

## June 2021 Newsletter



### **A Faithful God**

In the heart of Appalachia, the faithfulness of God is seen each day. These are not just three words that are thrown around throughout life each day in the mountains. These words are lived out by the people who call Appalachia home.

Being born and raised in these mountains, moving away for 30 years, and then moving back in June of 2012, I've seen evidence of how people live out the faithfulness of God in their life. There are many, who don't have a lot of earthly possessions here in the mountains, but their focus isn't on the things of this world. They have set their eyes on Jesus, who makes all things in this world seem less important in the shadow of His love and grace.

Appalachia Reach Out has had a team every week during the month of June. It has been a long but rewarding month for the ARO staff. The partnerships with teams from Ohio, Indiana, Texas, Virginia, and Michigan has been life-changing. "Christ's Love in Action" has been lived out every day in June. Work & Witness teams have served with the Inez Elementary School "Literacy and Learning Camp", Vacation Bible School at Warfield Park, working on a number of homes from Emily Creek to Ratliff town, from Turkey Creek to Wooten Hollow, painting the Collier Community Center, working on the campus of ARO, Martin County Celebrate Recovery, to many other responsibilities. The faithfulness of God has been made know to each individual that has partnered with ARO or made up a Work & Witness team, and His faithfulness has been made to those in our community. In turn our people have seen the faithfulness of God through those coming to serve alongside of ARO. It's a great portrait of the body of Christ, the Church!

Deuteronomy 7:9 says, "Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and keep His commandments, to a thousand generations..." I've had the privilege to share this passage with most of our teams during our morning devotional. It has been a great reminder to me as I spoke it over our teams. Our God is a faithful God!

My prayer as you read this short devotional is that the faithfulness of God will wash over your life as you reflect on His faithfulness in your life. He is faithful...AMEN!

In His Care,  
Dwayne P. Mills,  
Executive Director, ARO



ARO has had a very busy month, with many people serving in both of our Work & Witness sites in Martin County, Kentucky and Nicholas County, West Virginia. ARO has been a part of serving 7 different families through our Work & Witness teams over the last 5 weeks. The different projects ARO has completed are replacing subflooring in 3 homes, building 3 wheelchair ramps, remodeling a roof and bathroom, repairing a split wall, putting new plumbing and water lines in (this home now has electricity and running water), and numerous projects around campus. We are blessed to be able to work alongside some wonderful people! Please enjoy some highlights from the trips below :)







## WORK & WITNESS TESTIMONIALS



We know that the physical work that ARO does is so important, but we ultimately know that the life saving work of the Holy Spirit is the most important work that ARO gets to be apart of! One night at Celebrate Recovery a man named Matt shared his story of breaking the chains of addiction and his life being transformed. After he shared his story of freedom from addiction 5 people that attended that service received Christ as their Savior! Praise God for his goodness and faithfulness!

Dwayne received a letter from a young person that came to serve on a Work & Witness team. This was their first short term mission trip. We serve a great God that is working in the lives of those we serve and those that are serving. We thank God for these partnerships!

Here is a quote from that letter:

"I would find it hard to believe that there is any other one that is as functional and dedicated to improving the lives of people as yours. When asked where I saw God this week, I can honestly answer I saw his work in you and your team at every step I took".





We want to give a BIG shout out to Fish Creek Nazarene from Stow, OH, along with their Pastor, Abe Williams. They were conducting an independent mission trip to the Summersville, WV area and wanted to work a community project here for us. They brought 31 team members in, and although their primary mission was working to upgrade the Summersville Nazarene Church, they also tackled two ARO-WV project sites while here! They fixed a roof leak on a mobile home on one site, and installed steps, replaced waterlines, and hung drywall in a bathroom on the other site. The homeowner, a disabled elderly man who lives alone, was very appreciative for the work they did. He can now more safely get in and out of his home, and will soon have a fully functional bathroom in his home. ARO paid for a plumber to install the sewer line to this bathroom since this was beyond the capability of the team.

The Fish Creek team also traveled down to Madison, WV to New Harvest Nazarene and assisted with some major demolition work on their church there. This was also an ARO-WV project that was relayed to us from the WV Southern District Superintendent. Pastor Ginger Dials from Madison was super grateful for their help.

ARO  
THRIFT STORE



**ITEMS NEEDED**

This month the ARO Thrift Store has been blessed by donations from Louisville, KY, Highland Heights, KY, Maysville, KY, Indianapolis, IN, and Napoleon, OH! We appreciate all of you who are partnering with us and collecting items for us in your community!

**WE NEED BUILDING SUPPLIES:**

- Flooring-
- Cabinets-
- Windows-
- Doors-
- Paint-



If you are in the area where Dwayne will be speaking, we would love to see you on the road!

Dwayne's Speaking Schedule:  
Sunday, August 22-Cambridge (Ohio) Church of the Nazarene  
Sunday, August 29-Louisa, Kentucky-The Table Church



Hi, I'm Jennifer Caplinger, and I am the new administrative assistant for Appalachia Reach Out. I am so excited to be apart of what God wants to accomplish through the work of ARO. If you have questions about how you can partner with ARO, service opportunities, or other ways to get involved and be apart of the mission of ARO, you can reach me during my office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00AM-2:00PM EST or at 812-322-6643. You can also reach me at our email which is [jennifercaplinger15@gmail.com](mailto:jennifercaplinger15@gmail.com). I look forward to hearing from you!

-Jennifer



We ask that you would continue to pray for ARO, their leadership team, and all those that will be serving this next month. We are halfway through our summer Work & Witness teams and we are looking forward to their time in Kentucky and West Virginia. Please pray that lives would be transformed and that God would receive all the glory, honor, and praise!  
Please pray for rest and strength to continue the work that God has called us too!



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