

Appalachia Reach Out

October '19 Newsletter

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Prayer List Fall Schedule '19

1. Families in need during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons
2. Churches and ministries in Martin County, Kentucky
3. ARO Staff! The Mills, Zuidema's, and ARO Store Staff.

"Because I was engaged in the Martin County community through ARO, it helped me to feel more engaged with the faith-community. And the connection of Celebrate Recovery." – Salena Alexander (ARO 2019 Summer Intern)

Sponsor a 2020 Summer Intern

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Appalachia Reach Out is not only a place of giving to those in need; it's a place and space where learning is paramount to our mission in being "Christ's Love In Action." As many may be aware, this past summer, ARO had its first intern, Salena Alexander. In a recent interview with Salena she was asked the question, "What are a few takeaways from your experience at ARO this past summer?" She shared, "understanding job and vocation can be used in ministry to others, how to lead and be on a team, and how all different ministries of ARO fit together for a bigger purpose." These were just a few things Salena shared with us. As you can see, it was such a wonderful experience not only for Salena, but it was a tremendous help to the staff of ARO during our busiest time of the year with Work & Witness teams.

So here is the request, would you prayerfully consider sponsoring an ARO intern during the 2020 summer months? ARO is looking to have between 3-5 interns. It cost the ministry \$2,500 for each intern. We give them a \$1,750 scholarship at the end of the summer, ARO takes care of all of their lodging needs, and \$50 per week for expenses. It's a 12 week internship. If you are interested and have questions please email Dwayne Mills.

Martin County – Celebrate Recovery 2 Year Anniversary

Tuesday, October 15 was a wonderful day in the life of Martin County, the 2nd Anniversary of Celebrate Recovery. It was a time of celebration, challenge, and hope. Food, fun and fellowship were part of this great evening, but the greatest part was a handful of individuals who proclaimed Christ as their savior for the first time. ARO is honored to partner with this ministry in Martin County. The MC Celebrate Recovery has seen close to 200 individuals come to accept Christ as their personal savior these past few years. What a joy it was to join close to 300 in attendance for this life-changing evening of celebrating God's faithfulness and goodness. Please continue to pray for this ministry. MC Celebrate Recovery meets every Tuesday evening at 6 p.m. at Inez Free Will Baptist Church. Thanks in advance for your continued prayers.



What a great crowd at the Martin County Celebrate Recovery 2nd Year Anniversary Celebration – October 15, 2019. God has been so good! Thanks to all who make this possible each week.

"We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; stuck down, but not destroyed." II Corinthians 4:8-9



Gardendale, Alabama team helping patch up a roof in Inez, KY. What a wonderful team of men!

Thanks!

Thanks to all of you who support us through prayer, serving, and financial support. You can learn more about supporting us online at www.appalachiareachout.com.

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Our Hope Is In Jesus

The words of Apostle Paul ring so true and real as the ministry of ARO continues to have an impact in the heart of Appalachia. His words in II Corinthians 4:8-9 doesn't discount the idea as God's people we go through difficult times. Paul talks about being hard pressed, perplexed, persecuted, abandoned, and struck down. Paul experienced these things first hand as he ministered for the sake of the gospel of Christ. Even though we face hard times, we have hope! Paul writes about this in I Corinthians 15, our hope is in Jesus! It's the hope of heaven we have to look forward to, but while we're here, we will live out the hope of Christ so all can see He is the only way that brings peace during some of our most difficult times. Through the ministry of ARO it's always our mission to show and live out the life, hope and peace of Christ in all we do for those who are walking through life feeling hard pressed, perplexed, persecuted, abandoned, and struck down. Why? Because we know we are not crushed, not in despair, not abandoned, and not destroyed. I'm so thankful Hope has a name, it's Jesus! – *Dwayne Mills* – ARO, ED

Work & Witness teams continue to partner with ARO in October!

Even though the busy months of ARO are behind us for Work & Witness teams, it was great to welcome two more W & W teams in the month of October. Mount Vernon Nazarene University Mandate team partnered with us for the second year during their fall break. They worked on the ARO campus and helped tutor in the high school. Then a few men from the Gardendale (AL) Church of the Nazarene joined us at the end of the month. They were extremely busy helping patch a roof and doing some guttering for a gentlemen who is handicapped, help put in windows for an elderly man before winter, and helped for a couple of days with a home that is need of major repair for a family of 5 with three children 3 and younger. Being the hands, feet, heart, and mission of Jesus continues to move forward through ministry and mission of ARO!

ARO Needs You!

Please know ARO values each ministry partner. Your prayer and financial support is vital to our ongoing impact each month of the year. 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.



**Mount Vernon Nazarene University Mandate team
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