

# Appalachia Reach Out

## September '19 Newsletter

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### Prayer List Fall Schedule '19

1. ARO Executive Director  
Travel & Speaking Schedule
2. ARO Board of Directors On-Site Meeting – October 26 in Martin County, KY
3. ARO Staff! The Mills, The Zuidema's, and ARO Store Staff.  
Fall Work & Witness Teams

**"It's great to see firsthand the work that is being done through the ministry of Appalachia Reach Out" – Site visit of a team leader for next spring 2020 (Jonesboro, Arkansas)**

### Fall/Winter Giving Campaign

Appalachia Reach Out is going to have a special emphasis for our Fall/Winter Giving Campaign for the ministry. Plans are in the works for a Thanksgiving and Christmas request for churches, families and individuals to give to the overall ministry of ARO. 2019 has been a busy year with transition of leadership (Board of Directors & Executive Directors) and many upgrades to the campus. Main facility upgrade has been remodeled and completed of the old chapel (food pantry) area to make available this space to Addiction Recovery Care (ARC). ARC opened its doors in the middle of June and to date their client base is moving toward 40 individuals. A service/ministry not here at the beginning of 2019! Throughout the spring and summer we have done a number of landscaping projects around campus. We have sealed, crack filled, and lined our parking lots. Finally, just this month we had to upgrade our septic system in our main building on campus. This was a major financial undertaking, but it gives us a better system than what was previously in place. There have been many other minor projects on campus as well. ARO is so thankful for the provision and hand of God as we have made these major changes this year. God has walked with us each step of the way. He is so faithful!

### A Note from ARO Executive Director, Dwayne Mills

In our opening September Newsletter note you can see ARO is beginning a journey of a Fall/Winter Giving Campaign to help us compensate for the dollars we used to help upgrade our facilities on the campus of ARO in 2019. These projects will continue to happen in the coming year because of upgraded needed to some of our buildings. Our oldest building on campus was built in the early 1980s and our newest was built in the mid-1990s. As you can see we are in need of many updates to the facilities. I want to encourage and challenge each person reading this newsletter to pray about what God would have you give during November and December of this year. I'm working with the ARO Board of Directors to put together some points of communication to let those who support us know the need in the coming weeks. Please pray for us as we begin this journey. God is faithful and we have full confidence in His hand leading us during this initiative. God bless, friends of ARO! – *Dwayne Mills* – ARO, ED



**Snapshot of a picture Dwayne took when delivering school supplies to all Martin County Schools this month. Thanks to the partnership of the Pittsburgh District Church of the Nazarene. A few hundred school pal packs were delivered. What a blessing!**

**"I lift my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth." Psalm 121:1-2**



**Sunday morning, September 15, 2019 – Between Inez, KY and the community of Turkey Creek in Martin County, KY**

#### **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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#### **God's Handiwork in the Mountains of Martin County**

Are these difficult times in Martin County, Kentucky? Yes! Have there been difficult times in Martin County for decades? Yes! Is God still moving in these mountains? Yes! The picture to your left was a snapshot taken on Sunday, September 15, 2019 when our Executive Director, Dwayne Mills, was making his way to preach that Sunday morning at Turkey Creek Nazarene. Mills says, "It was like the Lord was breathing Psalm 121 into my life as I made my way to the church to share of God's love." The beautiful blue morning skies, the hills wrapped in the morning fog and the green of the trees beginning to take on the season of fall was God saying, "I will not let your foot be moved, I who keeps you will not slumber", these great words pinned thousands of years ago by the Psalmist, seemed to be written for this moment. It's in these moments God reminds those investing their lives in Martin County, He is still at work. It's because of faithful partners with ARO like you (the reader) which allows the continued vision and dream of ARO's mission to be a reality in these mountains of eastern Kentucky. The closing verse of Psalm 121 is a promise in which ARO holds onto in these days, "the Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore."

#### **ARO Food Pantry Continues to Have an Impact!**

Last month we shared with you the gift ARO received through a grant provided by the University of Kentucky/Family and Consumer Sciences Department. ARO received a gift of a refrigerator/freezer combination and a smaller freezer to help with our need to continue to serve those seeking supplemental food during each month in Martin County. These gifts have arrived, they have been installed in the ARO Food Pantry and we're already seeing their positive impact. A special thank you goes out to the New Galilee Church of the Nazarene and Pittsburgh District Church of the Nazarene who donated non-perishable food items this past month. September the ARO Food Pantry served 76 family units which represents 176 people with 16 new families. This is a blessing!

#### **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](mailto:dwayne.p.mills@gmail.com).



*The beauty of God's splendor. Don't miss it!  
(Picture taken in Martin County, KY)*

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