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MOH KEY CALENDAR DATES 2018

January 2018	Thank-You Letters & Receipts & Phone Calls
Winter 2018	"Soup for the Hope" Food Collection Drives
March 22-23	Outreach & Distribution Event – Oneida, TN
April 1	Construction Ministry & Handicap Ramp Builds Begin
April ?	Alice Lloyd College – Scholars Recognition & Field Trip
April 19-20	Outreach & Distribution Event – Blaine, KY
April ?	Lincoln Memorial University – Scholars Recognition & Field Trip
April 28	Repair Fair Event – Middlesboro & Pineville, KY
May ?	New Scholarship Awards at High Schools
May ?	End of School Year Parties – MOH Volunteer & Program Teams
May ?	Day in The Park Outreach Event – Sneedville, TN
June 2	Day in The Park Outreach Event – Oneida, TN
June ?	HOPE Academy – Black Mountain Elementary School, Evarts, KY
June ?	Outreach & Distribution Event – Jonesville, VA
June, July, August	Summer Mission Trips to Appalachia (By Church Team Groups)
July 21	Scholars Dinner at Cumberland Inn
July & August	21 st Annual Back to School Program
August ?	Stuff the Bus Back to School Collection - The Pinnacle at Turkey Creek
August 10	15 th Annual Mission of Hope & Chick-fil-A Golf Classic
August ?	Cruisin' For Kids Car Show at Joe Neubert Co. on Clinton Hwy
August ?	Outreach & Distribution Event – Jellico, TN
September ?	Repair Fair Event – Williamsburg, KY
September ?	Outreach & Distribution Event – Hazard, KY
October ?	Outreach & Distribution Event – Sneedville, TN
October ?	Outreach & Distribution Event – Williamsburg, KY
October 31	Construction Ministry & Handicap Ramp Builds Ends
November 1	Annual Celebration & Fund-Raising Banquet
November ?	Zoo For The Hope Food Drive @ Knoxville Zoo
November ?	6 th Annual Christmas Drive Collection at Pinnacle – Turkey Creek
November ?	5 th Annual Keyboards at Christmas (Tennessee Theater)
November ?	23 rd Annual Christmas Program and Barrel
December ?	Collection Drives in Knoxville and Lexington
December ?	LMU Christmas Concert & Tree Lighting (Toy Collection for MOH)

(For more information and updates visit our Website (missionofhope.org) or call the MOH office)

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Greetings Dear Friends:

God blessed the Mission of Hope in 2017. No bad weather days delayed our Christmas deliveries to the schools we serve in the Appalachian communities. During the year, Mission of Hope also extended the HOPE through our Resource Ministry, Scholarship, Back-to-School and Construction and Outreach/Distribution Ministries. Our ministry would not be possible without God's leadership and the ongoing support of wonderful volunteers and friends like you. May God bless you and your family in 2018. Know how grateful we are for your friendship, volunteer spirit and generous donations. This is what makes it possible for us to continue to extend the HOPE.

Sincerest regards, Emmette Thompson - Executive Director, Mission of Hope

WEST VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL "MISSION UNSTOPPABLE"



To walk into a classroom filled with excited students who have just learned that the greatest gift of all is the gift of giving is an incredible sight. Teacher Amy Crawford and her fellow teachers and staff members, along with the awesome students at West Valley Middle School gave an amazing donation of toys to the Mission of Hope. "Mission Unstoppable" teaches students to raise funds by doing various chores and tasks, to purchase new toys that must be assembled and then to assemble them through teamwork with their fellow classmates. How thankful we are to these students and teachers for thinking of the less fortunate with their toy donation. Those who received the toys will never get to say a personal "thank you" to those who provided the toys. Our volunteer team members were privileged to hear many words of thanks from the recipients. They want to extend a big "THANK YOU" to the students, teachers and staff at West Valley Middle School!



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KNOXVILLE ZOO COLLECTION DRIVE

The Food Collection Drive sponsored by the Knoxville Zoo the weekend of November 9-12, provided MOH with awesome donations of food and toys for our Christmas campaign. These donations helped us prepare and pack hundreds of food boxes and provide toys for those who so desperately need our help. During this four-day collection drive, friends that visited the zoo gave donations that filled two of our delivery trucks.

We are so thankful to the Knoxville Zoo and its Staff and Volunteers for deeming MOH worthy of its support. Thanks also go to those who visited the Zoo and brought donations for the people we serve in rural Appalachia. A big thank you to our many dedicated MOH Volunteers for their hard work in collecting the donations and to those who loaded them onto our trucks and delivered them to the MOH warehouse.



KEYBOARDS AT CHRISTMAS

We cannot say thank you enough to Donna McNeilly and all who made the Keyboards at Christmas program such a huge success!! Over \$31,000 raised!! What a blessing this is to Mission of Hope, and what a special evening it provided for those who attended. The music and talented musicians were amazing! We are so grateful!



CHRISTMAS AT FAIRVIEW

On December 18, Kathy Rosenbalm and her team of 23 volunteers from Central Baptist Church in Fountain City made the trip to Fairview Elementary School to deliver Christmas to 400 students there in Headstart and Kindergarten through 8th grade. Fairview was already in the Christmas spirit, and you could feel the anticipation and excitement in the air as the trucks rolled up with all the gifts from Mission of Hope. Emmette accompanied the team along with WBIR's Russell Biven and Brian Holt (cameraman).

The school had been decorated with Christmas trees up and down the hallways, and outdoor lighted Christmas decorations were in the landscaping in front of the school. Students had made tiny gingerbread houses that were displayed in the school foyer.

Upon their arrival, team members began putting out the wonderful selection of toys they brought for the students on tables in the gym. Once all the toys were set out, they were covered in black plastic. Team members lined up at the doorways to welcome the children and staff into the gym to the music of Mandisa, "Good Morning," which helped get everyone energized! Once everyone was seated in the bleachers, Emmette welcomed them and introduced the team members. After singing Christmas carols with the students and staff, Emmette read the story "The Crippled Lamb" and offered a prayer for the day and all the children, staff, and families represented there.

Then, it was time for the big moment, the unveiling of what was under all that black plastic! Team members positioned themselves around the tables, and the countdown began -- 10, 9, 8....the plastic was ripped off, and the crowd went wild! What fun it was to bring so much joy to those young students.

In order for them to have age appropriate gifts to choose from, students in 7th and 8th grades shopped first. Shopping went quickly, and in just a couple of hours all 400 students had selected just the right toys to take home, along with a beautiful Bible and hygiene pack. The many words of thanks, warm hugs, and cards received by team members from delighted students will remain in their hearts for a long time.

There is never any problem getting volunteers to make this trip year after year--it is always a tremendous blessing to have the opportunity to spread love and joy in Jesus' name. Many team members said the Fairview delivery is a very special part of their Christmas celebration each year. Team Leader Kathy Rosenbalm said, "The highlight for me this year was a little girl who was on her way out of the gym with her class and bolted from the line to run over and give me a big bear hug and a thank you--made my eyes leak a little."



PINNACLE AT TURKEY CREEK



The Lights Up event at the Pinnacle at Turkey Creek was held on November 17, and brought in \$3900 for the Mission of Hope. Activities included performances by local school choirs, pictures with Santa Claus, festive crafts and a laser light show presented by Moe's Southwest Grill! Our thanks to Turkey Creek, Moe's Southwest Grill in Turkey Creek and Knoxville TVA Employees Credit Union for their support for this event.

WALMART FOUNDATION GRANT

In 2017, the Mission of Hope Back-To-School Program received a \$30,000 grant from the Walmart Foundation's State Giving Program. With this generous grant, we were able to purchase backpacks for 3000 students, school supplies for 4500 students, and hygiene for 4500 students, serving 14 elementary schools in 6 Tennessee counties. Thank you, Walmart Foundation, for helping us Extend The HOPE!



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

WE ARE ADDING MORE! God has blessed our ministry in such a way that we can again add a new class of high school graduates to our scholars' list. Students from 13 high schools receive Mission of Hope Scholarships. We also award Scholarships at Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes, KY, and at Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, TN.

We would welcome your donation and mentoring support for our Scholarship Program.

A BIG "THANK YOU" TO:

Madeline Miller, 10 year old daughter of J. Brett and Ginger Miller, is an active volunteer for Mission of Hope. Madeline volunteers with her church, Christ Covenant, and serves the families of Black Mountain Elementary School. She recently held a bake sale in her subdivision in Lenoir City to buy toys for the students in Kentucky. Thanks Madeline for helping to extend the Hope!"



Barnes & Noble for its Holiday Book Drive which has provided over 3,500 books for our school libraries so far! What generous customers you have! We are so grateful.

The Fountain City Lions Club and Bucky's Bikes donated hundreds of bikes to MOH this year. County Commissioner Michelle Carringer delivered helmets donated by the Epilepsy Foundation. What a team effort to keep our kids happy and safe!

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