

RESOURCE CENTER & COMMUNITY OUTLET

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. In 2015 we have served 2,407 families, consisting of 7,944 people. Our estimated poundage of food distributed is at 65,345 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.

Our Community Outlet celebrated 2 years on October 25th and is still growing. Our 2015 numbers included \$164,798.00 in net sales, \$17,455.00 value in vouchers given to families we serve, and \$1,437.00 in round-up donations.

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, going on an outreach or disciple those we serve? Contact Mandi Stewart at 252-321-6857, ext. 201 or mandi@hope-of-glory.org.

THANKSGIVING OUTREACH



With the help of many volunteers and a generous Pitt County community, which raised over \$3,000.00, we were able to feed 100 families and bless them with a turkey, stuffing, traditional sides, a devotional and prayer.



#TEAMWORK



CROSS TRAINING 5K

Our 9th Annual Select Bank and Trust Good Samaritan 5K Fundraiser had a new look this year as CrossFit Greenville partnered with Hope of Glory to blend our Annual 5K race with Cross Training exercises and offer a beautiful new course in Uptown Greenville. Runners had the option to run a regular 5K, walk a 5K together, or participate in the Cross Training stations guided by coaches from CrossFit Greenville.

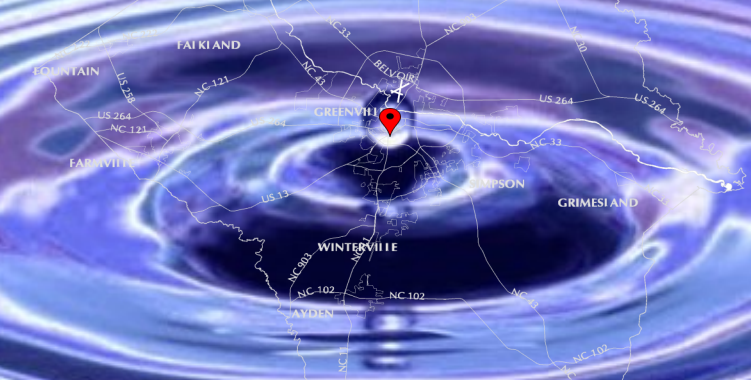
We had over 100 participants including the 5K run, Cross Training 5K, and walk, along with about 70 volunteers to help man the new course!

Special thanks to all of our sponsors, volunteers, and participants! Together, we raised over \$14,500 after expenses that will help us in our mission to feed the hungry, clothe the needy, and share the Good News of Jesus Christ throughout our community!

HOPE OF GLORY MINISTRIES

2016 Winter Newsletter

MAKING SMALL CHANGES...



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BELIEVING FOR LASTING IMPACT

Hope of Glory Ministries
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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 tony@hope-of-glory.org

MEETING GOD IN SPORTS OUTREACHES

- ◆ March 19th
- ◆ April 2nd, 16th
- ◆ May 7th, 21st
- ◆ June 4th, 18th, 25th
- ◆ July 9th

VISIT US OR GIVE ONLINE

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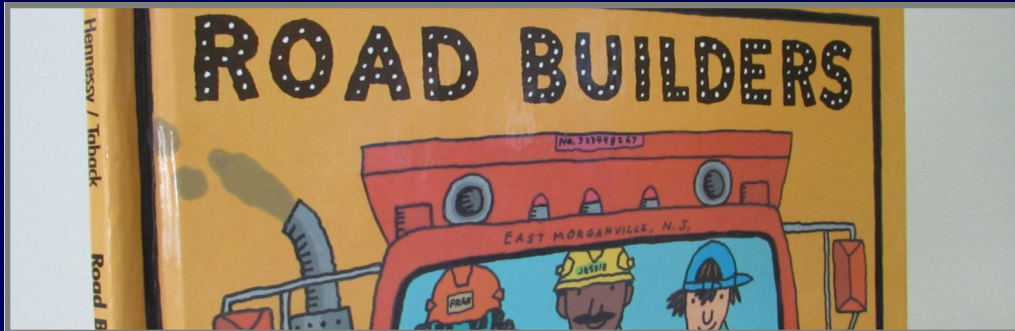


NEED A PICK UP?

Call us today at 252-227-4684 for a pick up of your gently used furniture and home items and donate to our thrift store!



Relieving burdens. Empowering families. Proclaiming Christ!



PAVING THE WAY

We are excited to move into 2016 with an open ear and prayerful heart to the Lord. Each ministry season calls for a reflection and evaluation of how our services are impacting our community, while seeking ways to implement new initiatives. We are constantly on a journey of making small adjustments and always believing for the gospel to make a lasting impact in the lives of those we serve.

This year, we wanted to begin speaking a language of encouragement, empowerment, and family engagement. Therefore, we are shifting our mission statement to "Relieving burdens, empowering families, and proclaiming Christ." These few small words are helping us refocus our direction and methodology, press into the root issues of our community and confront cultural challenges facing this nation. Our Empower A Family Christmas Store was one of many different approaches we are looking to take over the next few years, and it proved a great success.

There is an obvious elephant in the room when it comes to non-profit/poverty work and government assistance: both are increasing. New initiatives are being implemented all across the US, yet the need for social services, food stamps, and government assistance continues to increase. We have to ask ourselves the question, "What isn't working?" or "What are the root issues not being addressed?" It burdens us to think that as non-profit organizations, our "help" could actually be hurting. May this be a year committed to seeking out answers to these questions through innovative opportunities that empower hearts and minds to believe, endure, and overcome any situation with the power and wisdom of God's Word and His people!

Will you pray with us as we embark on a time of strategic planning, evaluating our current outreach efforts, and implementing additional ministry opportunities? Will you also pray for our first two pursuits, a micro-entrepreneurship program and a transition towards a food co-op program? These initiatives are designed to give families the opportunity to make a supplemental income and relieve the burden of food costs. In turn, other financial burdens can be relieved, debts paid off, bills covered, and families moving towards a self-sufficient life.

We know God has given us wisdom and insight as we move forward, but we are also praying for the right leaders to come alongside us as we seek to navigate towards lasting change. As with any new project, the road building work is a process and takes time as the road is strategically planned, the ground plowed up and leveled, the cement poured and smoothed, fresh lines painted, signs posted, and lights wired. As a team we are paving the way towards lasting life impact for those we serve, with purpose and passion.



EMPOWER A FAMILY CHRISTMAS STORE

In efforts to continue to push those we serve towards a self-sustaining lifestyle and empower them to provide for their families, we as a ministry made a few significant adjustments to our 2015 Christmas Outreach. Our heart was to relieve some of the financial burden, while giving them the blessing and joy of providing gifts for their own children this Christmas.

With the help of our generous community donating financial gifts, new toys and accessories, our "Empower A Family" Christmas Store gave families the opportunity to purchase new gifts for their children at a fraction of the cost. Twenty-five families were preselected by our outreach directors and given an invitation to join us on December 17th.

Monies spent at the store were used in our Christmas Fund to replenish purchased items, and provide for last minute emergency situations or needs.

Gift wrapping was made available to each family free of charge and during that time each family was prayed over, given a Bible and a study tool to encourage them through God's word.

What a blessing to watch these families have some burdens relieved, the joy of providing gifts, and hearing the Gospel of Jesus proclaimed!

On behalf of these families, thank you for your support!



TESTIMONIES

JerMichael Williams, senior at J.H. Rose High School serving with us through The Occupational Course of Study Program

"My name is JerMichael Williams and I am a senior at J.H. Rose High School. I take part in The Occupational Course of Study Program and volunteer at HOGM every day from 12pm-4pm, and on other days when I am not busy. Many people have asked what The Occupational Course of Study Program involves, and I share with them that it is a partnership program that teaches me job training skills. One of the reasons I am here is because I am required to get 360 hours of training to complete my career portfolio. When I come to HOGM I help customers and clients with different needs they have, or help them find different items. I love interacting with the customer because you never know when someone has had a bad day and I love bringing them a smile. In my opinion, I think that this is a great place because when you come in those doors they make you feel welcomed and there is never a dull moment. Thank you supporters for the opportunity to have this life changing experience."

Amy Berbert, friend of HOGM, volunteer, and attends our weekly women's Bible study.

"It is such a blessing to be involved with Hope of Glory Ministries. As a teacher at a local church-based preschool, I am constantly reminded of God's love, and His need for us to reach out to those we come in contact with and share the Good News. Volunteering with HOGM gives that opportunity to minister to people who may or may not be familiar with Jesus and the difference He can make in our lives. Mandi and the HOGM team make it easy to get involved and serve through many venues and methods. Recently, I have been joining the Wednesday midday Bible study for women at HOGM, and it is really edifying, and increasing my knowledge and understanding of God's word as it applies to our lives. Our group is a wonderfully diverse collection of ladies with a shared love for Jesus and His desire for us. If you are seeking to learn more about God and His divine plan for your life, please join us at Hope of Glory Ministries."

PRAY FOR OUR TEAM

From left to right:

Seth, Kathy, Patricia, Tony, John, Glennie, Carmen, Pete, Faye, Judy, Cat, Randa, and Mandi

Newest members not pictured: Mary, JerMichael

SPECIAL THANKS

Special Thanks to our partnering businesses and churches who recently contributed to our Healthy Help Food Pantry, Resource Center and Community Outlet!

- *The Absolute Studio
- *Omega Sports
- *Greenville Noon Rotary
- *CrossPointe Church
- *Winterville FWB Church
- *Burlington Coat Factory
- *Open Door and the Renew Ladies Meeting
- *Garments for Greenville
- *Grace Church
- *Dr. Williams' DDS
- *Vidant Community Benefits Foundation
- *First Presbyterian Church
- *United Way

