

Appalachia Reach Out

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Prayer List For 2020

1. Upcoming Work & Witness Teams

2. Churches and ministries in Martin County, Kentucky

3. ARO Staff! The Mills, Zuidema's, and ARO Store Staff.

"It's amazing the amount of impact for Christ's Kingdom ARO has in Martin County and other areas of Central Appalachia."

– ARO Ministry Partner

One Year Reflection

In January 2020, our Executive Director, Dwayne Mills, celebrated one year. It was just one year ago this past month Dwayne took the helm and began his tenure. It has been a busy time with many things happening in the life and ministry of ARO, with God leading each step of the way. ARO is so thankful for the open doors of opportunities in ministry in central Appalachia in 2019. It's always important to step back and reflect from a larger picture perspective. To think ARO has invested 7,000 volunteer hours, invested over \$125,000 in local causes (volunteer labor hours, local purchases, school volunteer hours, investment in local causes, etc...), and had 21 Work & Witness teams. 2020 looks like it will reflect 2019 in many ways as the ministry anticipates a number of Work & Witness teams, volunteer hours, and many more open doors for ministry in the heart of Appalachia. Please continue to pray for the ministry of ARO, the staff, and all those who will be partnering with the ministry in 2020. God is on the move in the mountains and ARO is blessed to have some small part in this movement!

Staff Spotlight & Update

What an honor and privilege to have the Zuidema family as part of the team at ARO. In 2020 the Zuidema's will complete their 9th year of ministry in Appalachia through the ministry of ARO. The impact of their ministry will only be told in eternity. There have been a lot of changes in their family over the years since their arrival to eastern Kentucky. Just this past December their oldest daughter, Rachel, completed her undergrad work at Dordt University and was accepted into grad school at Marshall University. Their oldest son, Johnny, who will graduate in the spring from Paintsville High School, was accepted into college at College of the Ozarks just a few weeks ago. Isaiah will complete his sophomore year of high school in the spring at Martin County High School. Bill and Jana are a true blessing. Their work ethic and love for the ministry of ARO is contagious and inspiring. Please pray for this precious family as they continue to invest in the people of Appalachia and the ministry of ARO. We love you, Zuidema family!

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



The Zuidema's
Johnny, Bill, Rachel, Jana, and
Isaiah



ARO display set up at Trevecca Nazarene University. Recruiting interns for the 2020 summer.

Thanks!

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God's Purpose is More Important than My Plans

What is the purpose of life? It's a question most every human being has asked at one time or another in their lifetime. In January I've had the opportunity to travel and preach every Sunday. I've traveled to Ohio, Tennessee and Indiana as I've had the opportunity to represent the ministry of ARO. God has laid upon my heart the message of Picture, Pressure and Purpose. It's important to have a big PICTURE perspective, Christ's PRESSURE is good for our faith, and His PURPOSE plays out as we surrender our plans to Him. Of course there is more to this message, but it's a small summary of God's word in me as I share the story of God's purpose for our lives as followers of His as it relates to the ARO story. As Proverbs 19:21 says, Yes, I have plans, but ultimately as a follower of Christ, I must submit my ways to His as He leads and guides me. The great thing about God's purpose for my life, He is never behind pushing me, He is always in front guiding me into His purpose for me. It's an honor and privilege to submit my will to His as He leads each step of the way. - *Dwayne Mills* - ARO, Executive Director

Work & Witness Teams in 2020

The 2020 Work & Witness team schedule is shaping up. Even this past week our Executive Director was scheduling another team. Currently on the calendar we have 16 teams who will partner with the ongoing ministry of ARO from a total of 10 states (Ohio, Iowa, Alabama, Arkansas, Michigan, Kentucky, New York, Pennsylvania, Indiana, and Illinois). It's amazing to see the far reaching impact of the ministry. God continues to be faithful as we carry the torch for those who before us set course for the mission and ministry to be "Christ's Love in Action" through ARO. Please keep each of these teams and the ministry of ARO in your prayers in 2020. Our first team arrives in February and our last team will depart in October.

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. You can now give online through our website (web address above). 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.



Point Township Nazarene Church in Point Township, Indiana. ARO had the opportunity to share of our ministry with this faith community in January 2020.

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