
April 2023 Newsletter



Blessed Assurance

"let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful".

Hebrews 10:22-23

The devotional this month, may be shorter than others, not for lack of words, but simply because my hope is that you would let His Living Word provide all you may need. I can only bring "5 loves and 2 fish" *Matthew 14:17*. But He can take what we have to offer and make it all we need! All I have to offer you this month, is His scriptures and my own experience. My hope as you read this month's ARO newsletter, is that no matter your situation and what life may be presenting you with, that you hold fast to the Hope, Jesus. How Gracious is our God to want us to draw near to Him and He will wash us white, all we need is to be sincere, and have faith. I currently find myself in a place in life, where there are not many answers, there really seems to be more questions than answers, but my hope and faith and trust is in Him, and I know that if I hold *unswervingly* to that, He is and will be *faithful!!* I'm thankful for a God that takes all my questions, listens, and in return still chooses me and loves me. I'm thankful for His love today! I hope today that you can rest assured in Whose you are, no matter what you may be going through right now!

Jennifer Caplinger,
ARO Administrative Assistant



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The Millard School-7th & 8th Grade National Junior Honor Society

It was such a joy to have these middle schoolers serve with ARO for a day. They were incredibly hard workers, and so focused while on campus. We love all of our volunteers from our youngest to our oldest and we are thankful for all they accomplished! They collected and delivered donations to the ARO Thrift Store, worked in the Food Pantry, painted various projects around campus, sorted items for the School Resource Centers, and set up some new chairs in our community room!



Justice for All

One of ARO's partnering non-profits from Iowa, selected ARO to be on their charter tour of their domestic partners. We hosted 50 members and were able to share about the history, missions and ministry of ARO.



Springdale Church of the Nazarene

We hosted 5 wonderful ladies that loved on 100 women at the Oak Hill Women's Residential Treatment Center. They started at 6:30am and worked until mid-afternoon. We are so thankful for their servant hearts!





Three Rivers Church of the Nazarene-Michigan

We were so blessed to have such a great group of people come serve and love the people of Martin County. These volunteers helped tutor in the elementary schools, worked throughout the ARO campus, put in a new subflooring in a bathroom and extra room, served at Celebrate Recovery, ARO's Food Pantry, Karen's Place Maternity Center, and Addiction Recovery Care's White Oak Hill Women's Residential Recovery Center. We believe that the people of Martin County were shown the love and hope of Jesus! We are thankful for their partnership and selfless giving!





Aldersgate Christian Academy-Ohio

Students, school administrators, and teachers from Aldersgate Christian Academy partnered with ARO as part of their senior trip. They accomplished so much during their short trip. They led worship and served at our local Celebrate Recovery, helped with yardwork for a local widow, completed other projects on ARO's campus, and began a wheelchair ramp that another team will be able to finish! Thank you Aldersgate Christian Academy for serving with ARO!







ARO and its partners from High Pointe Community Church of the Nazarene in Byron City, MI were able to gift 40 audio Bibles to those that wanted them in our community. Everyone that received an audio Bible was so grateful. Our community is extremely grateful and really expresses a desire for more. If you would like to donate audio Bibles, please contact us! Here are some testimonials of those that received an audio Bible:

A mom of 4 kids: I would love one for them since reading is so hard sometimes.

My mom can't read and I think she would really love it!

My husband and I are getting baptized tomorrow, and my husband is blind, we would love to have one of the audio Bibles.



Calling all ARO friends with vehicle connections: ARO is in need of a people mover! Thanks to those who gave during the end of the year fundraiser and the support of our board, we are ready to obtain a 15-passenger van to help shuttle work and witness teams, transport school age students to and from summer camps and ARO VBS's, and open the door to facilitate other programming options we'd like to develop. Would you help us get a great deal? If you have connections to a dealer who would want to give us a discount, a great quality used van your church no longer needs, or are aware of any upcoming grants for ministry vehicles, please let us know!



It's always an honor to partner with our local schools. ARO was privileged to present Martin County High School with \$1,000 to Mrs. Martha Williams for the 2023 Project Graduation and Senior Walk.



Our ARO Food Pantry has been busy continuing to help families in our community. They were able to serve 130 families last month. What a blessing to continue to serve so many people. A HUGE *Thank you* to our leaders Bill & Jana Zuidema. We are so appreciative of the work you do for ARO!

If you would like to donate the following items, it would be greatly appreciated:

- Family sized cereal
- Family sized orange/apple juice
- Cartons of shelf stable milk
- Cans of soup
- Chef Boyardee in cans
- Pinto beans in bags
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Spaghetti noodles
- Jars of spaghetti sauce

-hand held can opener's-please no electric can opener's

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:

Sunday, May 14 – New Castle Southside Nazarene – New Castle, Indiana
Sunday, May 21 – Columbus First Nazarene – Columbus, Indiana
Friday – Sunday, June 2-4 – Bartlesville First Nazarene – Bartlesville, OK
Saturday, June 10 – General Assembly Church of the Nazarene – Indianapolis, IN
Wednesday, June 21 – Friday, June 23 – North Carolina District Nazarene – NDI Camp;
NMI Convention – Charlotte, NC



Spiceland Church of the Nazarene in Indiana

Our Executive Director, Dwayne Mills, was able to be with an old friend and his church this past month to share about how God is using ARO. We look forward to having this group again this summer!



Huntington First Church of the Nazarene in West Virginia

It was wonderful to be with Pastor Marc Price and this community of believers! We are thankful for the work they are doing with their neighbors. ARO is blessed to have great partners throughout the country!



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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