



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

2014 HIGHLIGHTS

VIDANT COHORT

In April of 2014, Hope of Glory Ministries was one of thirteen selected out of 32 applicants to partner in Vidant's Capacity Building Program. The specific purpose of this cohort is to enhance the long-term viability and capacity of nonprofit organizations throughout the region by providing opportunities for coordinated training, technical assistance, and leveraging local resources.

The 18-month commitment has enabled us as a ministry to participate in a CCAT (Core Capacity Assessment Tool) assessment, enroll 3 of our staff in the Duke Non-Profit Management Certificate class, and network with multiple agencies across Eastern NC. We are grateful to have the assistance, support and encouragement of Vidant to continue to build the capacity of HOGM and impact Pitt County for Christ! Thank you, Vidant Health!



MEETING GOD IN SPORTS OUTREACHES

From March to July various churches and volunteers joined us for regular outreaches to Kearney Park. The summer was full of 12 different days of new friendships, games of baseball, kickball and art, along with intentional time in God's Word with each child. Healthy snacks were provided and kids were impacted and challenged in their walk with Jesus. Join us this March as we continue to invest in these young lives! Dates and times are listed inside this newsletter!

BE FAITHFUL WITH A LITTLE...

While taking time to reflect on all that God has done here at HOGM in the past 13 years, Jesus' teaching in the parable of the talents often comes to my heart. His parable about a master, his servants, the Kingdom of Heaven, and the final judgment when Jesus returns serves as a model of obedience for each one of us today, as believers here on earth. The parable shows us the story of a master who entrusted three servants with his property and asked them to manage it while he was away on a journey. We see the faithfulness of the first two servants as they "traded" and yielded more, as opposed to the third servant, who hid his talent and was unprofitable, then deemed "wicked and lazy". To the first two he answers "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." (Matt. 25:21) This practical example of deep spiritual truth reminds us of the reward of Heaven and responsibility of stewarding the "talents" God has given each one of us as we await His return. A responsibility to be obedient to His word, intentional in how we love, and fueled by the grace He supplies.

In 2001, a few faithful followers were stirred to start this ministry that would serve Pitt County, equip believers, and seek the lost. The desire has always been to be faithful with what God has entrusted to us, whether big or small, and bring good news of the Gospel of Jesus to everyone we serve. Looking back on those days, from the Christian "venue" for conferences, Bible studies, music events and book store, to serving food, clothing and household items, to outreaches, and now a new location and thrift store addition, HOGM has strived to be faithful. With your support, partnership and God's grace, may we continue to see the fruit of the ministry and hearts transformed by Jesus alone. At the end of the day may we hear, "You have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much." Thank you for being a part of this journey! -Mandi Stewart, Executive Director.



BURLINGTON COAT FACTORY DONATION

On November 1st, Burlington Coat Factory had their grand opening in Greenville NC. HOGM was presented with a U-Haul truck full of miscellaneous donations towards our ministry thrift store, The Community Outlet, as part of their "Burlington Gives Back" program. We were overwhelmed at the amount of product we were selected to receive and are grateful for the impact it has had on our thrift store! Thank you, Burlington Coat Factory!



Find us on YouTube or FB at Hope of Glory Ministries

*If you would like to be set up on automatic bank draft, contact Judy at 252-321-6857, ext 204.
 Monthly donations can be deducted on the 1st or 15th of each month.
 Quarterly donations will be deducted on Jan. 1, April 1, July 1, and Oct. 1.

- I would like to make a one-time donation of \$ _____
- I would like to sponsor a family this month (\$30/family)
- I would like to contribute towards the Meeting God In Sports Outreaches
- I would like to make a monthly/quarterly* donation of \$ _____

Ways to Join us on the Mission:
 Yes! I want to financially support Hope of Glory Ministries!
 Mail to P.O. Box 2038, Greenville, NC 27836-0038
 (check payable to Hope of Glory Ministries)
 OR Donate online at <http://www.hope-of-glory.org>

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TESTIMONIES

HOPE OF GLORY'S "THIS IS MY STORY"...

On a daily basis, we as a staff are able to experience the fruit of your prayers, financial gifts, donations and support. It is always a blessing to see how Jesus is changing lives and growing relationships through every part of the work we do. Whether it is through one of our intentional outreaches, appointment times, the community service program, or volunteer opportunities, we are seeing hearts soften and kindled to love Jesus more. Here are a few testimonies from two of our staff members, and one volunteer, who all are former community service participants. We pray you are blessed by their testimonies and the large impact you are making!

Randa Claiborne (Former Community Service, now HOGM part-time cashier):

"My story at HOGM started by completing community service for a drinking ticket I got as a sophomore at ECU. I went in thinking of community service as a punishment but soon realized, with HOGM, it was actually a blessing. I could not believe how nice everyone was to me, especially considering I was there to do community service. I liked the work, the people and their purposes so much that after I completed my hours, I started to volunteer. After volunteering for a while, I was actually offered a cashier job at their new thrift store that was about to open. At first I thought, right place, right time. However, as I continued my journey with HOGM, learning more about God's word, I realized that it was nothing short of God's work. HOGM has changed my life for the better. I work at a great place with wonderful people who share the Good News of Jesus Christ with me on a daily basis. I'm not lucky, just blessed."

Rickey Hawkins (Former Community Service, now part-time staff):

"Since I have been volunteering here at HOGM, my life has changed. Before God could really do a heart change in me, he had to first slow me down and get my attention. I was incarcerated at Pitt County Detention Center for 3 months. During my 3 month vacation stay there, God began dealing with my heart and that is when the transformation began. Upon my release, God was still working on me. My court date was continued and my lawyer told me to do 75 hours of community service. He suggested HOGM. Once I got here, that's when God's plan began for me. Over time, God's favor began to fall all around me. The love from Mandi, Tony, Mrs. Faye, Mrs. Kathy, plus Mrs. Carmen helped in my heart transformation. As my heart changed, I finally knew what God's love really was. I went back to court and all my charges were dismissed that day! Right then and there, I knew what God's plan was for me here at HOGM. I knew it was to minister to the lost that come in. Those that would listen, I would encourage. God Bless."

Latisa Dickens (Former Community Service, now volunteer):

"I was first introduced to Hope of Glory because of the community service program that I was in. Hope of Glory was a place where the friendly staff helped me to become a better person by allowing me to help others. They have shown me the importance of giving rather than receiving. I began attending the women's Bible study on Wednesdays where I started to grow deeper in my personal relationship with God. I now come back to Hope of Glory after completing my community service to volunteer whenever I have a chance to. This community center has really been a blessing in disguise because not only did I learn from my mistakes but I also gained a bigger family along the journey. The time that I have spent at Hope of Glory has been full of many unforgettable experiences."

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ARE SUPPORTING OUR MINISTRY OUTREACHES!



THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS OUTREACHES



HEALTHY HELP FOOD DRIVES SERVED NUTRIENT RICH MEALS



ANNUAL 5K RAISED \$21,000!

Please pray for our staff and volunteers. They labor day in and day out, being faithful with their love, time and resources!



OUR TEAM

RESOURCE CENTER AND COMMUNITY OUTLET



COMMUNITY OUTLET UPDATES/NEEDS

In 2014 we celebrated one year of The Community Outlet! This 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 into January we are seeing our sales continue to grow each month. Here is a reflection on 2014:

- Monies Raised: **\$137,894**
- Vouchers Given: **\$21,992** (clothing and household items value):
- Round Up Donations: **\$1,974.41** (given to support local ministries, MGS Outreach, and Healthy Help)

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 Mandi Stewart at mandi@hope-of-glory.org or at 252-321-6857 ext. 201.

Bible Studies: Please join us at our facility for bible study each week: Women's: Wed. at 12:00pm Men's: Thurs. at 2:30pm

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. During 2014 we served 2,647 families, consisting of 8,959 people. Our estimated poundage of food distributed is at 70,490 pounds! This is only made possible by God's grace and over 400 donors who contribute financially and tangibly throughout the year!

With this amount of food coming in and going out, it is our heart to steward the healthiest options available. Healthy Help has allowed us to radically and holistically serve low-income families in Pitt County by providing healthier options for families while educating them on preventive healthy lifestyle choices. We are grateful for the 3 grants received to support our Healthy Help initiative from FEMA, Food Lion Charitable Foundation and Vidant Health Community Benefits Grant Program. These funds allowed us to purchase fresh produce and healthier options at our local food pantry, Aldi Foods, and Food Lion. We also received a few large donations of produce from local farmers in the area!

Donations of clothing, food, and household items are still needed on a daily basis. Before this summer, we are believing we will have a box truck to help pick up larger furniture and household goods throughout Pitt County, increasing our selection of items available. 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, or discipling those we serve? Contact Tony Potter at 252-215-9042!

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

MARCH-JULY

- *Meeting God in Sports Outreaches: March 7th and 21st, April 4th and 18th, May 2nd, 16th and 30th, June 13th and 27th, July 11th and 25th. All located at Kearney Park
- *Community Transformation Outreaches: March 7th, 12pm-2pm at Kearney Park; May 16th, 12pm-2pm at Hopkins Park; June 27th, 12pm-2pm Kearney Park

AUGUST-DECEMBER

- *School Supply Collection Drive: August 1st-20th
- *5K Race: Saturday October 10th, 2015
- *Thanksgiving Distribution: November 20th, 2pm-6pm, HOGM
- *Christmas: Week of December 14th-18th

"You are the light of the world, a city on a hill cannot be hidden." Matthew 5:14
"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to our Father who is in Heaven." Matthew 5:16