

# ARO March Newsletter

Appalachia Reach Out

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Christ's Love in Action

## *Points of Compassion*

### All Because of Jesus

Through the month of February, Appalachia Reach Out, continued to show the love of Christ through points of compassion. There are many areas to highlight, but one in particular is our Food Pantry. In the month of

Wednesday from 10-2 p.m., our ARO staff who make sure the food is ordered and shelves are stocked, and those who give faithfully to this ministry each month. What you are doing doesn't go unnoticed as we seek



February the ARO Food Pantry fed 114 families and 285 people. This number is up considerably than previous months. ARO is privileged to have the capacity to help those who need food for their family in Martin County. This ministry would not be possible without those who serve as volunteers each

each week to be Christ's hands, feet, heart and mission.

Another point of compassion is the partnership we have throughout the year with Work & Witness teams from across the country. This past month ARO had the

## *A Few Pictures*

MVNU Nursing  
Department



Warfield Elementary School



Martin County  
Celebrate Recovery

privilege to partner with Mount Vernon Nazarene University Nursing Department. This group of nursing majors and their professors left a lasting impression in Martin County and surrounding areas. During their time with us, we were able to minister and partner with Karen's Place Maternity Center (A Ministry of Addiction Recovery Care),

Highlands Regional Medical Center, Martin County Celebrate Recovery, and all the schools in the Martin County School District. This week was full and exciting as lifelong memories were created for all of those who served. Being able to witness these nursing majors and their professors loving on our community was such a wonderful experience. Their

impact here in Martin County will be felt for many weeks, months and years to come. What a joy for them to partner with us in ministry once again this year. MVNU's motto is, "To seek to learn, is to seek to serve", they displayed this well through their time of giving as they represented this wonderful institution of higher education.

## *Work & Witness Teams Are Coming...*

Welcome to Appalachia Reach Out & Martin County

As was shared above, Work & Witness teams are headed our way. One of our core principles at ARO is to partner with teams, families, churches, and other organizations who have a deep desire to partner with what we're doing on the ground in Martin County. Over the next few months this will ramp up as we'll welcome in 2019 over 20 Work & Witness teams. Our challenge to each of you

reading our newsletter, is to pray for each partnership as we serve those who need the love and hope of Christ. ARO believes in the power of prayer and your prayers are what moves the hand of God as He leads us each day to serve the hurting and hopeless. It's amazing to see God on the move, but it's the faithful of people like you who are committed to prayer that makes this possible. I John 5:14 reminds us, "this is

the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us." Our understanding is as long as we're praying in accordance with His will, it will be done! Thanks in advance for your faithfulness to pray!

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