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Greetings Dear Friends:

WOW!! What happened to Winter?!?!?!? You never know . . . it could still SNOW!!!!

May this greeting for the New Year find you healthy, happy and hopeful. As we look forward to this new year, may we cherish and be grateful for all of God's blessings and provisions. May we be forever grateful for God's grace and mercy. May we be grateful for our freedom and for all of those who have sacrificed for it. May we trust that God will lead and protect all of our nation's leaders and public servants. May we trust that God will protect those who serve in all branches of our military services. May God help us to be faithful and may each of us be a guiding Beacon of Hope to those we serve.

We continue to need donations of good used furniture, clothing, and various other items which we share with the Ministry Centers and Schools we serve. My sincere thanks to each of you for helping us continue to extend the True Hope.

May God's blessings and protection be with you and may He be your greatest HOPE!

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2012 MOH Key Dates And Volunteer Opportunitie

February and March – "Soup for the Hope" Food Collection Drives by MOH Friends and Church Teams

April and May – Spring Mission Programs at Schools and Ministries we serve

April 28 – Home "Repair Affair" Event in Pineville, KY

May ? – Ministry Center Distribution/Outreach Event

May ? – New Fund Raiser Event for Scholarship Programs

June, July, August – Summer Mission Trips to Appalachia

June 2 and 3 – Remote Area Medical Clinic – Claiborne County, TN

June 2 – "Day in the Park Outreach" – Oneida, TN

July and August – 15th Annual Back-to-School Program

August 10 – 9th Annual Mission of Hope and Chick-fil-A Golf Classic at Willow Creek Golf Club, Knoxville

September ? – Home "Repair Affair" Event in Williamsburg, KY

September ? – Ministry Center Distribution/Outreach – Hazard, KY

October 6 and 7 – Remote area Medical Health Clinic – Grundy, VA

October ? – Ministry Center Distribution/Outreach – Williamsburg, KY

November 1 – Annual Fund Raising and Celebration Banquet at Rothchild's

November 16

December 3? - 17th Annual Christmas Collection & Barrel Collection Drives in Knoxville and Lexington

? = Unconfirmed date

Note: Dates and Locations for upcoming events will be confirmed on the MOH Website and by Emmette's E-Mail updates. You may also call the MOH office.

16th ANNUAL MOH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM A BIG SUCCESS

We were truly blessed this Christmas in a very special way. After being so far behind in our Christmas Collection Drive, God touched hearts and the response resulted in a harvest of blessings that allowed us to complete all delivery programs on time. The blessings were so abundant that we were able to help some of the Ministry Centers we serve with their Christmas needs. The MOH shared the joy and love of Christmas with over 17,000 Children and their families with food and hygiene items, new clothing, toys and gifts, Bibles and tracts. This was made possible because of the countless hours of hard work in so many areas by you—our dedicated MOH Volunteers.

Thanks to the following for sharing the “Gifts of Christmas” with our friends in Appalachian by giving their time, energy, and dedicated Volunteer spirit throughout the year:

CHRISTMAS DRIVE SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS

The help and support that Mission of Hope receives from sponsors, donors, supporters and dedicated volunteers is what makes its Christmas Drive possible each year. We extend our sincere thanks and heartfelt gratitude to each of these dear friends.

Major Sponsors: K-Mart, Food City, CVS/Caremark, Chick-fil-A, Home Federal Bank, Knoxville TVA Employees Credit Union, and Sears.

Media Sponsors: Cumulus Broadcasting (WIVK 107.7, News Talk 98.7, Sports Animal 99.1), Knoxville News Sentinel, and WBIR-TV.

Leadership Coordinators: Sandra Moore and Joe Peck, Barrel Placement; Joe Peck, Drivers and Pick Ups; Melinda Sparks, Buyer; Mary Emma Bunch and Mildred Queen, Clothing; Gail Brooks and Don Jones, Food; Jackie Johnson and Bonnie Bayless, Hygiene; Jara Allen, Suzanne Burnette, Pat McCarter, Richard and Diane Quillen, Toys; Bob Giffin and Stan Starr, Transportation and Deliveries; Johnnie Barry and Frances Giffin, Volunteers; Bud Brickeen, Pete Hoke, and Jim Montgomery, Warehouse; Jill and Russell Travis, Lexington Coordinators; Emmette Thompson, Shirley Plant and Diane Webster, MOH office staff.

Program and Delivery Teams: Black Oak Heights Baptist, Central Baptist Bearden, Central Baptist Fountain City, Christ Covenant Presbyterian, Clear Springs Baptist Mascot, Cumberland Baptist, Dixie Lee Baptist, Dollywood Hosts, Faith Fellowship Cumberland

Co-Sponsors: Coleman’s Printing and Awards, Fleenor Security Systems, Robert W. Elliott & Assoc., Inc., Rothchild Catering and Event Rentals, Service Provider Group, Stein Mart, and WRJZ Joy 620 AM.

Lexington, KY Sponsors: Chick-fil-A, CiCi’s Pizza, The Bull Radio 98.1, WLAP 630 News Radio, Life Changing Radio 99.1 FM, 770 am Radio, Appalachian Regional Healthcare, and Valvoline Instant Oil Change.

Presbyterian, First Baptist Alcoa, First Baptist Concord, First Baptist Lenoir City, First Baptist Maryville, First Baptist Powell, Gist Creek Baptist Sevierville, NorthEast Christian Lexington, KY, NorthStar Church, Parkway Baptist, Rather & Kittrell, Roseberry Baptist Mascot, Sevier Heights Baptist and West Hills Presbyterian.



Fully Packed Warehouse . . .



Deliveries to Schools . . .



Make for . . .



Happy Boys and Girls!!

RAM HEALTH CARE MINISTRY

While camel caravans in Africa and giant anacondas gliding past your dugout canoe may appeal to many, we know that it does not appeal to everyone. That is why Remote Area Medical (RAM) established the Rural America Program that concentrates its efforts in the poverty pockets of Southern Appalachia. Over a weekend clinic each month, volunteers provide dental and vision services to hundreds who come seeking medical care. Efforts are now underway to expand the program to cover more than just dental and vision needs.

Mission of Hope volunteers were blessed to go and assist with a recent RAM Health Clinic in Grundy, VA. We also provided 1,000 toothbrushes, toothpaste, bars of soap and bottles of shampoo which were distributed at the clinic. Our sincere thanks are extended to students from The Appalachian School of Pharmacy for packing and distributing each of these bags. Thanks also to the Clown Ministry Team that went and brought some sunshine and joy to the children and adults who were present.

RAM is doing an incredible job and their services are needed now more than ever before. It is heart rendering to see the number of people who willingly and patiently wait their turn to receive the medical help they so desperately need. The Mission of Hope is blessed to have a part in this ministry. For more information visit the RAM Website: www.ramusa.org or call (865) 579-1530.

EVANGELISM OUTREACH PROGRAMS

The Mission of Hope is continuing its efforts to increase its presence with the various Ministry Centers and the people assisted by these centers. We want to do everything we can to reach out to people in their own communities with the Gospel and make sure they have every opportunity to know Jesus Christ as their Savior—the Truest Source of Hope.

In late September, MOH had its Fall Outreach/Giveaway Event at the National Guard Armory in Hazard, KY. The gates for this event did not open until 8 a.m., but over 100 people were in line at 7 a.m.—most in dire need of urgent help. Thanks go to Missy Miller and her Volunteer Team in Hazard for their help. Also, to WBIR-TV and John Henry for the powerful story they did on this event. Rev. Jerry Webster assisted Emmette with the prayer and evangelistic efforts. Many requested prayer for their needs and their families.

A second Fall Outreach/ Giveaway Event was held in November at the Event Center in Williamsburg, KY, where we assisted between 250-300 families. Our thanks to Brother Keith Decker and his staff, along with two church Mission Teams at his center—one from Fort Mill, SC and one from North Georgia—for jumping right in to help our MOH Team. Thanks also to Jack, Ann and Missy from NorthEast Christian Church in Lexington, KY, who assisted us. The greatest blessing of this event was the evangelistic spirit that was present all day.

We extend our thanks to our MOH Volunteers that loaded the trucks with food, furniture, clothing, hygiene and household items, school supplies, toys, Bibles and Tracts; to the Volunteer drivers who delivered these items to our event centers; to friends at Rockford Baptist church for collecting items to take to KY and their Mission Team that went to KY. Our special thanks to our Evangelism Team: Rev. Jerry Webster, Phil Peek and David Lynch who boldly proclaimed God's Word to many people and helped lead new brothers and sisters to the Lord.

Over 125 UT Students and several leaders from The Cross Ministry spent their Fall Break helping Bell County, KY, families with much needed repairs on their homes following the flood. It was a blessing to meet with them and to see the projects they completed and to pray for them and the families they served.

Evangelism requires that we continue to boldly proclaim The True HOPE by sharing the Gospel with all those we serve.

UPDATE ON MOH SCHOLARS

MOH Scholarship Recipients are now in their second semester of this school year. The number of students by classes is: 2009 – 5 Students; 2010 – 10 students; and 2011 – 10 students. Rita Layman and MOH Mentors contact the students regularly to see how they are doing and to let them know they are a part of our MOH family. Jessica Caldwell (2009) is looking forward to graduation next year and plans to attend graduate school. Samatha Brock (2009) will graduate in May in Nursing from Southeast Community College. Several of the female students are now married and continuing their education.



Hazard, KY Outreach/Giveaway Event

NEEDS AT THE HOPE

We are continuing to receive more and more urgent and desperate requests here at The Hope.

Food – canned goods, soups, canned meats and stews, peanut butter, pasta, crackers

Hygiene – bar soap, shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste

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

Bibles, Tracts, Christian Books and Bibles on CD

If you can help the MOH with any of these items, we will be grateful. Perhaps your church and/or business would like to help. Please call the MOH office for more details.

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

Thanks to Shirley Plant, Mary Sue Miller, Coleman's Printing and Awards, and Direct Mail Services for their help in compiling, preparing, printing and mailing our Newsletters.

Thanks to Brian and Tammy McKinley who are doing a great job maintaining our Website at www.missionofhope.org. Please visit this site to keep updated on MOH activities.

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

Mission of Hope is truly grateful to the families and friends who bless the efforts of this ministry through giving "In Memory" of loved ones and friends. We extend our heartfelt sympathy in your time of loss and thank you for sharing a lasting "Gift of Hope" to honor their legacy.

Hundreds of donors gave unselfishly during the Holiday Season "In Honor" of a family member, friend or business associate (too numerous to list). Your compassionate hearts and true spirits of giving helped hundreds of less fortunate Appalachian children have a Merrier Christmas and will continue to give them a Happy New Year. Thank you for your kindness.

Honorariums:

Marvin Smith's 79th Birthday

Scholarship Honorariums:

Mike Bailey, Bailey Insurance

Bill Williams Family (ALC)

Scholarship Memorials:

James Fred Rogers

Susan Scoonover

Rev. John B. Sessoms

Tom Tharp

Michael Williams (ALC)

David and Joyce Wilson

Memorials:

Ron Acuff, Sr.

Teresa Massey Aldridge

Dewayne Baker

Mary Bozin

Betty Burrell

Ilene Caul

Hayard Cecil

Kenneth Cogdill

Bud Coleman

George Cooper

Mr. and Mrs. William Feldkircher

Len Franks

Marion Goodpasture

Carroll Reese Greene

Mary Hardy

Gregg Harper

Mandy Harrell

Billie Henry

Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Hensley

Kathryn Derr Herbst

Peggy and Fleming Hodges

Gene Huff

Allen and Nancy Jones

Josh Jordan

Alice Kinchen

Mike LaSorsa

Joann Massey

Alvin Mayes

Tom Pitts

Charles and Wanda Reynolds

Maurine F. Richards

Dr. and Mrs. Leon K. Robinson

Jim Scruggs

Addison Sharp

Russell Shedden

Debra Simerly

Bruce Strutz

Brad Thompson

Emmette Thompson, Jr.

Charlie Walker

Myrna Williams