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## MISSION OF HOPE 2022 KEY DATES AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

January	Thank-You Month At The HOPE
February	Start of 2022 NEW MOH Scholars Selection Process
March 26	Outreach & Distribution Event – Jamestown, TN
April 1	Construction Ministry & Handicap Ramp Builds Begin
April	Alice Lloyd College – Scholars Recognition & Field Trip
April	Lincoln Memorial University – Scholars Recognition & Field Trip
April	Repair Fair Event – Middlesboro & Pineville, KY
May 14	Outreach & Distribution Event – Claiborne County, TN
May	New Scholarship Awards at High Schools
May	End of School Year Parties – MOH Volunteer & Program Teams
June ?	Day in The Park Outreach Event – Oneida, TN
June thru Aug.	Summer Mission Trips to Appalachia (by church Team Groups)
July 9	Outreach & Distribution Event – Scott County, TN
July & August	25th Annual Back to School Program
August ?	Pack the Bus Back to School Collection – Turkey Creek
August ?	Cruisin' For Kids Car Show @ Joe Neubert Co. – Clinton Hwy
September 15	19th Annual MOH Golf Classic @ Willow Creek Golf Club
September ?	Repair Fair Event
September 24	Outreach & Distribution Event – Campbell County, TN
October 31	Construction Ministry & Handicap Ramp Builds Ends
November ?	Annual Celebration & Fundraising Banquet @ Rothchild's
November ?	Keyboards at Christmas
November ? – December ?	27th Annual Christmas Program and Cyber Barrel Drive in Knoxville and Lexington
December ?	LMU Christmas Concert & Tree Lighting (Toy Collection for MOH)

The Mission of Hope was immensely blessed to be able to do ministry in alternative ways all throughout 2021. Resource 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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Dear Friends,

We have been richly blessed this past year with the privilege of serving those in extreme poverty throughout rural Appalachian Communities. The Elementary Schools and Mountain Ministry Centers located in the very depressed areas we serve help us assist and minister to those in dire need. The closure of coal mines, loss of jobs, and little opportunity for new jobs present serious economic challenges to these Communities. It is an incredible blessing to know that people believe in our cause and support our ministry efforts. We appreciate and are immensely grateful to all who deem us worthy of their Donations and their Volunteer time. Thanks to each of you for your Friendship, Support, and Prayers. May God bless you and your Families with Hope-Filled hearts in 2022.

Sincerely, Emmette Thompson, MOH Executive Director

## SPECIAL MESSAGE...FROM THE HOPE

March 1, 2022

Dear Mission of Hope Friends;

As we begin a new year, I wanted to take a moment to share from my heart...a personal update from me, regarding some special things and decisions...that I have been considering and praying about...for quite some time.

Working and serving at the Mission of Hope...has been one of the greatest blessings of my entire life. The people that I have met and been privileged to serve alongside of...the various dedicated Staff Team Members...the Volunteers who have given of their time and effort and hard work...the Donors and Sponsors and Supporters who have given so generously...are the real Heroes of the Hope. And Thank You will never be sufficient...for all they have done and continue to do, for this blessed Ministry.

I and my Dear Bride Valarie...my closest Friend...have talked about and prayed about and sought GOD's direction, for and in our lives...as we've tried to grow in our faith and walk with the LORD.

I have a peace in my heart...that it is now time for me to retire from this wonderful Ministry...and pass the Baton of Leadership to the next person. I will be turning 68 years old on July 27<sup>th</sup> of this year. If allowed and all works well...I plan to retire later this year. I will also try to assist a new person hired to replace me, in any way I can. I wanted to go ahead and make this announcement now; because of the time that may be needed to search for my replacement.

In closing, I truly hope that people understand my heartfelt desire and love for this Ministry. I love the Mission of Hope so much...that I want to be willing to graciously move forward in my life, so that the next leader of this Ministry can continue to lead it...with GOD'S beacon of direction. GOD has blessed this Ministry and I feel with a strong child-like faith...that if we trust HIM, and acknowledge HIM, for all we have and get to do...That HE will continue to provide all that we need...to serve HIS hurting and lost people in rural Appalachia.

On a personal note...Valarie and I would be grateful for your prayers, for us and our Family. Valarie will continue with her Real Estate Business. I look forward to volunteering at my Church and helping others that GOD might place in my life journey path.

Thank You For Your Servant Hearts And Spirits. Thank You For Your Very Special Friendship. Please Know That We're Extremely Grateful For Your Encouraging Support. We Love You...We Love the Mission Of Hope.

Emmette Thompson - Executive Director  
Mission of Hope



## VOLUNTEERS --- THEY ARE TRULY THE HEROES OF THE HOPE!

Look at how BLESSED we are!! These are just a few of our wonderful Volunteers who help us bring HOPE to the Children and Families we serve throughout the year in Rural Appalachia. We couldn't do it without them.





On November 30, 2021, (Giving Tuesday), Emmette Thompson, was in Kentucky at WKYT-TV with its Staff and Volunteers for their **Annual Pack the Lobby Collection for Mission of Hope**. This event brought a great harvest and was an absolutely wonderful day. Our heartfelt thanks to the WKYT-TV team and everyone who donated food, hygiene, new clothing, and new toys for the children we serve in rural Appalachia.



## THE PASSING OF TIM HALL

Our Mission of Hope Warehouse Manager and very special friend, Tim Hall, passed away after becoming sick between Christmas and the New Year. Their son and daughter were with him in the hospital as he passed into heaven.

Tim became a dedicated MOH volunteer and delivery team captain several years ago. He also served on the MOH Board of Directors and also as MOH Board Chairman a few years ago. When he came to work at the MOH a few years ago as our warehouse manager, he made an immediate impact on how we do all that we do and made great improvements in the operation of the warehouse. Tim was very involved at his church, Black Oak Heights Baptist. He loved his country and served in the Air Force. He had a true servant's heart and he loved the Lord.

A Celebration of Life Service was held for Tim on Saturday, February 5, at his church. After the receiving of friends, Tim's Pastor Todd Stinnett and Emmette Thompson conducted the service. Please continue to remember this family in your prayers. They have expressed their gratitude for your prayers.



A BIG THANK YOU to Bucky's Bikes for its donation of 277 bikes in honor of Bucky Jones. Bucky believed every child should have a bike on Christmas. Special thanks to Bucky's Family and Holston Hills Country Club Management and Staff who have continued this wonderful tradition of Bucky's Dream.

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### CHRISTMAS DELIVERIES COMPLETED!

We were thrilled to make Christmas deliveries to the 29 Schools we serve in rural Appalachia. A huge thank you to our amazing Volunteers and Delivery Teams for making it possible for over 13,000 Children and their Families to have a happy and blessed Christmas. The new toys and clothing, food, and hygiene items were truly special gifts. Thank you for sharing your time and support to bless these Children and Families during the Christmas season! A special thank you to all Principals, Teachers, and Staff for serving your Students each and every day and for being a source of HOPE for them!



### FOOD PACKING AT THE HOPE

Thanks to many incredible Volunteers for deeming us worthy of their time! They are truly the "Heroes Of The Hope" and a blessing to the families we serve. Dedicated volunteers packed 1675 food boxes filled with new and nonperishable food items during our MOH Christmas Drive. With the help of the Faculty and Staff in the Elementary Schools we serve in the Appalachian area, these food boxes were distributed to needy families.