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It is with so much thanksgiving to all who have kept us going this last year;

we had no doubt that the Lord would provide for all of our needs. There is still a little unsureness among people today concerning our economy but the Lord knows what our needs are and we, by His grace, will celebrate 109 years of operation this July.

Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. II Corinthians 1:3-4

What is past is past and many lessons have been learned but the past is gone and only the future is ahead. Our strategic plan, since it is not changed by circumstances, will be to continue to preach the Gospel and meet the needs of the people. The Lord enabled us to accomplish that very well last year so we will proceed. It is nice to have the same business plan every year especially since it is mandated by God.

And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. Acts 2:46-47

The great need among the people here is salvation. What a difference it would make in their lives. Please pray for a great revival and work of the Holy Spirit to bring them to Himself. To break through the hardness of sin, it takes ***the power of God unto salvation***. All of the best food, clothing, and education will not do it. The Apostle Paul is a great example of how Christ can snap someone out of their old ways in the twinkling of the eye. He has done it before for people who come to the mission. This ministry needs lots of prayer before the Throne of Grace.

Thanks again for all of your continued support!

By His grace, in His service,



Chaplain, Director

Group Energy Coming Back



Thanks to the many volunteers who have returned and many new ones coming on board.

May the Lord continue to bless.



We are all tired of being pigeon-holed for the last year and with relief in sight people are safely coming back out. We have heard lots of stories but most of all people are glad to be back with people and serving people. There is nothing like being in the service of the Lord. Britain's Royal Navy used the designation HMS as a prefix for their ships: "His/Hers Majesty's Ship". At the Gospel Mission we are in *His Majesty's Service* and we welcome all on board for a tour of duty in the service of the Lord, it is very satisfying!



Gospel Mission Recycling Program

Proverbs 1:27 says, *The substance of a diligent man is precious.* We are very thankful for the Lord's provision in the many ways He brings it to us. Our primary goal and motivation in recycling is not to be wasteful with God's provision. People and companies donate many things that cannot be used directly by us other than converting them to financial support.



Shown here is Emily, our recycling specialist.

For example: cars, newer computers, new construction material, antiques, music instruments, restaurant equipment, and so on. We are just now building our web site to show various items, if you are interested or if you would like to donate something send us an email.

The Greek word for steward is *house manager or overseer*. We are appointed by Christ...we must answer to Him...He entrusts us with the welfare of His ministry...much is committed to our care.

"Thank you Heavenly Father for giving us vision on the many tasks while we are here on Earth that we may be found faithful."

This is the link to our recycling system.



Kind Notes



As we are busy about the Lord's work in the city, it is nice to get encouraging words from our supporters.

"Praying for you...I remember your teaching from many years ago"

"I am pleased to support you and all of the good work you do"

"We love you and pray that God multiplies back to you all that you do for Him"

"The mission changed my life many years ago, thanks so very much."

Over time we pray and trust that many have been saved and encouraged in the Lord.

Refrigerated Van



It is with much gratitude we thank the churches and individuals that came together and provided the funds to purchase a much needed vehicle for our food service department. Our previous vehicle was beyond economical repair. The van makes runs to Miami Valley Hospital, Premier North and many restaurants at I75 and I70 to Beaver Creek Mall at Fairfield Commons and east to the Greene and south to the Dayton Mall area and west to Moraine. Along the way we are picking up generous food donations as the Lord touches many hearts to assist us in the gleaning ministry. In addition to the food we serve daily, we supply other Christian ministries with food throughout the week.

Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of corn after him in whose sight I shall find grace.

Ruth 2:2

We were on the search for this vehicle for many months but in His timing He made it available and we know it was of Him.

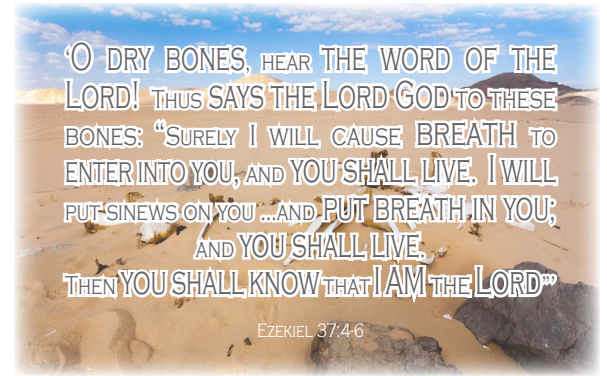
O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: because his mercy endureth for ever.

Psalm 118:1

Revival

The Bible definition for revival would be to **bring back to life, restore to consciousness, restore to a previous condition.**

We sense here that the Covid-19 has taken a lot out of people and has given a depressed spirit. We are praying that we can revive the personal spirit of all who come here and encourage more of them to get back under the Word. It is clearly seen by our staff that the lack of the Bread of Life is taking its Spiritual toll on their spirit and even energy. We are asking the Holy Spirit to give them a yearning to come to the mission for more than just a meal for the body but for food for the soul.



There is a famine in the land and it is about the Word of God. Revive us...

Turn us, O God of our salvation...

(Psalm 85:4)

But by His grace only can the soul turn to God. Pray.

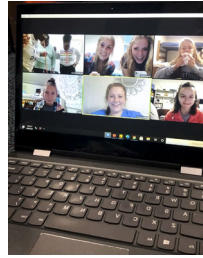
Food Distribution

It is our calling and privilege to provide food to the poor and needy. The Lord has blessed us with resources throughout this last difficult year. He touches hearts of people whom we do not know to bring in items. Many times these may be a full leftover skid (large quantity) that could not be delivered



to a grocery store. There are many times food comes in where the packaging has been damaged and it can't be sold. **The omniscient God is the Master Mind of it all! Only He could make all of the arrangements.** Shown here coming in and going out.

For God's Girls, a group of 8 girls ages 8-17, who gather every Friday night, the pandemic may have presented a few road blocks but did not dampen their spirits. The girls, along with dedicated volunteers from Cedarville University, have been continuing to gather in one way or another since the pandemic began a year ago. Sometimes it was phone calls, sometimes it was a Zoom call, sometimes it was just a porch drop of pre-packaged activities the girls could do at home. We were so thankful to be able to get together in person for outdoor field trips in the fall, and we have had our share of masked and distanced meetings through the winter. While plenty of tears have flowed during the unfamiliar challenges this year has brought, the fellowship, devotionals, cooking and crafts have warmed our spirits. Praise and worship time is a highlight, as we explore different music styles to bring honor to our Father who made each girl in His image.



We treasure the relationships and conversations that this time brings and pray for many more years to walk alongside these girls and others and point them to Christ, who is bigger than any challenges they may face.



Camp Jabez Summer Details

Camp will soon be under way and we are praying for another wonderful year. Last year was fantastic! As a Christian camp, we pray that we will be an encouraging witness for Christ and see many of the youth dedicated to serve the Lord in their lives. The day in which we live puts our faith to the test and we need to stand strong in the Lord; it must start with our children. Our web site www.CampJabez.org will give a multitude of details but feel free to call, we are 24/7, or email us at Director@GMission.org. Camps are already very full.



May He greatly bless again this year.

The Equine Staff

The Equine Staff of Camp Jabez is eager to get summer camp in full swing! We have added to the staff this year, Norm, Meadow and Forest. They are absolutely fantastic and are waiting anxiously for the youth to arrive. The horses have a wonderful way of relating to the many youth who are at camp. They can have a special bonding with the youth in a therapeutic way. The Lord has blessed us with some of His wonderful creation and the youth learn to appreciate how wonderfully God created them.

We hope you will be able to visit Camp Jabez and get to know our Equine Staff. [Shown here is one of our newest, Norm](#)



Spiritual Side Effects from Covid

We have all heard of the side effects of Covid-19, loss of taste, loss of smell, shortened breath and so on. If you dig a little deeper in the statistics you will find many side effects that are not medically related. Setting aside the social and mental impacts, we can only wonder of the side effects of churches; which so many have been practically closed for a year. There is very little fellowship on Zoom and little much needed encouraging interaction among Christians. The youth have been especially challenged. The challenge is recovery from this "disaster" to get the Gospel flowing once again. After

most natural disasters there are teams that are especially designed to recover and get things back to normal; sometimes things never come back to normal due to the terrific damage that is done.

We are certainly praying for a recovery of all of God's people and the outreach of the churches. The presence of the Lord is in the midst of the church and while Christ lives, and Christ reigns, and stands and feeds His church, we will make it. ***"...and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."*** How is your spiritual recovery?