

FEEDING THE HUNGRY, CLOTHING THE NEEDY, AND SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST!



# Summer Outreaches

### "The right supplies?"

"Me and my sister can't go because we don't have the right supplies...", a long face told me as we waited anxiously for the last two campers before heading to Lake Kristi. "The right supplies?" I asked. "Yeah, like a bathing suit, towel and stuff." "It's ok, just go grab an extra change of clothes and tell your mom you will be fine!" Off to Lake Kristi we went in a van full of children excited and nervous for what was soon to be a "Day 2 Remember", especially for one young boy who thought he would never experience it.



This June proved to be another year of transformation as In His Wakes Ministry made their way to North Carolina. HOGM, partnered with Raising Young Men and traveled to Lake Kristi for their Day to Remember (D2R) event, which provides the opportunity of a lifetime for these at-risk youth by giving them an unforgettable day on the water. Swimming, boat riding, knee boarding, and tubing are among the exciting activities that help them break through walls of fear, distrust, and low self-esteem. Many moments of fear turn into beautiful smiles and laughter as they are motivated by the wonderful team of ministry staff and volunteers.

This memorable day ends with Kristi Overton, former professional water skier, sharing a devotional message pointing them to Jesus, His love, and His power to conquer fear and walk in "victory". Following her message, the opportunity was given for anyone who has confessed Jesus as their Savior to be baptized right there in the lake.

"I want to be baptized," says the smiling face that just enjoyed his D2R in a t-shirt and shorts. Over the next few minutes we spent time reviewing what it really meant to be baptized, then headed over with the others to watch the public proclamation of their faith.

Praise God we "don't have to have the right supplies"! Praise God that He graciously takes us as we are! T-shirts, shorts and just as we are!



Meeting God in Sports Outreaches

From March to July various churches and volunteers joined us for regular outreaches to Kearney Park and Hopkins Park. The summer was full of 11 different Saturdays, numerous volunteers, and hours of new friendships, games of baseball, kickball and art, along with intentional time in God's Word with each child. Healthy snacks were provided after each bible study, and kids were impacted in their walk with Jesus. Special thanks to the volunteers from Unity FWB Church, Collide Ministries, Raising Young Men, Journey Church, Bethel FWB Church, Crosspointe Church, Integrity Church, and King Tiger Tae Kwon Do Academy.

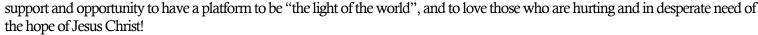




## Frontlines and Trenches: One body, many members!

Each day, people come through our doors thirsty for hope, healing, encouragement and restoration. Our frontline thrift store cashiers, Jana, Randa and Carmen greet them with their smiling faces and welcoming spirits. Tony and Kathy are ministering to their practical and spiritual needs during appointment times. Back in the sorting trenches, "Mama Faye", Glenni and John are making sure the items are in their proper place. Deeper into the warehouse, you will find David and Rickey who leave each day drenched with sweat. Sweet Greg spends time housecleaning. And one cannot forget the behind the scenes extensive administrative tasks that Judy handles, along with executive duties to be managed. Whether on the "frontline" or in the "trenches", we are constantly seeking to show those we serve the light of Jesus, His love, kindness and truth. Our family here is passionate about loving those we meet, our community service workers and volunteers, and those we serve throughout the year. We are striving to be of one mind and Spirit, operating as one Body, with many members, serving in our giftings so that God is most glorified.

This past summer God graciously gave us two interns to add to our family at an ideal time, as we embarked on a strategic marketing plan and began preparations for our Annual Fundraiser. They have been a blessing to our team and our mission of feeding the hungry, clothing the needy, and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ! Here's a look into their experience and the impact HOGM is making in their lives. Thank you, donors for the



Hope of Glory Ministries is a great place that serves the community and I am glad to be a part of it. Being an intern here this summer, I have not only been exposed to the ministry and its mission, but also to the underlying business aspects that keep Hope of Glory in operation. I have enjoyed networking opportunities and implementing the new marketing strategy as well as gaining valuable information from the Executive Director and the Administrative Assistant. This opportunity has allowed me to use what I learned in college to help assist with the website redesign and input for other tasks. I never would have thought that so much work goes into running a non profit organization. This summer I also had the chance to meet a lot of great children at the outreaches within the community. I can tell that it means a lot to them when we come out on Saturdays to play and plus, it is a lot of fun. I would like to thank the Hope of Glory family for not only preparing me for the professional world but for most importantly, strengthening my relationship with God. Being able to work with people that do great work for the Lord is a blessing. -Kelley Lawson, graduate of ECU with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, with a concentration in MIS.

Interning at Hope of Glory has impacted my life more then I ever thought it would. Being surrounded by people that love what they do and love the Lord has just made working here amazing. Coming into my internship I knew I would be learning under each of them about what it takes



to run a non profit but I never imagined that I would learn so much more than that. Being with Hope of Glory has opened my eyes to other nonprofits that we partner with in the Greenville community and the  $\blacksquare$  joy that they share. Not only have I learned the business side of running a nonprofit such as grant writing, marketing, fundraising, and budget summaries, but I have also learned what it means to truly be a disciple of Christ and share the Gospel with so many. I have grown in not only my leadership skills but also my faith because of the opportunity that was given to me by so many that support this ministry. I can't begin to say thank you enough for how the Hope of Glory family has changed my life. I am excited to take the knowledge that I have gained from this experience and continue to use it to shine light into the world. -Cat Knell, currently studying at ECU for her Masters in Public Administration, with a concentration in Non Profit Management

**Our Family** 



## **Resource Center Updates**

Our in-house Resource Center is open five days a week and provides food, clothing, and household items to people in our community that are in need due to limited or no income, or in a crisis situation. Since January of 2015 we have served 1,080 families, consisting of 3,592 people. Our estimated poundage of food distributed is at 36,610 pounds! This is only made possible by God's grace and over 450 donors who contribute financially and tangibly throughout the year!

Over the past 2 years we have diligently tried to offer those we serve the best nutrient rich food available. Our program we call Healthy Help has allowed us to radically and holistically serve low-income families in Pitt County by providing healthier options for families and educating them on preventive healthy lifestyle choices. We are grateful for numerous grants we have received to support our Healthy Help initiative from FEMA, Food Lion Charitable Foundation, Walmart, First Presbyterian Church and Vidant Health Community Benefits Grant Program. These funds allowed us to purchase fresh produce and healthier options at our local Food Bank, Aldi Foods, and Food Lion. We are also thankful to Vidant Capacity Building Cohort, Churches Outreach Network and Grace Church for their connections and labor that have allowed us to receive donations of produce from local farmers in the area!

Donations of clothing, food, and household items are still needed on a daily basis. Please continue to spread the word and bring your donations in during our open hours, Monday-Friday 9am-5pm, and Saturdays 10am-4pm. Thank you very much for your willingness to help others!

Interested in helping us by sorting clothing, hosting a Healthy Help Food Drive, go on an outreach or disciple those we serve? Contact Mandi Stewart at 252-321-6857 ext. 201 or at mandi@hope-of-glory.org.



## **Community Outlet** Update:

Our thrift store addition has enabled us to raise money on a daily basis, offer low-cost options to families, and serve as a common ground for heart changing ministry. As we move towards our second full year we are thankful to see steady increases in sales and items provide to families. Here is a reflection from January to June of 2015:

-Monies Raised: \$80,512

-Vouchers Given: \$9,514 (clothing and household items value):

-Round Up Donations: \$962 (given to support local ministries, MGS Outreach, and Healthy Help Food)

#### Volunteer Opportunities:

Throughout the year, we are in need of people and families to serve with us in our thrift store. Volunteer needs include sorting donated items, cleaning and organizing. If you, your family, small group, church or business are able to donate time to volunteer, please contact Tony Potter at 252-215-9042 or at tony@hope-of-glory.org

#### Need A Pick Up?

With excitement we are pleased to announce we now have a box truck! Call us today at 252-227-4684 for a pick up of your gently used furniture and home items!