. However, there is still much work to be done for the Kingdom of Christ!

Just a few short weeks ago, ARO working alongside of the Martin County School District Summer Feeding Program put together a plan to deliver food to some of the most remote places in Martin County. Currently ARO is serving 160 meals (Breakfast & Lunch) on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday (480 meals weekly) in conjunction with the Martin County School District along with the other 9 routes serving Martin County this summer. ARO is currently taking a van to places school buses can't usually traverse to make sure children will have food through the summer months. Those who are stakeholders with ARO would be glad to know many children who wouldn't have food this summer - (continue story on pg. 2)

“Surely GOODNESS and MERCY will follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.” – Psalm 23:6



Preparing to deliver meals with the ARO Summer Interns – Salena Alexander & Andie Verhoeven

Thanks!

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We need each other. ARO wouldn't be possible without ALL support. It's a great reminder of Ecclesiastes 4:12

A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

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are now being delivered food because of ARO's ability and willingness to find ways to serve even though ARO's "how" looks completely different these days. God is opening doors and it's the mission of ARO to fill in the gaps where it's needed most to be "His hands, His feet, His heart, and His mission" in central Appalachia.

Welcome the ARO 2020 Summer Interns

What a blessing to welcome Salena Alexander & Andie Verhoeven a few weeks ago as the ARO 2020 Summer Interns arrived on campus. They have hit the ground running to help with ARO's Summer Feeding Program, prepare the ARO Thrift Store for reopening, help with the ARO Food Pantry, and currently working on the 21st Century Camp with Inez Elementary School two weeks in June (Literacy Camp which is a joint effort with IES staff, MVNU Communication Sciences and Disorder Department, and ARO). As with many other plans, they are constantly changing, but God is providing and has with two wonderful young ladies who love the Lord and have a deep desire to serve Him this summer through the ministry of ARO. Salena is no stranger to ARO, this is her second summer to intern with ARO. She will be a senior speech pathology major at Mount Vernon Nazarene University this coming fall. Andie just graduated from Olivet Nazarene University with a forensic chemistry degree and minor in criminal justice. ARO is blessed to have them on the team this summer! - *Dwayne P. Mills*, Executive Director

Special Thanks

Napoleon Nazarene & Hope Nazarene – Delivered a 54 Trailer full of supplies for the ARO Thrift Store in May. The Table Church – Donated financial gift & supplies for the ARO Food Pantry in April. The Highlands Foundation - Donated financial gift to the ARO Food Pantry. All Churches & Individuals – Monthly financial gifts, food pantry donations, and thrift store donations. Thanks to ALL who continue to support, encourage and love on the mission and ministry of ARO.

ARO Needs Your Financial Support!

Please know ARO values each ministry partner. Your prayer and financial support is vital to our ongoing impact each month of the year, especially in this time of uncertainty. You can make a financial donation online through our website or mail it to the address to the left. If you have any questions or need any updates, please feel free to reach out to our Executive Director, Dwayne Mills, via email. His email address is dwayne.p.mills@gmail.com.



Napoleon (Ohio) Nazarene & Hope (Ohio) Nazarene Thrift Store Donations. Above is a picture of Dan and Ron from Nap Naz with the ARO unloading crew. What a blessing to receive this 54 trailer loaded with supplies for the store.