
November 2022



The Mind of Christ

"Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."

Philippians 2:5-8, ESV

Christmas lights are already twinkling all over downtown Inez from the Christmas in the Mountains celebration this weekend, and nativities are glowing on every street corner. As we enter the season of Advent with great expectation in commemorating Jesus' birth, it is humbling to remember that the Savior of the world, through whom all things were made (John 1:1), would come as a baby. Philippians 2 exhorts us to have the mind of Christ, to consider not only our own interests, but also the interests of others. Looking to Christ, omniscient yet being born as a baby who learned to walk, omnipotent yet being born as a baby who relied on his mother and father to protect him, I am amazed at his humility. What a challenge to have this same mind! So often I prioritize my own comfort, desires, and will. Lord, thank you for your grace that enables me to become more conformed to your image and forgives me when I fall short!

This Christmas, let us be found lifting up others before ourselves, and most of all, lifting up the name of Jesus Christ our Lord! Thank you, sincerely, for investing in the eternal through your support of Appalachia Reach Out in 2022: your prayers,

service hours, donations, and financial gifts are vital to our mission of being Christ's Love in Action in Martin County, KY and beyond.

In Christ,
Salena Lehman,
Academic Director & Campus Assistant, ARO



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We deeply appreciate each one who gave during the month of November towards our end of the year fundraiser. See below for the special requests that still remain to be fully funded. For gifts greater than or equal to \$500 during the month of December, please note your T-shirt size for us to send you a token of our appreciation. To give, mail checks or cash to:

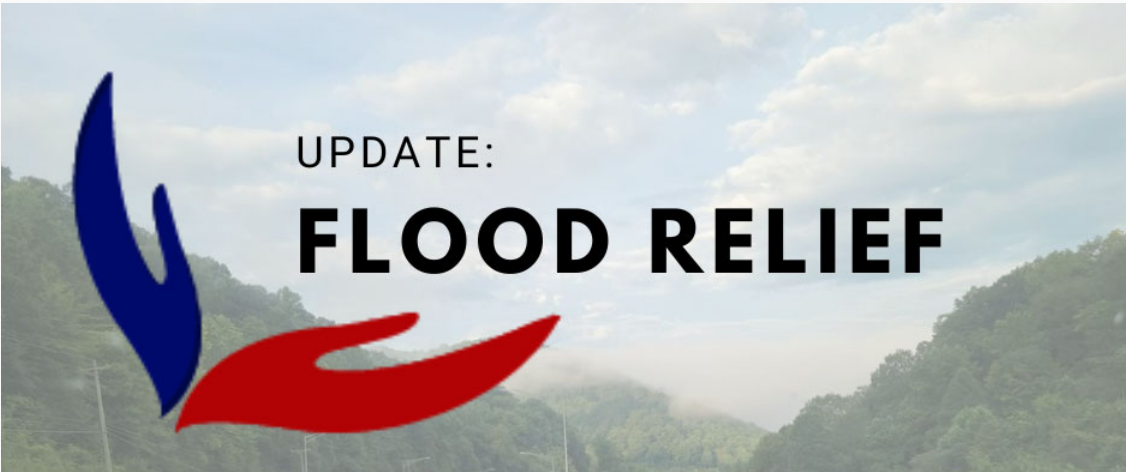
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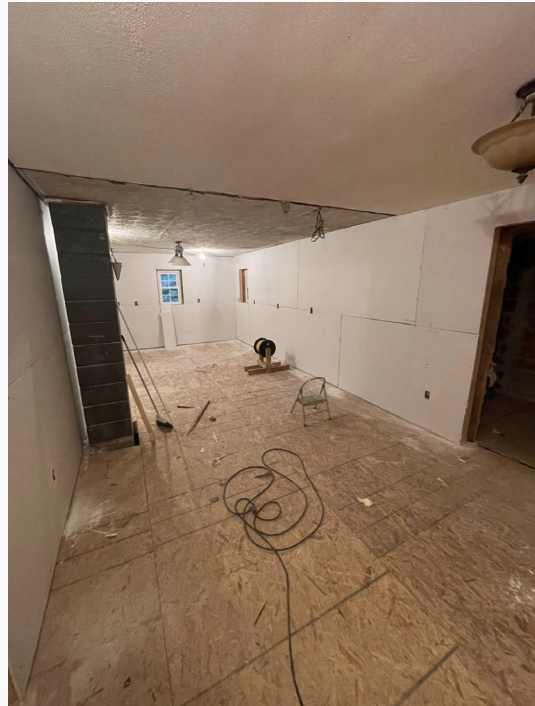
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Goal Progress:

<u>Special Request</u>		<u>Progress</u>
	Celebrate Recovery Chips Celebrate Recovery (CR) meeting chips commemorating the first day, 30 days, 60 days, etc. in recovery from drugs and alcohol, and CR Bibles for new believers.	\$750 out of \$750 - MET!
	New Teacher Tools Classroom materials and teaching tools to be purchased for educators with less than 5 years' experience within the Martin County School District as an investment in our students.	\$1,300 out of \$1,500
	ARO Servant Leaders Scholarship Three \$1,000 college scholarships to be awarded to Class of '23 Martin County High School graduates who have demonstrated exemplary servant leadership in their community.	\$3,000 out of \$3,000 - MET!
	Food Pantry Fund Supplemental funds to be used in ARO's food pantry to restock through our supplier, God's Food Pantry, combatting the rising food costs our pantry faces.	\$2,100 out of \$5,000
	Internship Program ARO is recruiting 3-5, college-age summer interns to assist with Work and Witness teams and to be equipped with valuable ministry experience relevant to their gifts and callings.	\$3,000 out of \$12,000
	Summer Camp Van Fifteen-passenger van to be used to transport elementary-aged children from the hollers to and from ARO-hosted Christian day camps during the summer.	\$7,093 out of \$30,000
	Flood Relief Fund ARO is continuing to accept donations for those impacted by the eastern Kentucky flooding.	\$10,652.55 out of [Limitless!]



With Dwayne on his sabbath rest, ARO's work and funding continues through Love Your Neighbor and our Church of the Nazarene partners. The need remains high and families desire to move back into their homes for the holidays and throughout the colder weather. Special thanks to Chance Cooper and crew from Cornerstone Church of the Nazarene in Wheelersburg, OH. If you would like to get connected to this work while Dwayne is on sabbatical, email: salena.lehman@gmail.com



It has been quiet for the holiday season on our main campus in Martin County! However, we'll start 2023 strong on January 2nd with Crossroads Church's college-age ministry. The lull has given us a chance to improve our lodging ("the bunkhouse") for next year with a fresh coat of paint to

brighten it up.

Thank you to **Cindy and Sonya** from Crossroads church in Cincinnati who brought a load for the thrift store and food pantry, as well as being a huge help on campus with odds and ends.

Thank you to **Second CRC** in Fremont, MI, for sending Christmas shoeboxes for children in Martin County, and thanks to **Jim Dekryger** for driving them down to us!

Thank you to **Lynette and Bill Bron** from Zeeland, MI, for serving for a few days with us at ARO (and for testing so many battery-operated kids toys you saw them in your sleep!)

Thank you to **Summit Church of the Nazarene** in Ashland, KY, for contributing to our schools' Angel Tree program for Christmas gifts.









DWAYNE'S WINTER SABBATICAL



Full-time ministers in the Church of the Nazarene are given a sabbath rest once every seven years. The ARO Board has blessed Dwayne with this time of rest from November 20, 2022 - January 8, 2022.

Enjoy, Dwayne!

During this time, for any ARO-related items please contact:

Bill Zuidema / Campus Director / 606-298-7470 (call)

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Our ARO Food Pantry has been busy continuing to help families in our community. We are blessed that we are able to serve the amount of families we have been able to help. We want to be able to continue to serve as many families grace our doorsteps, but because of this increase, we are asking for donations to our food pantry. If you would like to donate the following items, it would be greatly appreciated:

- Family sized cereal
- Individual/single serving cereal
- Individual mac and cheese bowls
- Easy pop top cans of food
- Orange/apple juice
- Cartons of shelf stable milk
- Canned soup
- Chef Boyardee in cans

All items need to be within their expiration date

If you are in the area where Dwayne will be speaking, or want to plan to hear about ARO and how God is moving in the mountains, we would love to see you on the road!

Dwayne's Upcoming Speaking Schedule:

Dwayne is on his sabbath rest from November 20-January 8



Thank you for partnering with ARO to be *Christ's Love in Action*. Thank you for your faithful prayers, service, giving, and trust in ARO! All that has been accomplished would not be possible without you! Will you continue to pray that God would continue to guide us?



Feel free to contact ARO's Executive Director, Dwayne Mills, at dwayne.p.mills@gmail.com



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