



Serving Rural Appalachia

MOH KEY CALENDAR DATES 2020

Winter 2020	"Soup for the Hope" Food Collection Drives
March 19-20	Outreach & Distribution Event – Oneida, TN
April 1	Construction Ministry & Handicap Ramp Builds Begin
April 14	Alice Lloyd College – Scholars Recognition & Field Trip
April 16-17	Outreach & Distribution Event – Williamsburg, KY
April 20	Lincoln Memorial University – Scholars Recognition & Field Trip
April 25	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 ?	Day in The Park Outreach Event – Oneida, TN
June ?	Outreach & Distribution Event – Jonesville, VA
June, July, August	Summer Mission Trips to Appalachia (By Church Team Groups)
July & August	23 rd Annual Back to School Program
August ?	Stuff the Bus Back to School Collection - The Pinnacle at Turkey Creek
August 14	17 th 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 8	Annual Celebration & Fund-Raising Banquet
November ?	Zoo For The Hope Food Drive @ Knoxville Zoo
November ?	7 th Annual Keyboards at Christmas
November ?--December ?	25 th 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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Dear Mission of Hope Friends,

We have been richly blessed this past year with the privilege of serving those in extreme poverty throughout rural Appalachian Communities. Working with Elementary Schools and Mountain Ministry Centers located in very depressed areas, we feel we are making a difference helping them assist those in dire need there. Our hearts truly break for those that are struggling in areas that offer little opportunity for new jobs or prosperity. Doing what we do year after year is our way of sharing the HOPE. It is an incredible blessing to know that people believe in our cause and support our Ministry efforts. We so appreciate all who deem us worthy of their donations and their Volunteer time.

WE BELIEVE WITHOUT HESITATION AND WITH CHILDLIKE FAITH THERE IS ALWAYS HOPE.

Sincerest Appreciation,

Emmette Thompson, Executive Director

CHRISTMAS 2019 AT THE MISSION OF HOPE



It looked a lot more like Christmas at The HOPE when the tree in the MOH entry way was put up! Thanks to our phone volunteer, June Ezman, and her decorating skills for making it a tree of beauty.



Our Executive Director, Emmette Thompson continued the tradition of daily devotionals, which are a favorite for all who volunteer at Christmas. He keeps us focused on remembering to honor God in everything we do, to pray for the families we serve and to always remember that Jesus is our greatest HOPE.



These sweet Volunteers prepared the invitations to be mailed for our all new Celebration and Fundraiser that was held on Sunday, November 10, at 12:30 PM at Rothchild's!!

Our Executive Director, Emmette Thompson opened this activity by praying over the invitations, for all who would be receiving an invitation, for all who would be attending the event, and for all we are blessed to serve in Rural Appalachia.



Norris Freeway for Bluegrass Magic

CELEBRATION AND FUNDRAISER

What an incredible Celebration and Fundraiser we had on Sunday, November 10th at Rothchild's! Picnic For The HOPE was a fun-filled day of music, fellowship, food and prayer. Thank you to everyone who came and helped to make this such a special day! Our special thanks go to:

Susan Rothchild and Rothchild Conference Center for a beautiful setup and the most delicious food;

Mike, Steve and Robert White for volunteering their time and equipment to provide sound for us;

Norris Freeway for Bluegrass magic--the music was so great (and they finished with Rocky Top of course!);

Inside Out for a heartwarming a Capella version of our National Anthem;

Chris Blake for creating a PSA for us that so perfectly describes our Mission in Rural Appalachia;

Our Volunteers and Board members who spent countless hours helping us prepare, set up and work that day;

Coleman's Printing for creating our invitations and signs that were perfect and captured the feel of the Picnic For The HOPE;

Our Board Chairman, Joe Cherry, for opening the festivities and presenting our Executive Director Emmette Thompson with a surprise 20th Anniversary Award (thanks to Coleman's Printing again for creating such a keepsake!);

Everyone who donated financially to help us take Christmas to our 28 Schools in Rural Appalachia:

And last but certainly not least, our Executive Director said it best: "May we always remember to give God the credit, praise, and glory for all we have. all we are and all we get to do."

BLUE BARREL DRIVE

Our annual Mission of Hope Blue Barrel Collection Drive for NEW Toys, Warm Clothing, Non-Perishable Food, Hygiene Items, Bibles and Tracts was a great success. The barrels came back FULL of items for the schools we serve. Thanks to all of you who donated to our Christmas drive! Our Mission Teams visited 28 Rural Appalachian Elementary Schools and served almost 18,000 children and their family members. Our students in Appalachia send you a very special thank you.

CYBER BARREL DRIVE

Our new Cyber Barrel Drive was a tremendous blessing to our Appalachian Relief Ministry and those we serve. Through our online registries, donors purchased hundreds of toys, coats, jeans and shirts for students in the 28 Rural Elementary Schools we serve. Thank you to those who shopped using the Mission of Hope's Cyber Barrels! You brought Smiles of Joy and a Ray of Hope to these Students and their Families!



HOW WE APPRECIATE EACH OF YOU!



CLOTHING VOLUNTEERS

Our dedicated and wonderful Clothing Volunteers are hard at work going through all of the clothing request forms from our Schools. These forms help us determine what to send to our Students in grades K-8 as part of our Christmas deliveries. We are so grateful for these ladies and their commitment to ensuring each eligible student receives the right size clothing. Thank you, Clothing Queens!

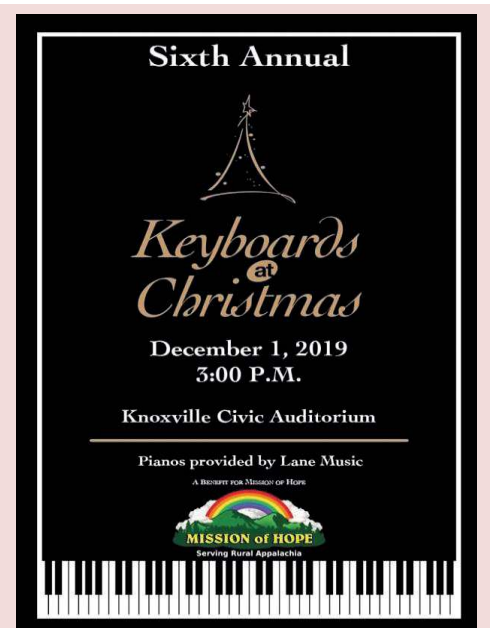


MOH CHRISTMAS "ELVES"

We are so BLESSED! Look at all of the Volunteer "Elves" who give countless hours of hard work to help us bring Christmas to rural areas in Appalachia. Without them, our Ministry would not be possible. A big thank you to everyone who came and gave their time to help make our Christmas program a huge success.



WKYT-TV IN LEXINGTON, KY
SPONSORED
"PACK THE LOBBY DAY
FOR THE HOPE"
ABSOLUTELY AMAZING!
WHAT A BLESSED
HARVEST!



Our annual Keyboards at Christmas program is an elegant event that benefits Mission of Hope. We want to especially thank Donna McNeilly, all the performers and everyone who made it such a special afternoon.

HOPE FULFILLED FOR MISSION OF HOPE SCHOLAR



We recently were given a very nice used car for us to give to a MOH scholar who was in need of a means of transportation. Our MOH Administrative Assistant, Diane Webster, contacted our MOH mentors and scholars to inquire as to a possible need for a car. It turned out that one of our dear scholars was facing the possibility of having to quit school because her car broke down and she had no vehicle to drive. I am thrilled to share that our MOH Warehouse Manager Tim and MOH Volunteer Doug Nichols delivered the car to our scholar, and she was ecstatic. How grateful we are to long-time MOH friend Shirley Wells for donating this car.

Thank you, Lord, for touching hearts that deem us worthy of their support so that we can in turn bless the hearts and spirits of those in need.



HAZARD OUTREACH

It was a foggy morning for our 12th Annual Mission of Hope Outreach Event in Hazard, KY. When the gates opened, 152 people were waiting patiently in line. We served close to 1,000 people and blessed them with food, hygiene items, clothes and baby items.

We had an Evangelistic Message and a Prayer. We also gave out Bibles and tracts. Every effort was made to let those present know how much God loves them and that Jesus is and will always be their greatest source of True HOPE.



Mission of Hope's Outreach Event in Sneedville helped hundreds of people with free clothing, Bibles, food, hygiene items, reading glasses, and toys. Taz Painter summed it up perfectly when we asked for his impression as a first-time Outreach Event Volunteer: "It was humbling to see the need in Hancock County and the way Mission of Hope is able to work with partners like Of One Accord and Shepherd's Corner to show God's love to the people in Sneedville. Any of us could find ourselves in need of a helping hand, so it is amazing to see how donated items are put to good use through this food and clothing give-away event."

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 OR
- Call our office at (865) 584-7571 OR
- Complete the enclosed donation envelope and mail it in

Recurring Donations

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

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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.