

## September 2021 Newsletter



### A Powerful Two Letter Word

September marked 10 years since God began to work in the life of my family and called us to serve Him in Martin County, Kentucky. In September 2011, our family was living in Illinois while serving at Olivet Nazarene University. As we were doing life and continuing to be faithful to our calling to serve Him, something was happening, God was moving. God moved into the life of our family and began by speaking the word “go”. What did it mean? Why would He be calling us now? What would it look like? Our family wrestled with this very specific call to “go” to Martin County, Kentucky.

After many weeks and months of prayer, seeking God’s Word, inviting those we trusted to speak into our lives, we knew that God was calling us to “go” and serve Him in the heart of Appalachia. Over the number of weeks and months our family wrestled with this call, I began to look at the word “go” in Scripture. What did it mean? How did Jesus use it? Does it apply to me now?

The two-letter "go" spoken by Jesus in the gospel of Matthew 28:19, we know it as “the Great Commission”, Jesus speaking to His disciples issued this commandment, “Therefore GO...”. This command continues to be a call of Christ today. As a follower of Christ I’m required to “go” and share the love and hope of Jesus to all. No matter where I’m serving or what I’m doing, this has to be my first and foremost priority. I’ve learned I must trust and obey Him as

He calls me to “go” into a world that needs Him.

Is He calling you to “go”? Yes! Step out on faith and trust and obey! Just “GO”!

In His Care,

Dwayne P. Mills,

Executive Director, ARO

God has continued to pour out His blessings onto ARO and the people we serve and those that serve alongside us. He continues to move in the mountains through the work being done! We praise God for His goodness and faithfulness!

The ARO Kitchen and Gathering Room received a refresh this month! One of the teams that served with us this month helped with the refresh with putting some new paint on the walls, trim and baseboards, and some cleaning and organizing. For those of you that liked to sign our walls, we will have a new guest book provided for you to sign and you will be able to look back on all your years serving with ARO!



ARO has been serving the Wallace Family this summer! Work on their home continued this month with an addition to their home that will provide much more needed space for them and their children. We are grateful to those that come to serve and invest in the lives of the people that ARO serves, and it's very special when we get to invest in a family time and time again. Relationships were formed, the hope of Jesus was shared, and we even got to hang out with some sweet children!









The finished Wallace Home! Their home received new insulation, roof, electrical, windows and doors, and indoor paneling.





The old Martin County Courthouse also continued to receive help in their renovations through ARO's partners/teams this month! Drop ceilings were removed, furniture moved to its new locations in the courthouse, and old furniture removed from the building. We love being able to pour help back into our community!



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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:

- Sunday, October 10th - Bluffton Church of the Nazarene (IN)
- Sunday, October 17th - Terre Haute 1st Church of the Nazarene (IN)
- Sunday, October 23rd - Belpre Church of the Nazarene (OH)
- Sunday, October 31st - Generations Church (KY)
- Sunday, November 7th - New Life Nazarene (OH)

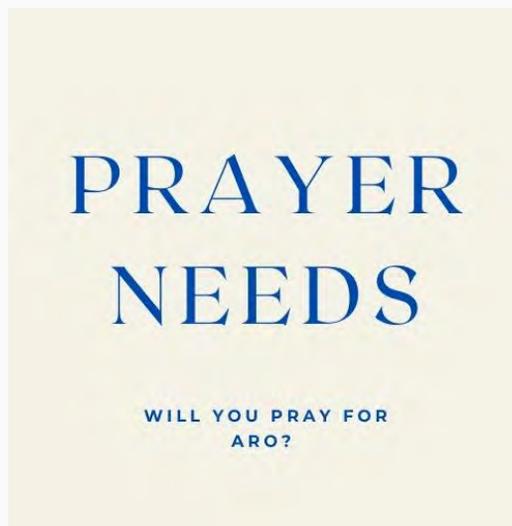
## TRUSTING IN HIM





If you have household items, clothing, building materials and supplies please consider donating them to our ARO Thrift Store, which is located on ARO's campus. Our ministry with our Thrift Store generates roughly 60% of our income. Your donations are greatly appreciated! We currently do not need furniture donations at this time, as our storage area is maxed to capacity with donated furniture.

We continued to have people/organizations/churches deliver items to our Thrift Store this month. Through these faithful givers we continue to be able to support this ministry! Thank you also to Bill and Jana that continue to serve well in this ministry!



ARO genuinely thanks you for your continued prayer support! Please continue to pray that God would bring partners to come alongside the ministry of ARO. That God would lead, guide, and direct our leadership team. And that those we come in contact with would know the hope and love and redeeming power of Jesus.



Feel free to contact ARO's Executive Director, Dwayne Mills, at [dwayne.p.mills@gmail.com](mailto:dwayne.p.mills@gmail.com)

THANKYOU

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