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Greetings Dear Friends:

Fall is finally here and it is truly a wonderful time in this part of the country. God has richly blessed us with a beautiful canvas of vibrant fall colors that add to the splendor of this special season.

But it is also a time of anxiety for those who struggle with poverty in rural Appalachia. As the temperatures fall, the reality of the need for money to purchase fuel and food for the table are dire necessities which must be met.

The Mission of Hope needs your help, perhaps this year more than ever, as we strive to serve and assist children and families in dire need throughout numerous distressed communities in rural Appalachia. We would be honored and most grateful for your help as we strive to help those who just need a little assistance and a ray of Hope.

We know that God can provide the Harvest, and we are trusting Him for His provisions. Thanks for your friendship and support; but thank you most of all for helping extend the Hope.

Have a safe and blessed Fall.
Emmette Thompson, Executive Director
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2009 KEY DATES & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Ongoing Needs –

- Office and Phone Volunteers
- Warehouse Workers and/or Drivers (with good backs) to pick up donated items throughout Knoxville and surrounding areas; make deliveries to the Ministries & Schools we serve; and help with various tasks at the MOH.

November 5 – Annual Fund Raising Celebration Banquet
(Continue reading Newsletter for more details)

November and December – Annual Christmas Collection
(November 20-December 7) and Delivery Programs

NOTE: Dates for other MOH events will be listed on our Website or through E-mail updates from Emmette.

2009 BACK-TO-SCHOOL UPDATE

Our 12th Annual Back-to-School Program provided much needed backpacks, school supplies and hygiene items to over 10,000 students in 26 different schools. Donations were received from individuals, groups, and grant providers. The collection barrels at Food City locations brought in many school and hygiene items. Under the leadership of Rita Layman, a truly dedicated Mission of Hope Volunteer, and her team of Volunteers, items were sorted and packed for delivery to each school. Thanks, Rita and Volunteers, for a great job!

We could not have completed the individual school deliveries from July 31–August 27 without 26 dedicated teams and their capable leaders:

Cumberland Baptist – Roger & Margaret Davis; First Baptist Maryville – Joe & Alma Hall; Central Baptist Bearden – Martha Barber; First Baptist Powell – David & Nancy Rosenbalm; First Baptist Lenoir City – Pete Bartodej;

NorthStar Church – Andy & Donna Keely; Central Baptist Bearden – Jackie Johnson; Black Oak Heights – Phil & Linda Peek; Roseberry Baptist – Bill & Joyce Curington; ET & MOH Friends Team – Emmette Thompson; NorthEast Christian – Jack & Ann Salyer; West Hills Presbyterian – Mitch Townley; Parkway Baptist – Tom & Missy Hacker; Grace Baptist – Pete & Diane Parker; First Baptist Concord – Tracy & Kim Roberts; Gist Creek Baptist – Joy Havlin; Christ Covenant Presbyterian – Ginger Forbes; Sevier Heights Baptist – Daryl & Cindy Cruze; First Baptist Concord – Ken & Betty Holland; Black Oak Heights Baptist – Phil & Linda Peek; First Baptist Alcoa – Jeremy Goode; Clear Springs Baptist – Bob & Lela Lovell; Dixie Lee Baptist – Brian & Tammy McKinley; Sevier Heights Baptist – Harold Underwood; Central Baptist Fountain City – Kathy Rosenbalm.

URGENT NEEDS AT THE HOPE

We are continuing to receive numerous requests for the following items that are desperately needed at the Schools and Ministry Centers we serve:

Food –canned goods, peanut butter, pasta, crackers

Hygiene – bar soap, shampoo, toothbrushes & paste

Furniture – good used beds, dining suites, sofas & chairs

If you can help the MOH with any of these items, we will be grateful. Perhaps your church and/or business would like to have a collection effort. Please call the MOH office if you are interested in additional details.

HOPE SCHOLARS PROGRAM

At the beginning of this school year, the Mission of Hope was excited to see the 11 scholarship winners for 2009 begin their post secondary education at a school of their choice. Each student was given a \$2,500 scholarship, as well as a laptop computer and a printer which they need for classroom work. The Mission of Hope's primary goal is to provide students with the opportunity to secure a better future through education.

The progress of these 11 students will be monitored by members of the Scholarship Committee and a Mentor who has volunteered to assist each student.

The Mission of Hope also has two established Endowed Scholarship:

- The Bill and Michael Williams Family Endowed Scholarship established in 2004 at Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes (Knott County), KY.
- The Dedrick Andrew (Andy) Courtney Endowed Scholarship established in 2005 at Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate (Claiborne County), TN.

The MOH has been blessed with some wonderful seed money, but it needs your help to continue its efforts to provide additional educational opportunities to help dreams come true for the children of Appalachia who are deserving of more than just a high school education. You can help others climb the ladder of success by focusing on higher education with a donation to the MOH Scholarship Fund.

Mission of Hope 2009 Celebration
And Fund Raising Banquet

"A Mountain Patchwork. . ."

...how God has pieced together many people,
places and events to share the bright light of Hope.

Thursday, November 5, 2009

Knoxville Expo Center
5441 Clinton Hwy., Knoxville, TN 37912

6:00 PM – Dinner Buffet
Doors Open at 5:30 PM for Registration

Special Music: The Dollywood String Band

Mistress of Ceremonies – Ms. Colleen Addair
WIVK on Air Personality & Music Director

Cost: \$20 Per Person
\$200 Reserved Table of 10
(Payable in advance by cash, check, VISA or MC)

Reservation and Payment Deadline:
October 23, 2009

ANNUAL CHICK-FIL-A & MISSION OF HOPE GOLF CLASSIC

The 6th Annual Chick-fil-A & MOH Golf Classic on August 14, at Willow Creek Golf Club was a blessing for our ministry and for all who participated. The weather was beautiful, and the food supplied by Chick-fil-A was delicious and abundant. Our thanks to the MOH Golf Committee for the fantastic job they did in coordinating this event. Members are: Ralph Perrigo, Chm.; Melissa McCay, Chick-fil-A; Dennis Koontz; Brenda Lawson; Jim Montgomery; Todd Ottinger; Don Tarvin; Ron Tilley; Charlie Tonkin; and Shirley Plant and Diane Webster MOH Office.

The event sponsor was Chick-fil-A. Other sponsors were: WBIR-TV 10, Citadel Broadcasting Corp., CIS Consolidated Insurance Services, Rather & Kittrell, Home Federal Bank, Tilley-Lane, Duncan Automotive, Wintellet, Rothchild Catering & Conference Center, Coleman Printing & Awards, and Lincoln Memorial University. Our thanks also to the MOH Volunteers for assisting with various tasks throughout the day and the many donors who helped make this golf classic a success.

Our sincere thanks to all the participants, and our congratulations to the winners in both the AM and PM rounds. The winners were:

AM 1st Place Team: Ron Tilley, Tim Click, Jimmy Hyams, and Sam Bounds. 2nd Place Team: Todd Ottinger, Jeffery Miller, Kurt Johnson, and Chad Starliper. Closest to the pin winners: Bob Thompson, Todd Davis, Paul Dickenson, and Rick Dye. Longest Drive: Paul Dickenson. Sportsmanship: Justin Campbell, Joel Curnell, and Mike Fleenor.

PM 1st Place Team: Colin Moskil, John Williams, Alec Cunningham and Johny Mazon. 2nd Place Team: Steve Gilreath, Buddy Bradley, Ken Tanner, and Clifton Lowery. Closest to the pin winners: Bob Bell, P. Tarrant, John Galyon, and Walt Bower. Longest Drive: John Hughes. Sportsmanship: Mark Podgorski, Terry Delaney, Greg McMurry, and Tim Eichhorn.

NOTE: Memorials and Honorariums will be listed in the next issue of the MOH Newsletter.

STORIES OF HOPE



HOPE was fulfilled this Fall with the completion of the largest handicap ramp we have ever built. We were blessed to meet new friends at Our Father's House Church in Pineville, KY. They even cooked lunch and assisted us each day we came to work. A special thank you to Don Byrd and our MOH Team along with Toby Wagner and the Dollywood Team for all of their time, effort and hard work.

HOPE was fulfilled when we recently got a much needed, slightly used 16 ft. delivery truck for our ministry. Every penny was donated for this purchase. But perhaps even more special, we in turn gave our other truck to our dear friends at Appalachian Life Quality Initiative in Oneida, TN. They were so grateful for this blessing.

HOPE is the confident expectation of good. Thank you God for the privilege and freedom to share about You and the Hope You provide for our daily walk through life's journey.

A Special Thank You to the hundreds of dedicated individuals, groups and businesses who contribute new and used goods, services and transportation all year long to support our Resource Ministry and meet the needs of those we aid throughout Appalachia!!! Extra Special Thanks to our Volunteers!!!! God bless each of you who serve day in and day out to answer the phones; help in the office; pick up, deliver, drive, load and unload the trucks; work in the warehouse and all the other areas - YOU are the heart, soul, hands and feet of Mission of Hope. Without YOU Mission of Hope could not do what it does to help our neighbors in Appalachia.

The Mission of Hope strives to share Hope throughout the year by meeting both basic physical and spiritual needs. We count it a privilege to take the Gospel and share it with all who want to receive it. We trust you will help us to extend the Hope to our neighbors in need. When you do something for others without expecting anything in return, you are truly following the "Golden Rule."

Our recent audit confirmed we put ninety-one cents of every dollar back into the ministry of the MOH. I humbly ask that if you deem us worthy, we would be most grateful for a financial gift to help us keep extending the Hope throughout the year. The size of the gift is really up to you and what the Lord may touch your heart to give. We value all of the wonderful donations we are blessed to receive.

Mission of Hope is a fully licensed 501c3 nonprofit charity and your donations are tax deductible. We have all the proper licenses for local, state and federal requirements. If you need additional information, or have questions regarding our ministry, please contact the MOH office.

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