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### MOH KEY CALENDAR DATES 2019

Winter 2019	“Soup for the Hope” Food Collection Drives
March 28-29	Outreach & Distribution Event – Oneida, TN
April 1	Construction Ministry & Handicap Ramp Builds Begin
April 9	Alice Lloyd College – Scholars Recognition & Field Trip
April ?	Outreach & Distribution Event – Blaine, KY
April 15	Lincoln Memorial University – Scholars Recognition & Field Trip
April 27	Repair Fair Event – Middlesboro & Pineville, KY
May	New Scholarship Awards at High Schools
May ?	Day in The Park Outreach Event – Sneedville, TN
May ?	End of School Year Parties – MOH Volunteer & Program Teams
June 1	Day in The Park Outreach Event – Oneida, TN
June ?	HOPE Academy – Black Mountain, KY
June ?	Outreach & Distribution Event – Jonesville, VA
June, July, August	Summer Mission Trips to Appalachia (By Church Team Groups)
July 19	Scholars Dinner at Cumberland Inn
July & August	22 <sup>st</sup> Annual Back to School Program
August ?	Stuff the Bus Back to School Collection - The Pinnacle at Turkey Creek
August 9	16 <sup>th</sup> Annual Mission of Hope & Chick-fil-A Golf Classic
August ?	Cruisin’ For Kids Car Show at Joe Neubert Co. on Clinton Hwy
August ?	Outreach & Distribution Event – Jellico, TN
September ?	Repair Fair Event – Williamsburg, KY
September ?	Outreach & Distribution Event – Hazard, KY
October ?	Outreach & Distribution Event – Sneedville, TN
October ?	Outreach & Distribution Event – Williamsburg, KY
October 31	Construction Ministry & Handicap Ramp Builds Ends
November ?	Annual Celebration & Fund-Raising Banquet
November ?	Zoo For The Hope Food Drive @ Knoxville Zoo
November ?	6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Keyboards at Christmas
November ?--December ?	24 <sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Program and Barrel Collection Drives in Knoxville and Lexington
December ?	LMU Christmas Concert & Tree Lighting (Toy Collection for MOH)

*(For more information and updates visit our Website (missionofhope.org) or call the MOH office)*

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#### Greetings Dear Friends:

We have been richly blessed this past year with the privilege of serving those in extreme poverty throughout rural Appalachian communities. During the year, Mission of Hope extends the HOPE through our Resource Distribution, Scholarship, Back-to-School, Economic Development, Evangelism, College Scholarships, Construction and Christmas Crusade. This approach helps us serve those in dire need and ensures accountability to our many volunteers who support our program. Last year we put 88 cents of every dollar we received back into our ministry efforts. We are proud and grateful to be good stewards of God’s provision and harvest. Your donations and volunteer spirit are what make it possible for us to continue to extend the HOPE.

Sincerest regards, Emmette Thompson - Executive Director, Mission of Hope

# LOOKING BACK OVER MISSION OF HOPE . . .



This amazing group of Volunteers gave hours of their time helping with our Christmas Crusade at The Mission of Hope. They sorted toys by age groups and clothing items by sizes. With love and care, volunteers packed boxes based on the needs of the students in each school we serve. Bags containing hygiene supplies and boxes packed with non-perishable food items were loaded onto the trucks that made deliveries to the 28 elementary schools we support. These Christmas gifts brought smiles to children's faces and words of thanks from them and their parents. Christmas programs gave our delivery teams the chance to share the Gospel with over 18,000 students and their families!



WKYT in Lexington, KY sponsored a Pack the Lobby Event for the Mission of Hope. God's harvest of provisions from this event was amazing. Our thanks to Lexington and WKYT for this outpouring of love and generosity for our families in rural Appalachia.



The Knoxville TVA Employees Credit Union Wall of Hope Promotion provided MOH an absolutely incredible HARVEST of toys, clothing, hygiene items and non-perishable food items. What an amazing blessing for the HOPE. We are grateful to the TVA Credit Union and their customers who helped make this event possible.



The primary goal of the MOH Key Christmas Leadership Team is to take the Gospel to Rural Appalachia and to keep our Heavenly Father at the forefront of all we do in His Name. How thankful and blessed we are to have such focused leadership.



Volunteers Walter Bailey and Don Jones collect food at Zoo Knoxville during the month-long Zoo for The Hope collection for MOH. Thank you to Zoo Knoxville and to all the incredible MOH volunteers for their help. Thanks also to the public for its overwhelming response.



# EVENTS THAT BLESSED THE YEAR 2018 . . .

BACK TO SCHOOL



Notre Dame Students on Fall Break helped Emmette unload THE HARVEST OF GOODIES from the MOH truck at the Binns-Counts Ministry Center near Grundy, VA. Here at Mission of Hope, we depend on Ministry Centers in the areas we serve in Rural Appalachia to distribute donations to the people who most need them. Without your support we would not be able to support the work done by our Ministry Centers.



On July 27-29 of this year, our Pack-the-Bus Event at Turkey Creek helped collect over \$18,000 in supplies and backpacks. Our sincerest gratitude to Turkey Creek, Office Max, Blaze Pizza, Menchie's, The Little Bus Co., our amazing volunteers and the incredible generosity of the public. We delivered new backpacks filled with grade-level school supplies to over 11,500 students. The group of volunteers pictured above packed our last Back-to-School Program supplies for the 2018 school year. We are so grateful for all our volunteers who make this program possible.



**Chick-fil-A® Knoxville & Mission of Hope Golf Classic**  
Golf teams arrived early at Willow Creek Golf Club on August 10 for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Chick-fil-A® Knoxville & Mission of Hope Golf Classic at Willow Creek Golf Club. The weather forecast called for rain, and the rain did fall and caused a delay in the AM round. Willow Creek offered a free round of golf to each player in this round. We enjoyed lots of fun giving out door prizes in the Club House while waiting out the rain. The teams enjoyed a

delicious complimentary breakfast, lunch and snack from Chick-fil-A® Knoxville. Our sincere thanks go to Willow Creek Golf Club for hosting this event and to Chick-fil-A® Knoxville as the presenting sponsor. The Golf Classic would not be possible without their help. Major sponsors for this Golf Classic are: Fisher Tire; Rather & Kittrell; Duncan Family Automotive Group and Jerry Duncan Ford Lincoln; Lenoir City Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram; Lincoln Memorial University; Jim McMichael Signs and Truck Painting; Wintellect; Coleman's Printing and Awards; and Rothchild Event Rentals. Media sponsors are: WBIR-TV 10; The Knoxville News Sentinel; WRJZ Joy 620 Radio; WIVK FM 107.7; WNML Sports Radio FM 99.1 and AM 990; and News Talk 98.7.

## Consider MOH for Your Qualified Charitable IRA Distribution

If you are age 70 ½ or older, you can transfer up to \$100,000 per year from your IRA directly to an eligible charity, like the Mission of Hope, without paying income tax on the transaction.

- Contact your IRA custodian for information specific to your account and to request a Qualified Charitable Distribution.
- Contributions should be sent to: The Mission of Hope, P.O. Box 51824, Knoxville, TN 37950.
- Donations automatically go to General Fund use which supports our year-round programs like Back To School, Christmas, and Mountain Ministry Resources. If you would like to designate your gift for the Scholarship Program, please contact us.

## So Many Ways to Give to the Mission of Hope!

### Credit/Debit Card

We accept VISA/MC/Discover

- Visit our website at [www.missionofhope.org/donate](http://www.missionofhope.org/donate) OR
- Call our office at (865) 584-7571 OR
- Complete the enclosed donation envelope and mail it in

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You decide the amount and frequency

- Call our office at (865) 584-7571 to set up using your debit or credit card OR
- Complete the enclosed donation envelope and mail it in

### Check

Mail to: Mission of Hope, P.O. Box 51824, Knoxville, TN 37950 (Donation Envelope Enclosed)

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## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Mission of Hope Scholarship Program is active and thriving. This spring will be our 11<sup>th</sup> year to award \$2500 scholarships to a total of 15 students. We currently have 47 students on active scholarship, and we celebrated the graduation of 10 MOH Scholars: Johnathan Adkins (BA, Tennessee Tech University); Tyra Clem (BA, EKU); Courtney Gilbert (Nursing, Hazard Community & Tech); Brittany Gray (BS, Spalding University); Karissa Stamper (Nursing, HC&T); Emily Thatcher (BS, Morehead State University); Kailye Ball (Nursing, UT); Summer Botts (BS, TTU); Sierra Combs (Nursing, HC&T); and Katie Craft (Nursing, Galen College of Nursing). This is HOPE fulfilled. Congratulations to each of them!

Beth McIntosh is a MOH Scholar at Morehead State University. She will graduate in December, 2019, with a degree in Respiratory Therapy & University Studies. Her plan after graduation is to pursue a position in a hospital as a Respiratory Therapist. After working in the hospital setting for a while, Beth would like to return to school and pursue a degree as a Physician Assistant.

Beth stated that the MOH scholarship helped to lift a huge financial burden off the shoulders of her family and provided her with a great education. She also said the scholarship has provided her with the following: "I have met amazing people who are always praying for me and sending me words of encouragement. School can be very hard and stressful, but I always know I have someone who will encourage me now and even throughout life. I know if I ever need someone, I can count on friends at Mission of Hope. I am very grateful to be a scholar and thankful for all this organization has done for me, as well as many other students."



Beth (second from right) and her classmates on their way to hospital to apply their skills as respiratory therapists.