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## ARO Winter Newsletter

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Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. Ephesians 3:20

As I write my last devotional for the ARO Newsletter, I've been reflecting on all the God has done through the ministry of ARO. I'm so grateful I have been witness to His goodness in the days of ARO. I think about miracle after miracle that I have seen, from supplies being donated from all over the United States during a flood and ice storm, to workers showing up to volunteer their time and skills, their tractors and heavy machinery. I think about the time I witnessed families being restored, children returning home, people being saved from their addiction, a community court house and downtown area being rebuilt with so many willing and eager hands. I think about 3 new sites being opened to expand the ministry of ARO. I think about how He has expanded the staff for the day to day work of ARO, when I first started our zoom meetings, we had 4 staff on the calls. Now we have 11! God is so good. I think about how this is just a beautiful picture of His Kingdom now. Lives surrendered to Him, lives being restored and redeemed, and people giving of their time and talents of all ages. It's a beautiful picture. We know that all the glory belongs to Him alone for all He has accomplished. I also know that because hands and hearts were surrendered to the call He placed on their lives, and is daily surrendered to Him, that He is able to do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine—all because of HIS power at work in all of us! We thank Him and give Him all the glory!

Jennifer Caplinger,  
ARO Administrative Assistant

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# Welcome our new Administrative Assistant, Christa McNichols!

Christa and her husband, Troy, live in Mount Vernon, Ohio. They have three adult children, Cody, Taylor and Caleb. Cody and his wife, Madison, made Christa and Troy, Nana and T-Pa, for the first time when they had sweet Ella. They also have a little guy on the way in March. Taylor is married to Ryan and they have the cutest baby boy, Jackson. Caleb and his wife, Sydney, live in Mount Vernon and are going to have a precious baby boy in May.

Christa and Troy have been in ministry together for the past 22 years as Troy is the lead pastor at New Life Church of the Nazarene in Mount Vernon, Ohio. Christa has worked in various areas at Mount Vernon Nazarene University for the past 13 years. ARO has a special place in Christa's heart as she lived in Martin County the first 10 years of her life. She says, "I feel like I've had a front row seat to the many ways God is working and blessing through the ministry we call ARO. I've seen the Lord work in miraculous ways as my brother, Dwayne, has faithfully led this ministry, following in the footsteps of those who led before him. I am excited to see the way ARO is continuing to grow and feel blessed to be part of this ministry".



## Christmas in the Mountains

ARO was so excited to be a part of the parade through Inez, KY. We love our community and were able to get a float together to share Jesus to those that came out to see the parade! Please enjoy some pictures below of our evening!



## ARO Partnerships



What an incredible opportunity to partner with **Gardendale Church of the Nazarene** in Alabama for the 5th year in a row! We have partnered with them to provide Christmas gifts to the children of the women in **Karen's Place Maternity Center (Addiction Recovery Care)**. These women are walking through recovery and what a blessing for these moms to know they will be able to provide Christmas gifts to their children at home, while they give them the best gift- a mother on the road to recovery!! God is so good and we love being able to be apart of all He is doing in the mountains!



ARO with **Addiction Recovery Care** were able to partner again for the 4th year to provide 40-50 turkeys for Thanksgiving boxes to the **Martin County School District Resource Centers**. The women in the picture represent: **Martin County Middle School, Inez Elementary School, Martin County High School, Warfield Elementary School, and Eden Elementary School.**

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# Thrift Store & Food Pantry Updates

The ARO Thrift Store has doubled the amount of families it serves in the last year! We served over 180 families the last month, that being almost 500 people. During the second week of December we helped service 80 families in only 4 hours! It was busy, but we are grateful we are able to serve those in our community! We are so grateful for this area of our ministry and all our volunteers and our leaders Bill and Jana Zuidema!



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

- Christmas items (with all parts in working condition)
  - Family sized cereal
  - Family sized orange/apple juice
  - Cartons of shelf stable milk
- Canned fruit, soup, or Chef Boyardee
  - Pinto beans in bags
  - Peanut butter/jelly
  - Mustard/ketchup/mayo
- Spaghetti noodles & jars of spaghetti sauce
- Handheld can openers (please no electric can openers)
  - Shampoo/conditioner
- Liquid body wash/hand soap (not bar soap, and please pack toiletries separate from food items)
  - New socks and underwear (all sizes)
  - Adult diapers

\*All items need to be within their expiration date\*

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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, January 21  
Sharpsburg (GA) Church of the Nazarene

Sunday, January 28  
Springdale (OH) Church of the Nazarene



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?



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