

Appalachia Reach Out

June '19 Newsletter

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Prayer List for Summer '19

1. ARO & ARC Partnership

2. Work & Witness Teams

3. ARO Staff! The Mills, The Zuidema's, ARO Summer Intern, Salena Alexander, and ARO Store Staff

"I came to ARO knowing I needed to see Jesus. I saw him through the ministry of ARO. My faith has been renewed" – ONU Volleyball Team Member

Addiction Recovery Care (ARC) Opening Doors Update

The months of April & May saw the continued progress of remodeling the 2,000 square foot facility ARO will be leasing out to ARC. Currently the date to open the doors to begin seeing clients will be the beginning of June '19. This has been an ongoing partnership during the remodeling phase between the Work & Witness teams for ARO and the ARC facility building team. It's exciting to see this work continue to take place. Many hands and hearts are making this possible. Some reading this newsletter have been part of this partnership. Your investment into the future of broken lives being restored will only be told in heaven one day. What an honor for ARO to be part of this life-changing ministry. Please continue to pray for this partnership and those stepping onto the ARO Campus to seek spiritual, emotional, mental, physical, and relational healing. God is doing a new thing and ARO is excited to be part of this new adventure and partnership.

A Note from ARO Executive Director, Dwayne Mills

May continued to be a busy time in the life of ARO. ARO was able to host two Work & Witness teams (ONU Volleyball Team & Harvest Community Church, Lake Odessa, MI), plus I was able to travel to the Alabama North District Church of the Nazarene Mission Convention and Georgetown (Kentucky) Church of the Nazarene and share the story of what God is doing in the mountains of eastern Kentucky through the ministry of ARO. A major highlight for me was a meeting with the Martin County School District and the Mount Vernon Nazarene University Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders. I want to encourage all of our ministry partners to be pray for this possible partnership for the summer of 2020 as the CSD Department is looking to partner with the Martin County School District to hold a couple of weeks of literacy camps. This effort will connect on one of our core values to ministry and serve through education development in Martin County. – *Dwayne Mills* – ARO, ED



**Olivet Nazarene University
Volleyball Team**



Salena Alexander
ARO Summer Intern

ARO Summer Intern, Salena Alexander

What a privilege for us to welcome ARO’s summer intern, Salena Alexander. Salena will be a junior speech pathology major at Mount Vernon Nazarene University in the fall ‘19. Her hobbies include playing music, reading, spending time outdoors, and she is passionate about building relationships with people. Two of Salena’s grandparents grew up in eastern Kentucky before relocating to Columbus, Ohio. Salena says, “in many ways this is when my love of music, hospitality, and love for God present in Martin County remind me of my grandparents, giving me a familiar fondness for the people of rural Kentucky.” Please be in prayer for Salena this summer. We’re excited to have her as part of the ARO team!

ARO Food Pantry Adding Value

May ‘19 began a new chapter in the life of the ARO Food Pantry. The ARO Food Pantry is open one day a week on Wednesdays from 10-2 p.m. During this time Martin County residents are welcome to come and now shop in our new location on the campus of ARO. Instead of a box being made up, those coming for assistance can now shop and pick out the items they need to help supplement their food for the month. If residents meet the requirements are able to come and participate in the ARO Food Pantry. This new system is adding value and dignity to those who patronize the ARO Food Pantry once a month.

ARO Summer Newsletter

Those who have partnered with ARO in the past know the summer months are the busiest time of the year for ARO hosting Work & Witness teams. It will be very difficult through the summer to have a newsletter during these months. The June ‘19 Newsletter will be our final newsletter until the end of August ‘19. There will be a summer edition highlighting all of the ministry and work of ARO during the summer months in this upcoming edition. Please know ARO values each ministry partner. Your prayer and financial support is paramount to our ongoing impact during our busiest times of the month. 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.

Thanks!

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A member of the ONU Volleyball team sharing her story of God’s redemptive love at our outreach event called; Pizza, Dodgeball, and Jesus!

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