



The Happy Church February 2021 Newsletter

January Highlights

Happy Soles Ministry



House Fires Hit Close to Home

Two of our church families were hit with total destruction of their homes. Both were uninsured and were total losses. Fundraisers were organized for the families. Below is a picture of Scott Stephens getting his donation check from John.



Fire Donation Check

The families were also able to go through our clothing closet to see if any of the clothing would be useful to them.

Food Ministry

Even without in-person services, the food ministry is still moving forward. We are giving out over 20 boxes per month. We see a steady supply of new requests for food from people who've heard about us from friends and relatives.

Winter Coats

We are still getting requests for winter coats. Our size availability has dwindled, but kids are still coming by. So far, we have given away 96 coats, along with hats and gloves. We normally would have given away more, but with Covid, we are not seeing the kids on a weekly basis at this time.

Scholarship Awards

As many of you know, the Happy Church Scholarship Fund was started by a single donor over six years ago. It now has multiple donors. Over the last two years, this fund, as well as the number of scholarships, has greatly increased. The scholarships are given to children associated with the Happy Church. Most of our kids come from families that have suffered from generational poverty. One of the goals of the program is to break this cycle.

Happy Acres

Happy Acres is the name Jason has given to his farm, which is located about 7 miles ENE of the Jackson campus. Below is a picture of Frisky, an Appaloosa pony. Frisky recently arrived with Jason from Pennsylvania, along with a one year old thoroughbred race horse named Allie. Allie has a repaired leg and is not good for racing. She does have a great pedigree and may be able to generate some income through breeding. We now have six horses at Happy Acres. The animals are going to be part of our ministry to the kids. Jason's trailer renovation has gone really well, with about 95% of the work inside the trailer now completed. The project is to the point where the septic tank and septic system need to be installed, and water lines need to be run. Once the septic is installed, the power can be turned on. There is also extensive work that needs to be done to finish the garage area. Jason is an excellent mechanic and hopes to



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use the garage to supplement his income while working with our ministry. Concrete floors need to be poured, which can be very expensive. We lack the funds necessary to make all those things happen at this time.



Frisky Arriving at Happy Acres.

Covid-19 Ministry Updates

We are chomping at the bit to start in-person services again, but Breathitt County is still in condition red. Therefore, we are delayed once again, but continue to have recorded services online.

Teen Ministry

Our teens continue to be highly active in the music ministry. Some of them have also helped with the recording of our services, under the direction of Phil Tabor. They will continue to be part of these live services.

Clayhole Campus News

The Clayhole Campus is still on hold for reopening as well. John will be taking over the preaching duties at this location. Teens will be leading worship and helping to teach some of the Sunday School classes once we deem it safe to reopen.

Prayer Requests, Praises, and Needs

- Pray for wisdom on how to keep connected with the congregation during this pandemic.

- Pray for John as he recovers from knee replacement surgery.
- Pray for Connie as she is working to complete her degree in addiction counselling.
- We are needing a refrigerator for the Clayhole Campus. The current one is old and rusted. If anyone has one to donate, please let us know.
- Pray for funds that are needed to complete Happy Acres Farm.
- Please pray for wisdom as to how and when to get the children's ministry started back up. Feeding the children is an important part of our ministry. Our kitchen staff is composed of volunteers over the age of 60, many with underlying health conditions. Plus, our HC kids have issues with social distancing and observing proper hygiene. We covet your prayers!!
- Pray for wisdom for Jason & Autumn Ott concerning their daughter Renee.
- Continue to pray for the Ott family to sell their house in PA.
- Continue to pray for all our Happy Church kids. Pray they keep safe from the virus. Also, pray that they stay safe from abuse, as spending more time at home tends to increase the incidence of abuse.
- Praise for our donors that help make the Happy Church Ministry possible.
- Pray for the health of the church staff and church family. John and Chris are especially high risk due to their age and underlying health conditions

Donations

- Centerville GBC is now managing the books for the Happy Church. Anyone mailing in donations should send them to:

The Happy Church
410 E. Social Row Rd.
Centerville, OH 45458

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