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MOH KEY CALENDAR DATES 2021

(Please Note Calendar Updates & Changes Due To The Coronavirus Crisis)

January	Thank You Month At The HOPE
February	Start of 2021 NEW MOH Scholars Selection Process
March 27	NEW Outreach & Distribution Event – Jamestown, TN (Drive Thru Format With Food, Hygiene, First Aid Kits, Bibles & Tracts) (Need Lots Of Volunteers)
April 1	Construction Ministry & Handicap Ramp Builds Begin
May	New Scholarship Awards at High Schools
July & August 24 th	Annual Back to School Program – ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM
September	MOH Golf Classic At Willow Creek Golf Club (More Details & Information To Follow)
October 31	Construction Ministry & Handicap Ramp Builds Ends
November	Special Fall Celebration Fundraising Campaign - ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM
November December	26 th Annual Christmas Program & Cyber Barrel Drive In Knoxville and Lexington – ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM

The Mission of Hope was immensely blessed to be able to do ministry in alternative ways all throughout 2020. Resource Donations and Financial Donations were incredible.

We give God the praise, credit and glory for providing and protecting us and our ministry.

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Our hearts are full of Gratitude for the amazing support the Mission of Hope has received over the past year. We count it a privilege to be able to serve those in need in Rural Appalachia and realize our efforts would not be possible without you. It would be easy to focus on what we were not able to do in 2020. So many of our traditional events and services had to be set aside because of COVID-19. However, when we take a backward look and focus on what this Ministry was able to accomplish, our hearts are filled with gratitude. Through the efforts of our dedicated Volunteers, School Administrators, Mountain Ministry Partners, Supporters, and the Grace of God, we are amazed at what we accomplished in Rural Appalachia during this tumultuous year.

Sincerely,
Emmette Thompson, Executive Director

LOOKING BACK OVER THE YEAR 2020

- Helped 16 Ministries purchase food through Second Harvest of East Tennessee and God's Pantry Food Bank in Kentucky.
- Awarded 19 new Scholarships for students graduating high school; celebrated the 66th MOH Scholarship Graduate; supported 52 Scholars in the fall semester.
- Delivered 83 loads of new and used household items, clothing, and food to Ministries serving at-risk communities in East Tennessee and East Kentucky.
- Delivered school supplies, backpacks and hygiene to 30 Elementary Schools serving 15,000 students.
- Served 15,000 Students and their Families in 30 Elementary Schools through the Christmas Program by providing:
 - 1700 Food Boxes
 - 9500 Hygiene Bags including Soap, Shampoo/Conditioner, Toothbrush and Toothpaste
 - 1100 New Coats
 - 1200 Pairs of New Jeans
 - 2000 New Shirts
 - 9500 New Toys
 - 9500 Copies of "The Greatest Story Ever Told"
 - Delivered 9 Christmas Loads filled with Toys, Clothing and Food for Ministries to Share the Joy and Hope of Christmas to those they serve.

WOW! What a year! As we go into 2021, we look forward to Serving and Extending The HOPE in Rural Appalachia.



We have been blessed to complete the deliveries to the 30 Schools in the areas we serve in Rural Appalachia. The School Administrators and Staff at Letcher Elementary School surprised our delivery team with the most creative way they delivered the toys, food, clothing and hygiene items to their students. They hosted a Drive-Thru Christmas complete with Santa Claus, The Grinch, and Elf On The Shelf. What a fun time for all!

MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

After completing all of the Christmas deliveries, I drove a load of food, hygiene items, clothing, toys, Bibles, tracts, baby items, furniture, and various other items to the Mountain Ministry we serve and assist in Oneida, TN. These items are in turn given to the needy in the community. I had just recently received a letter from the Director of this Ministry Center informing me they would no longer have use of the building from which they had been serving the community. This meant they would not have a place in which to put the donations we regularly send to them.

On my arrival, all of the Ministry Center Volunteers were gathered at the back of our Mission of Hope truck with masks on, and I asked the Ministry Director Kathy West to stand beside me. I then pulled a new Christmas wreath from a bag and handed it to her and said, "You are going to need this next Christmas to place on the front door of the new modular storage building we're buying for you." At that moment she broke down in tears. Her Volunteers got teary eyed and clapped their hands. I got teary eyed, because at that moment all of this dear lady's worries about the Ministry's future were gone. On February 23, 2021, the building was delivered and this dear lady's 'HOPE' was fulfilled.

--Emmette Thompson



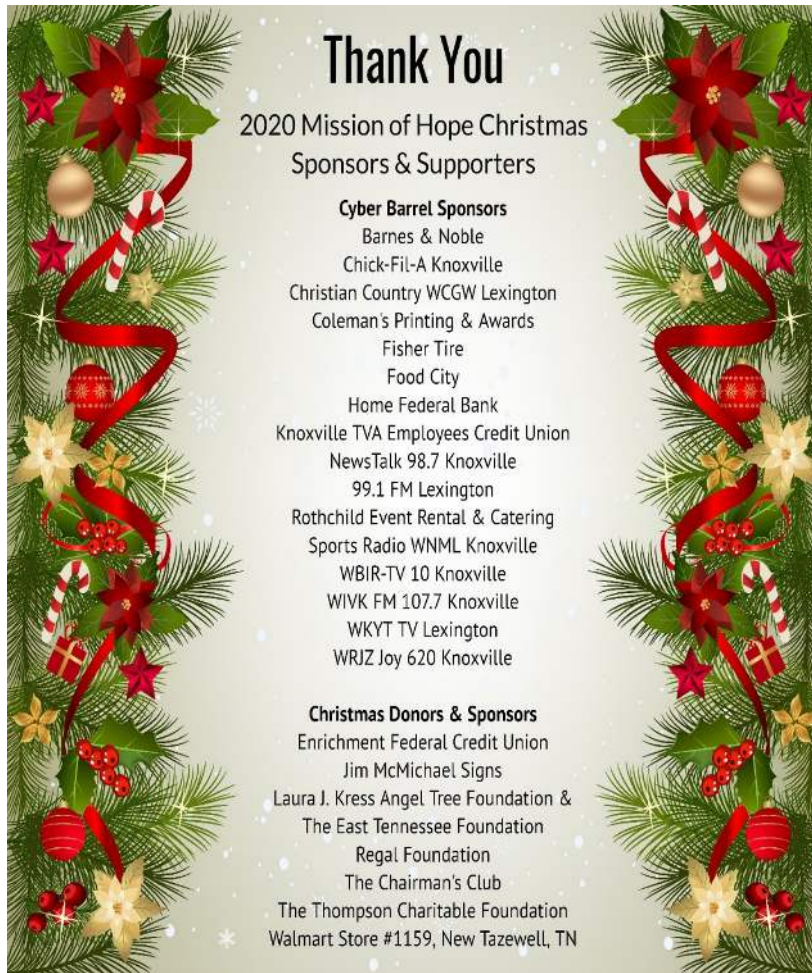
Many of us take for granted the ability to purchase basic first aid items like band aids and antiseptic. For many of the families we serve, these are luxury items. Our MOH Volunteers (Top L to R) Louise Jones, Jackie Johnson, (Bottom L to R) Bonnie Bayless, and Betty Shockley have been busy packing 1000 First Aid Kits for Ministry Outreach events and Rural Appalachian Ministries. For \$5.60 we can supply a kit with all the basics (bandages, antiseptic, aspirin, antacid, etc.). With the help of our Volunteers and Supporters, we are giving these families the ability to address those day-to-day bumps, bruises, and headaches. This is just another simple way to bring Hope to those in need.

We are so blessed and grateful for the partnership we have with Alice Lloyd College; in Pippa Passes, KY. It is an incredible and very special place. In February when I drove one of our MOH delivery trucks that our Warehouse Manager, Tim Hall, and "the Boys" loaded with various items, along with a piece of equipment for their Forensic Studies Program which was donated to us by a special MOH friend, Mike Wasson, and his Workspace Solutions Company. I had a wonderful visit with President Joe Stepp and his dear Assistant Pat Fraley. Pat even had lunch prepared for me. She also had a group of ALC Students to help me unload our truck. On the drive back to Knoxville, I thought about all of the Students who have received MOH Scholarships to attend and graduate from Alice Lloyd College. We are so grateful for Friends who help to make that possible. It is just another way God allows us to extend the Hope. Emmette Thompson

BALLOON BUDDIES

Mission of Hope sponsored a Balloon Buddies distribution at a care facility in Oneida, TN. Dianna Glandon of "Above the Rest." hosted this event. She sent us the following email describing the excitement of the residents when the Balloon Buddies were distributed.

"This happened because of you! As a sponsor of one or many, YOU made this possible! Thank you so much for lifting up 86 grandmas and grandpas, and over 20 caregivers, as well as the families who are heartbroken over the isolations. In the 15 years I've been helping people celebrate their special events, the smiles, exclamations of joy, laughter, giddiness, delight, and tears of joy expressed by these residents were most heart-warming. This event was the most joyful thing I've ever done. Even though I only get to see the faces and hear the giggling of the staff as they are getting the Buddies out of the van, their excitement was infectious with joy. I thank you for helping make this happen."



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