



### God with Us

These words ring true for us this time of the year as we journey toward the manger during the Advent Season.

Immanuel – “God with us”, is something we almost always hear associated with the Christmas season.

During my devotional time this morning, I was reminded of this promise once again.

As I reflect on the truth of “God with Us” not only is it a truth, it’s a promise. Isaiah 7:14 says, “Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel.” This is the promise, as told years before the birth of the Christ-child, through the words of the prophet Isaiah.

I’m thankful this truth rings true today. As I reflect on the mission and ministry of ARO in 2021, surely “God was with us.” What an honor to witness the redeeming, restoring, and transforming work of the Christ-child through the hearts of God’s people who are part of ARO’s ministry.

The poor were fed, clothed, encouraged, and comforted, in the name of Jesus. Those who came far and wide to partner with us this past year experienced this as they took part in our mission. ARO exists to share the love and hope of the Christ-child through our action.

My challenge for all of us is to not miss Him this Christmas season. It’s easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of all that takes place during the Christmas season, we miss Him, “God with us.” I’ve been challenged this Christmas season to take more time to reflect on His presence in my life. What about you? I praise the Christ-child that lives in me today. Amen!

In His Care,  
Dwayne P. Mills,  
Executive Director, ARO



Please enjoy ARO's new Promotional Video.  
We are beyond thankful for our partners that have  
made an eternal impact!  
Thank you for being Christ's Love in Action!

Having a continual presence within our community is a big part of the heart at ARO, and we are blessed to be able to serve the community! During the month of November ARO in partnership with Turkey Creek Church of the Nazarene set up a Food Truck in the parking lot of Skeeze Ward and Quail Hollow and were able to serve 70 individuals at this event.

This month ARO hosted a free health fair to the community, which was hosted on ARO's campus. Many local health care vendors were present with many local residents in attendance!

ARO in partnership with Blanchester (OH) Nazarene and the Martin County School Resource Centers came together for our 3rd Annual Thanksgiving Giveaway. With many generous donations, we were able to gift 25 Thanksgiving boxes to local families!

**Praise Report:** Many of our partners have heard about Johnny Dale and his story, either through meeting him while serving in Martin County, or through our latest promotional video. Johnny Dale has a powerful story of God's redeeming grace! Throughout Johnny Dale's life he battled with addiction, which resulted in his children being removed from his home. With his hard work, prayers, the work of Christ in his life, and the transformative power of the Holy Spirit, Johnny Dale's children have been placed back in his home. In the pictures below you will see updated photos of his children, and of him and his daughter praying together at the feet of Jesus! Witnessing the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the wonderful people of Martin County is the greatest blessing that ARO gets to witness!

Please enjoy the pictures below that highlight what we were able to be apart of in our community this month and how God is working in the lives of those in Martin County and through our partnerships with ARO! We give God all the Glory that He deserves!











# End of the Year Giving Campaign

ARO is asking for your continued partnership and support in our Fall 2021 Giving Campaign. Please pray about one of these levels to give!

ARO's 2021 Fall Giving Levels :

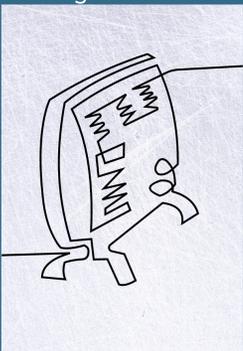
- \$100 Bronze Level
- \$250 Silver Level
- \$500 Gold Level
- \$1,000 Platinum Level
- \$2,500 Legacy Level

Thank you for your consideration!

## ARO'S WINTER Heat Fund

As the weather is getting colder, we see many people in need of a good heat source. If you would like to donate to this fund. You can do so by mailing a check or donating online through our website.

- DONATE NOW -



- DONATE NOW -

Giving: Write in the "memo"- ARO HEAT FUND  
[appalachiareachout.com](http://appalachiareachout.com)

# CHAD'S ANNUAL COAT DRIVE

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:



PLEASE CONTACT TO SCHEDULE A TIME FOR DROP-OFF:  
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 815-278-0179  
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DEADLINE FOR PICK-UP:  
 MID NOVEMBER

**\*PLEASE BRING IN BOXES AND/OR BAGS\***

ACCEPTING NEW OR GENTLY USED COATS, SWEATSHIRTS, OR HOODIES



**"A coat with a story..."**  
 THIS COAT IS SPECIAL. ALMOST 20 YEARS AGO CHAD PASSED AWAY ON AN OVERDOSE. HIS MOTHER DONATED THIS COAT AND PRAYED THAT WHOEVER RECEIVED THIS COAT WOULD BE BLESSED BY IT & KNOW THE HOPE AND LOVE OF JESUS!

If you are in the area where Dwayne will be speaking, we would love to see you on the road!

Dwayne's Upcoming Speaking Schedule:

Saturday & Sunday, January 15th-16th-New Life Nazarene (TN)



The ARO Food Pantry is a blessing to so many. This ministry is led by Bill Zuidema, and a team of a few faithful individuals. Him and his team do a fantastic job of organizing, planning and distributing. This month the Food Pantry fed 60 families.

We also want to thank 2 of our Michigan groups for bringing large loads to the ARO Thrift Store! Thank you for your partnership!

# PRAYER NEEDS

WILL YOU PRAY FOR  
ARO?

Please be in prayer as we look for His guidance, blessing, and wisdom in the coming 2022 year! Thank you in advance for partnering with us through prayer!

# Thank You

During this time of year as we reflect on all God has done through ARO, we want to thank all of our partners for your generosity through financial giving, your time and service, and also your prayers! May God richly bless you!



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