



Serving Rural Appalachia

MOH KEY CALENDAR DATES 2020

October 31	Construction Ministry & Handicap Ramp Builds Ends
November 1 thru December 5	25 th Annual Christmas Program and Cyber Barrel Collection Drives
November 4 – 10	Days of Celebration & Fundraising – Virtual Style (In lieu of in-person Celebration & Fundraiser)
November 29	7 th Annual Keyboards at Christmas CANCELLED

URGENT IMPORTANT CHRISTMAS DELIVERIES UPDATE

I am excited to share with you some important information; I am proud of our Mission of Hope Staff for their creativity and compassionate intent to make sure we do our Mission of Hope Christmas Collections, Packing, Deliveries...with good stewardship and the realization that this year we have to change what we do and how we do it.

A lot of time, thought and prayer has been put into the difficult decisions that have had to be made in order to continue with our 2020 Christmas Program. Please understand we are trying to do all that we can to not only work within the guidelines and requirements of the Schools; but also to keep our Mission of Hope Volunteers and Staff safe as well.

We are now contacting each School Superintendent, Principal and Family Resource Coordinator...to discuss with them what they feel will work best for their Schools. Please...hear my heart and know there is no one more interested in fellowshipping with the Students than me...but I also know it is imperative that we be respectful of guidelines and safety procedures during this Coronavirus crisis we are in. We sincerely hope that you will respectfully understand and support the decisions we are making.

I would humbly appeal to each of us to Pray fervently for the Students and their Families and also the School Staffs; and also that this health crisis will be resolved very soon.

Thank You For Your Servant Hearts And Support...And All You Do To Help Extend True HOPE.

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HOPE IS ALIVE!

MOH is proceeding with caution and following the guidance given to us by local, state and national authorities. To be extremely safe, our staff and volunteers are social distancing and wearing masks. Thanks to each of you for your patience as we try to navigate these uncharted waters.



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2020 CYBER BARREL CHRISTMAS DRIVE SUNDAY, NOV 1 – SATURDAY, DEC 5

Please help us make Christmas special for students and their families in Rural Appalachia! Scan the QR code below with your smartphone to shop online at one of our Cyber Barrel locations or go to <https://missionofhope.org/christmas-collection-delivery/>. The items you purchase will be shipped straight to our warehouse.



THANKS For Helping Extend The HOPE

Donations benefit the children and families of Appalachia. The Mission of Hope is a 501c3 non-profit organization.

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DAYS OF CELEBRATION & FUNDRAISING – VIRTUAL STYLE

In lieu of an in-person Celebration and Fundraiser this year, we have an exciting event, the 2020 Mission of Hope **Days of Celebration and Fundraising – Virtual Style**, scheduled for Wednesday, November 4 through Tuesday, November 10. Each day of the event we will share special stories and information about how you can help us make Christmas special for those we serve. We'll be posting to our Facebook page (Mission of Hope Knox) and website (missionofhope.org), and sending out special emails throughout the week. If you haven't joined our email distribution, you may go to the Contact page on our website (missionofhope.org) or go to <http://eepurl.com/duSFrP> to sign up.

2020 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DISTRIBUTION ITEMS

- Hygiene Kit (1 per child, includes toothbrush, toothpaste, soap and shampoo)
- Food Box (30% of total family units)
- New clothing items will be sent to schools for distribution by the Resource Coordinator
- Toy Bag (1 very nice toy, 1 candy cane filled with candy & evangelism booklet)

Other Important Items

- No blue barrel collection program this year
- Large increased Cyber Barrel Program for both resources and financial donations
- Reduced Volunteer numbers at Mission of Hope office/warehouse

BACK-TO-SCHOOL PROGRAM

We have been blessed for 23 years to extend True HOPE to elementary schools in Rural Appalachian Communities with our Back-to-School Program. We contacted the School Superintendent Offices and learned that each of the 30 Elementary Schools we are serving this year had a different starting date. Each Superintendent shared with us that they were limiting events and trying to prohibit outside individuals from coming into the schools. We immediately knew we could not skip a beat this year in helping all the students we are blessed to serve to get their year off to a good start. We made plans to deliver every school its needed backpacks, school supplies and hygiene items. The school staff and teachers would distribute these items to their students. MOH was committed to help these students at a time that their families are facing new economic and education challenges.

The first of our back to school deliveries began on August 4, and the last delivery was made on August 26. Though the circumstances were challenging, the MOH Staff and dedicated Volunteers made these deliveries possible. As our warehouse manager, Tim Hall, put it, "Hope in a backpack. One kid at a time." While we missed the back to school programs and interacting with the students and staff at each of the 30 elementary schools we served in Rural Appalachia, we were blessed to be able to deliver the school supplies and hygiene items that help the students start the school year prepared and ready to learn. We prayerfully stepped out on faith to create an alternative way to go and meet the needs of our students. We are grateful for all of those who have helped us complete this mission task. We truly cherish the privilege that God had given us to be His servants.



Thanks to our MOH Staff and dedicated Volunteers our Back School deliveries were completed!

HOPE FULFILLED THROUGH MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

We are so happy to be back in the business of delivering truckloads of clothing, hygiene items, food, and baby items to our Mountain Ministry Centers in Rural Appalachia. These Ministry partners distribute the supplies we deliver to them to those in their area who desperately need help.

Emmette had an interesting experience on a recent delivery to the Lighthouse Ministry Center in Pineville, KY. As he was preparing to leave, he learned of an urgent need for air conditioners for the couple who lead this ministry. Their AC unit had not worked this entire year. The estimated \$4,000 repair cost was a bit too much for the couple. After leaving the center, Emmette headed straight to Building Supply Store in Middlesboro to purchase air conditioners. Upon his return to the center, the couple thought he was returning because we had forgotten something. Imagine their joy and appreciation when they saw the reason for Emmette's return.

In early September we made a great Mission of Hope delivery trip to Alice Lloyd College (ALC) in Pippa Passes, KY. A wonderful Donor Friend made it possible for MOH to receive like-new office furniture. We were blessed with the opportunity to share it with our dear friends at ALC. We had an AWESOME group of Students help unload the furniture. Every single item was claimed by grateful recipients. How thankful we are to be HOPE fulfillers and for friends who deem the Mission of Hope worthy of their friendship and support.



Deliveries to Alice Lloyd College
and
Light House Ministry Center

MOH SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Among the many changes at Mission of Hope this year was the cancellation of our annual Scholars' Dinner. It has always been a special night of celebrating our new Scholars and bringing them together with their Volunteer Mentors and the MOH staff. At this dinner, the new Scholars were presented with a laptop, a printer, a backpack, and other "goodies" from Mission of Hope. Our Executive Director, Emmette Thompson, was determined that our 2020 MOH Scholars would receive these items and thus have what they would need to start their college career the right way. He, along with members of our Scholarship Committee, made plans to deliver these items to every new Scholar. By the end of July, this group completed their travels to meet with each new Mission of Hope Scholar and presented them with their Scholarship, Laptop, Printer, and a wonderful gift bag filled with various items. They also prayed with and for them and their families as they begin this exciting new part of their academic life. What an immense blessing it is to be able to assist our 2020 scholars when, now more than ever, they need people to invest and believe in them.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our Scholarship Program. You are helping us give HOPE to college students in Rural Appalachia. And thank you to WBIR for featuring Mission of Hope in their TV "Perfect 10" story.

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