



# MISSION OF HOPE

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*Greetings Dear Friends:*

WOW! Where did Summer go?!?!?!?

The year is truly zipping by and you realize it even more so when you're here at The HOPE. Our summer has been filled with wonderful opportunities to go and serve those in rural depressed Appalachian communities. We have had Mission Teams go and build much needed Handicap Ramps. Church Family Teams have gone and served through Hope Academy. Then there are those every day dedicated Volunteer Heroes who go pickup donations one day, and then on other days drive our trucks to share those items with the wonderful Mountain Ministry Centers we are so blessed to assist. We have also just completed another very blessed Back-to-School Delivery Program where we helped students start the new school year with the supplies they need to have a good year.

As we head into fall, we realize the challenges those we serve face as another winter approaches. For many just keeping warm will be a challenge. And for others .it will be where the next meal will come from. We humbly appeal that you keep those we serve in rural Appalachia...uplifted in Prayer.

Thank You for deeming us worthy of your Friendship and Financial Support. May God Bless You.

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## ANNUAL SCHOLARS' BANQUET

An amazing evening was enjoyed by all who attended the Annual Mission of Hope Scholars' Appreciation Dinner. The Cumberland Inn in Cumberland, KY, provided a delicious meal, the fellowship was extremely cordial, the program was informative and inspiring and the Scholars were absolutely stunned to receive NEW Laptops, Printers and Carry Cases This is our way of showing them how truly special they are and how honored we are to be partnered with them.

Four of our scholarship winners were unable to attend the dinner because of prior commitments. We made sure they got everything they would have received had they been able to attend. We are especially appreciative of the work being done by our MOH Scholarship Committee and Mentors to our Scholars. A big thank you to all our MOH Friends who came and helped make this a special evening.

MOH Scholars for 2015 and the college or technical school they are attending are as follows: Allison Avera, Lincoln Memorial University; Kailye Ball, Walters State Community College; Summer Botts, Tennessee Tech University; Ryan Caudell, University of Kentucky; Tara Chadwell, Morehead State University; Haley Davis, Roane State Community College; Dianna Hobbs, Tennessee Tech University; Ashlynn Hodge, Walters State Community College; Amanda Fleming, Walters State Community College; Beth McIntosh, Morehead State University, Jessica Short, Eastern Kentucky University; Daniella Simpson, Lincoln Memorial University; and Loryn Wegford, Hazard Community and Technical College.

This fall 43 students will be attending college on MOH scholarships. Twenty of our scholars have graduated and three are scheduled to graduate this December. Two are now in graduate school.



### 2015 MOH Key Dates, Volunteer Opportunities and Ongoing Needs

**September-October- Construction Ministry Projects and Handicap Ramp Bldg. September 24-25 - Distribution/Outreach Event - Hazard, KY**

(Volunteers welcomed to go with us - Call MOH ASAP)

**October 29-30 - Distribution/Outreach Event in Williamsburg, KY**

(Volunteers welcomed to go with us - Call MOH ASAP)

**November 5 - Annual MOH Celebration and Fund Raiser**

**November 14-15 - Zoo Dollar Days for the Hope Food Drive**

**November 20 - Third Annual Christmas Collection at Pinnacle-Turkey Creek**

**November 20 - December 7 - 20th Annual Christmas Blue Barrel Collection Drives in Knoxville and Lexington**

**November 29 - Keyboards at Christmas Concert - Tennessee Theater**

**December ? - UT Lady Vols Basketball Game Toy Collection for MOH**

**December 3 - LMU Christmas Concert & Tree Lighting (Toy Collection for MOH)**

## CHICK-FIL-A AND MOH GOLF CLASSIC 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL



My heart is overfilled with joy and gratitude for the incredible and very blessed day that was had by all on August 14 at our Chick-fil-A and Mission of Hope Golf Classic. The countless hours dedicated volunteers and many others put into the planning and preparation for this event is amazing. A simple "thank you" seems so inadequate, but we are immensely grateful to all of the players, sponsors and our MOH volunteers who donate their time, hard work, resources and financial gifts to help make this one of the largest and most successful Golf Classics in the State Of TN. May we always remember to give God the credit and glory for allowing us to be a part of this event.

A very special thank you to our MOH Golf Classic Committee: Ralph Perrigo, Chair, Melissa McCay, Chick-fil-A Liaison, Brenda Lawson, Ray Fisher, Jim Montgomery, Don Tarvin, Ron Tilley, Bud Brickeen, Wayne Walls, and Kendall Shull. Thanks also to Shirley Plant, Diane Webster, Lesa Medley and Robbie Johnson from the MOH Office for their time, hard work, commitment, dedication, and love for this spectacular event. Many, many thanks to Bill Roach and Scott Perkins and the Staff at Willow Creek Golf Club for their professional leadership.

This golf classic would not be possible without the help of our dedicated sponsors. Our Presenting Sponsor is Chick-fil-A. Major Sponsors are: Rather & Kittrell; Management Solutions, LLC; Duncan Automotive & Jerry Duncan Ford Lincoln; Lenoir City



Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram; Rothchild Event Rentals; Wintellect; Coleman's Printing and Awards LLC; Fisher Tire; and Lincoln Memorial University.

Our sincere thanks to Media Sponsors: WBIR-TV 10; The Knoxville News Sentinel; WRJZ Joy 620 Radio; Cumulus Radio stations WIVK FM 107.7, Sports Animal FM 99.1, and News Talk 98.7.

Winners of both the morning and afternoon rounds were as follows:

### **AM Round**

Closest To The Pin #2 – Lytle Rather  
 Closest To The Pin #6 – Greg Boyd  
 Closest To The Pin #11 – Bud Sutton  
 Closest To The Pin #14 – Sam Bounds  
 Longest Drive #3 – Brad McConnell

### **1<sup>st</sup> Place Team with Score of 57**

J. T. Coleman, Jeremy Arnwine, Bud McMahan, Langdon Potts

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team with Score of 58**

(Won on scoreboard playoff)  
 Stephen Daves, Scott Headrick, Brad McConnell, Wes Cate

### **Sportsmanship Award Team**

Ben Tullis, Adam Branson, Andy Westbrook, Mike Gray

### **PM Round**

Closest To The Pin #2 – Steve Gilreath  
 Closest To The Pin #6 – Ken Colson  
 Closest To The Pin #11 – Brian Reed (Just missed that car by 8 inches)  
 Closest To The Pin #14 – Carl Towne  
 Longest Drive #3 – Blake Bivens

### **1<sup>st</sup> Place Team with Score of 58**

### **(3-Way Tie Settled by Scorecard Playoff)**

Colin Moskal, Steve Best, Brian Lawhorn, John Fugate

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team with Score of 58**

Brandon Koontz, Casey Copeland, Blake Bivens, Todd Sharp

### **Sportsmanship Award Team**

Ohad Moran, Ben Jacobs, Morgan Jackson, Darrell Coley



## 2015 "PACK THE BUS" EVENT

On August 7-9, Mission Pack the Bus event was held at The Pinnacle at Turkey Creek during tax free weekend. Hundreds of shoppers, MOH friends and businesses donated money and supplies to "Pack The Bus" that was on loan from Peterson Busing. These donations made it possible for MOH delivery teams to take needed school supplies to more than 11,500 students in 27 schools we serve. We had some extra supplies to share with several of the Mountain Ministry Centers for the students they assist. In all,

we assisted over 12,000 students.

The Pinnacle at Turkey Creek presented MOH with a \$4,000 check from the money raised from Mission Pack the Bus. Those who donated were treated to free ice cream from Bruster's Real Ice Cream. Our thanks to the sponsors of this event, Office Max and Bruster's Real Ice Cream, for helping make this second-year event a huge success. A very special thank you to Kiley Fleenor and the Pinnacle at Turkey Creek Staff for all they do to make this Event possible.



## BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLIES FROM MOH

At Yellow Creek School in Middlesboro, KY, students and smiles filled the gymnasium on a Friday morning as children returned to school and stocked up on free supplies for a successful academic year. The Mission of Hope collected supplies during the summer, and members of delivery teams were here at Yellow Creek distributing these school supplies to the excited students. "There are certain areas of the country where the economy is really bad. School supplies are low on the list of things that parents have to provide," said Carole Lewis, a member of the delivery team from First Baptist Church in Maryville "My favorite part about this is the joy of seeing the children. A lot of us take for granted that every child has access to those things like basic school supplies."

Students lined up to pick out brand new backpacks. They then filled the backpacks with supplies ranging from notebooks, pencils, scissors, to glue-sticks. The Mission of Hope makes a point to provide supplies for the entire school. That strategy ensures they help everyone at the school. It also spares those children who are in the most desperate need of any shame. "Every student is included whether they need it or not. I feel like that is a big part of not embarrassing students. It is very dignified," said Joshua Trosper, Assistant Principal at Yellow Creek School. "The Mission of Hope just brings a lot of joy to our area with the school supplies and also during the holidays when they bring Christmas toys."



## HOPE ACADEMY

Ginger Forbes, children's ministry director at Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church, recently led 60 volunteers to Harlan County, Ky., to conduct the eighth Hope Academy and to deliver food and household goods. Partners included the Mission of Hope, Cornerstone Church of God, the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Fountain City and other interested individuals. During the week, volunteers work cleaning the elementary school, teaching classes and giving away food, furniture and household goods to people in one of the poorest counties in Kentucky. Working with the MOH, Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church found a need at Black Mountain Elementary School where 94 percent of the students qualify for free or reduced lunches.

Several years ago, the parents at the school asked if the church would be willing to come during the summer and provide them classes during the evenings. Hope Academy was the result of

that request. Parents take classes in such things as introduction to computer, quilting, gardening, and financial-responsibility while the children are provided with classes created just for them. At this year's Academy, volunteers conducted classes for an average of 120 adults, teens and children. For each class attended, family members earn a point. On Friday, the points are totaled, and the families with the most get to shop first from the store of donated household goods set up in the school.



Four generations attended Hope Academy

## OUTREACH AND DISTRIBUTION EVENTS

The Day In The Oneida, TN Park Outreach Event was a tremendous success. We fed almost 500 children and adults. Children of all ages enjoyed inflatables, games, clowns, and face painting. Hygiene bags, Veterans info helps, Southern Gospel Music, door prizes, Bibles and tracts were also a part of the activities. AWESOME Volunteers from ALQI and its Director Kathy West, FBC Concord, Island Home Baptist, along with many others served with true servant hearts. Fifteen people came that day and asked Jesus into their Hearts.

We had a most blessed day at our recent Outreach Event in Blaine. Pastor Lenny Wheeler with the Blaine, KY Church and Outreach Center along with several members of the Church and Outreach Center led us in serving those in dire need in their surrounding rural Community. They represent what we are trying to do in helping Mountain Ministry Centers care for their people. We served several hundred families with the items that we gave to them. Several requested that we pray for them, and nine people accepted Christ as their savior.

In late August, we held our first ever Outreach & Giveaway Event in Sneedville, TN with our friends at Shepherd's Corner and Of One Accord Ministries. We helped almost 700 People with food, clothing, hygiene and household items. Ten people left this event with the gift of salvation in their hearts.

### 2015 MISSION OF HOPE

#### CELEBRATION AND FUND RAISER

*“Mission of Hope – 20 Years of Loving God by Serving Others and Sharing The Hope in Appalachia”*

**DATE:** Thursday, November 5, 2015

**WHERE:** Rothchild's Conference Center  
8807 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37923

**TIME:** Doors Open at 4:30 p.m. for Registration and Shopping

Silent Auction, Themed Gift Baskets, Artwork,  
The Hope Boutique offering Cash and Carry Gift Items

6:30 p.m. – Served Seated Dinner

*Celebration Hostess: Ms. Colleen Addair*

*Special Entertainment By: Inside Out*

*Special Guests: Mr. Russell Biven  
Mr. Sammy Sawyer  
Mr. Bill Williams  
The Faces of Hope*

**COST:** \$40 per person  
Table Hosts May Purchase Table for 10 - \$360  
Payable in Advance by Cash, Check or Credit Card  
(VISA, MC or Discover)

**Reservation and Payment Deadline – October 26, 2015**

**Limited to first 650 Paid Guests**

**Banquet Sponsorships Available**

**Donation of Goods and/or Services Gladly Accepted**

#### NEEDS AT THE HOPE

We are continuing to receive many requests for the following items that are desperately needed at Schools and Ministry Centers we serve:

**Food** –canned goods, soups, canned meats and stews, peanut butter, pasta, crackers

**Hygiene** – bar soap, shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste

**Furniture & Appliances** – good used beds, dining suites, sofas & chairs, stoves & refrigerators

**Bibles, Tracts and Christian books**

**Pressure Treated Lumber** for our construction teams to build handicap ramps.

If you can help the MOH with any of these items, we will be grateful. Perhaps your church and/or business would like to help. Please call the MOH office for more details.

Mission of Hope is a fully licensed 501c3 nonprofit charity and your donations are tax deductible. We have all the proper licenses for local, state and federal requirements. If you would like more information, or have questions regarding our ministry, please contact the MOH office.

Thanks to our Editor Mary Sue Miller, Diane Webster, Shirley Plant, Coleman's Printing and Awards, and Direct Mail Services for their help in compiling, preparing, printing and mailing our Newsletters.

Thanks also go to Brian and Tammy McKinley who are doing a great job maintaining our Website. Please check out our updated Website at [www.missionofhope.org](http://www.missionofhope.org) to keep informed on MOH activities.

**“SHOP NOW AND EARLY FOR OUR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM”**