

# Appalachia Reach Out

## May '19 Newsletter

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### Prayer List for May '19

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1. ARO & ARC Partnership

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2. Work & Witness Teams from Michigan and Illinois

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3. Executive Director travel to Alabama and central Kentucky

**"ARO is passionate about being Christ's hands, His feet, His heart, and His mission" each day!**

### Addiction Recovery Care (ARC) Opening Doors

The month of April 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 Wednesday, May 15, 2019. 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 during the month of April. A special thanks to the Alabama North District Church of the Nazarene, Hudsonville Reformed Church, and South Bend (Indiana) Church of the Nazarene. This is a request to all readers of this newsletter. 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.

### ARO Work & Witness Teams #4 & #5

"Each team that arrives in Martin County, Kentucky to partner with us is another link in a long chain of those who have come before and those who come after. It's the Kingdom of Christ in action here on earth as it is in heaven." These are words Executive Director Dwayne Mills shares with each team when they arrive to partner with the ongoing ministry and mission of ARO. Since the foundation was laid back in 1972 for the work and ministry of ARO, Work & Witness teams from all over the country have come to partner with the ministry. The work of ARO would not be as impactful or even possible if it wasn't for those who feel a call and desire to come and serve Jesus in the heart of Appalachia through the ministry of ARO. The month of April was no different. What a blessing to host the Hudsonville Reformed Church from Hudsonville, Michigan and the South Bend Church of the Nazarene from South Bend, Indiana.



South Bend Church of the Nazarene

**"During my time at ARO I found that there is a beautiful joy in the simple tasks in life. Whether it was helping with the thrift store or tutoring kids at the school, it was amazing seeing how God can be most evidently found in those simple tasks"** -Tristan, Sophomore, Business Administration and Spanish Majors, Dordt College

**"God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them" – Hebrews 6:10**



## **ARO on the Road**

Executive Director Dwayne Mills and Thrift Store Manager Bill Zuidema had the opportunity to travel for what they called their "thank you, reconnect, and future ministry partner" tour Saturday, April 6 through Thursday, April 11. On Saturday, April 6 they headed to Michigan to connect with a number of churches, families, businesses, and individuals to share about the mission and ministry of ARO. "What a blessing to connect with so many new friends! I love the family of God," said Mills upon their return to ARO and Martin County. If you would like for ARO to come and share with your church, please contact them. Sharing the story of what God is doing in the heart of Appalachia is one of ARO's main goals this year!

## **ARO Food Pantry Relocated**

It's exciting to announce the ARO Food Pantry has been relocated to a new location on the campus of ARO. In the past the ARO Food Pantry has made up boxes with food items before the recipient arrives. Now the food pantry is set up in a way to allow the receipt of the food supplies to pull the supplies on the list for that day from the shelves. It's the goal of the food pantry staff to give each recipient the opportunity to have more ownership.

## **Storage Capacity Expanded**

Storage is always in high demand at ARO. As we receive loads for the ARO Thrift Store there are times we need to store some of the items before we can price them and put them on display in the store. Because of our teams and some rearranging of some areas, ARO now has more storage for larger items. This wouldn't have been possible without our Work & Witness teams this year. What an honor to see how God is working in every area at ARO.

### **Thanks!**

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**Our time at ARO and in Martin County was one that will not be forgotten. God grew our heart for his kingdom and opened our eyes to the needs of people around us. The Lord is working mighty ways in Martin County, and we were so blessed to be able to see his kingdom breaking through in this area of the country." -Jena, Senior, Communication Major, Dordt College**