

# Appalachia Reach Out

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### Revival Has Come to the Mountains

God is doing something special in the mountains of Appalachia. Over the past few months the ministry of ARO has seen the mighty work of God manifested through lives being redeemed, restored, and transformed. There isn't enough space in this newsletter to share all God is doing, but this ARO August/September '20 newsletter is dedicated to what is happening in our part of the country. Sunday, August 16 one of our local ministry partners, Meades Branch Free Will Baptist Church, began a one week revival. By the last night of revival, which was at the end of three weeks, there were 84 individuals who had given their heart to the Jesus. Most of these were high school and college age students. ARO had the privilege of being represented in these services for the 21 nights of revival services. These services were livestreamed and some nights there were as many as 10,000 views. Many nights there were between 6,000 – 8,000 views on the livestream. Even though these services came to an end on Sunday, September 6 at Meades Branch FWB Church, the ripple effect is still being felt in the heart of Appalachia. Continue to pray for lives to be redeemed, restored, and transformed.

– *Dwayne P. Mills*, ARO, Executive Director

### God's Mighty Move at River Place

As we were in the middle of the three week revival at Meades Branch FWB Church, on Thursday night, August 28, Executive Director, Dwayne Mills, walked out of the service that evening to a message from one of the executive staff members from Addiction Recovery Care (ARC) This friend was touching base with Dwayne about one of our ministry partners, River Place Men's Residential Treatment Facility in Pike County, Kentucky. That day there had been a service held at this facility where 100 men gave their hearts to the Lord and over 40 were baptized. To hear the excitement in the voice of this friend in sharing this report, Dwayne stated, "I knew this was a continual work of God in the mountains". Pike County to the south and Lawrence County (Meades Branch FWB Church) to our north, it was evident God was doing a "new thing". Even as we put together this newsletter, God is still up to something special. All around eastern Kentucky God is showing up and touching lives in powerful ways. It's a wonderful time to be part of the mission and ministry of ARO. Being "Christ's love in action" is producing fruit that will impact eternity. God is on the move!

"Our partnership with ARO makes a difference in the lives of the students we serve in the county. I am thankful you care for our children and their families!"

– **Martin County School – Family Resource Director**

***The picture to your right is a shot of the River Place Baptism Service on Thursday, August 28, 2020! Praise the Lord!***



"For the Son of Man is come to SEEK and to SAVE that which is lost"

Luke 19:10



**ARO Staff – On the Road**  
The picture above is Dwayne Mills, Executive Director, Bill & Jana Zuidema, Campus Director & Thrift Store

#### 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](http://www.appalachiareachout.com).

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We need each other. The mission and work of ARO wouldn't be possible without ALL support. It's a great reminder of Ecclesiastes 4:12

***A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.***

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## Supporting New Christians with Bibles

ARO had the incredible opportunity to provide \$3,000 worth of new bibles for those who gave their heart to Jesus Christ during the 3 week revival. Executive Director, Dwayne Mills, made an "ask" for ARO friends and stakeholders to give to this request and the Lord provided with a wonderful response. On Friday, September 18, Dwayne was able to present Pastor Michael Marcum, Lead Pastor at Meades Branch with this financial gift. All those who gave their hearts to Christ in the revival were presented with these new bibles. ARO's work here in eastern Kentucky would not be possible without our partners. What a blessing to serve our people in this way. God is providing and moving even in the middle of a worldwide pandemic. To Him be all glory, honor and praise!

## A Special Thank You

On behalf of our family, I want to personally thank everyone who said a prayer for our youngest son, Eli. On Monday night, August 24 our world went into shock when Eli was bitten by a poisonous copperhead on our back porch. Because of quick actions of neighbors, medical staff (Three Rivers Louisa, KY and the Pediatric ICU Cabell Huntington, West Virginia), and most importantly the prayers of thousands of our friends and family, we believe the Lord miraculously touched our boy. Exactly two weeks from being bitten, Eli was back on the basketball court at close to 100%. This kind of injury usually takes months for full recovery. I believe because of the faithfulness of God's people to pray, God's healing hand touch our boy. Thank you for your commitment to pray. Funny side note...Eli just broke his arm this week and playing basketball will need to wait for at least 3 more weeks. God is good and we praise Him for his healing touch and faithfulness in the life of our family. Thank you, *Dwayne P. Mills & Family!*

## ARO Needs Your Financial Support!

Please know ARO values each ministry partner. Your prayer and financial support is vital to our ongoing impact each month of the year, especially in this time of uncertainty. You can make a financial donation online through our website or mail it to the address to the left. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to our Executive Director, Dwayne Mills.



***This picture was taken the morning after Eli suffered the copperhead bite. He is giving everyone a thumb up for your thoughts and prayers. Prayers work and make a different. They moved the hand of God on behalf of our youngest son. Thank you for your prayers!***