



Rest in the Promise of His Abundant Love

1 John 3:1 "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him." Do you live in the promise of His love? I think sometimes our relationship with our Creator lives in many different places, and not in the PROMISE of HIS LOVE. Our relationship may live in fear, worry, doubt, depression, abandonment, our many emotions, our past relationships, or failed relationships, past successes and failures, our jobs. But we forget that the Father has already lavished his great love on us, so that we can be called CHILDREN OF GOD! Do you live in that promise, that you are already loved, and no matter your past, you are already loved. There is nothing more that you can do that will make you more or less loved by the Father. How freeing that is to know that you are LOVED!

Our world is full of conditions, but His love is unconditional and without limitations. My hope and prayer for you and I is that if you don't know His abundant love that is lavished on you, that you would take that step to get to know Him and his perfect love. And if you do know that, but have let past relationships dictate how you view yourself and how He loves you, I hope that you would rest in his promise that you are a child of God. Rest in His promises today and tomorrow!

In His Care,

Dwayne P. Mills,

Executive Director, ARO

ARO on the Road~ Dwayne Mills, ARO's Executive Director traveled to New Life Nazarene, TN and Spencer Church of the Nazarene, IN. ARO counts it a blessing to be able to share about the work that God is doing in the heart of Appalachia through ARO.



Welcome Jacob and Salena Lehman!

Jacob and Salena Lehman are from Mount Vernon, Ohio. They began dating in Martin County, KY, when Jacob visited Salena during her first summer internship at ARO in the summer of 2019. After their engagement Salena returned as ARO's summer intern in 2020, and they were married that November. In May 2022, after a season of change, they responded to the gentle pressure of God's thumb on their hearts for the people of Martin County. They now call Inez "home" and are blessed beyond measure to simply be a neighbor to the great people whose lives cross paths with the ministry of ARO.

Salena is excited to return to ARO as full-time staff this time to grow and continue the relationships between ARO and the Martin County schools; Jacob intends to pursue substitute teaching locally in the interim of obtaining teaching certification.

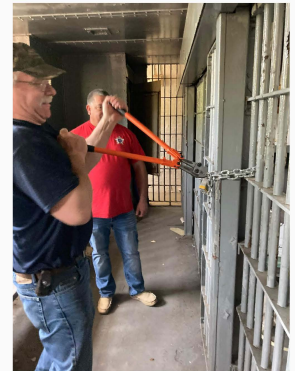
Salena will be the ARO Campus Assistant and Academic Director.



ARO was very busy this month! But what a blessing to have many people walk through ARO's Kentucky campus and throughout Martin County! ARO needed help with a special project on our campus and the Addiction Recovery Care Interns stepped up, and they shined His light in Martin County.

Northwest Nazarene University sent a Work & Witness team May 10th-17th. They worked hard and were up for any project. They were able to work on cleaning out the Martin County Jailhouse, completed some landscaping, roofing, leading worship at Karen's Place Women's Recovery Center, and assembly shelves for the ARO Food Pantry!

ARO had the privilege to present the 1st Appalachia Reach Out Hinkle/Sumpter Scholarship at Martin County High School to Hannah Muncy and Kaylee Harless.





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:

Saturday, June 4 – Team Day on the Pittsburgh District – Butler, PA Sunday, June 5 – New Galilee Church of the Nazarene – Galilee, PA Sunday, June 12 – 15 – Eastern Kentucky District Missions Convention & Assembly



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! Will you continue to pray that God would continue to guide our footsteps? Thank you in advance for your faithfulness!



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