

Serving with the Sickler's

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Doing Small Things With Great Love

Mother Teresa

I have been reading the book *Finding Calcutta* by Mary Poplin. This book is about the experience the author had while serving with Mother Teresa for a few weeks.

This book challenges us to "Find the sick, the suffering and the lonely right there where you are...You can find Calcutta all over the world, if you have eyes to see."—Mother Teresa.

In Matthew 25, we read about the final judgment. The King will say to those on his right, 'Come you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the cre-

ation of the world. For I was hungry, you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison and you visited me.' The people will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry, thirsty, a stranger, naked and in prison? The king will say to those on his right, "I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!"

Wow, I need to look around

me to see those who God wants to reach out to through me! We don't need to travel far to see God's poorest of the poor. The poorest of the poor are not always those with no material wealth but those with no knowledge of God and need help to find it.

May we have eyes to see so we may do small things with great love.



Mission Trips in the Winter?

We were blessed to have Daniel, Leah, Sandy and Ronnie from St. Louis, MO spend 10 days with us making many upgrades to the Community Center and much needed repairs for two ladies in our community.

We were able to install the kitchenette in the main

room of the community center, clean, re-grout and seal the floors of the bathrooms, repaint all the shower doors, put shelves in the closets, install a couple handicapped toilets and install a shower base in an upstairs bathroom.

We were able to help Kay, a

single lady who is a foster mom of three children ages 18, 6 and 2, by restoring an upstairs bathroom to working order and rebuilt a bathroom faucet in the downstairs bathroom.

For Wilma, recently widowed, we installed a handicapped toilet and fixed

Prayers & Praises

- ☺ Needed financial support
- ☺ The opportunity to sow into Ronnie's life
- ☺ Perinton Presbyterian Mission trip in February
- ☺ Praise for work getting done at Community Center
- ☺ Central Appalachia Mission Trip recruiting
- ☺ We do small things with great love

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Getting A New Start In Life

Growing up has been rough for Ronnie. He had never been out of Missouri until his mission trip to West Virginia. While serving on the various projects for the week, Ronnie thought that West Virginia might be a nice place to get a new start in life.



With prayers and guidance, Ronnie has decided to stay for a 90 day trial period. He will be a helper for Pastor

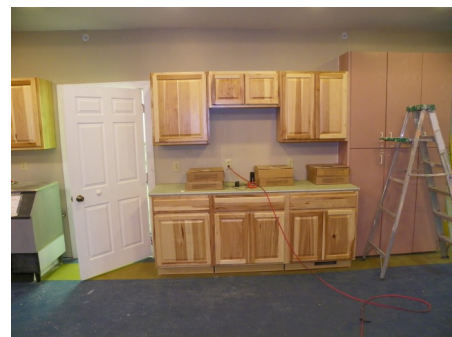
Dave, who will line out 40 hours worth of work for him.

Ronnie has been a diligent worker for Appalachian Community CARE and has been faithful at church attendance.

While we gathered for a meal, Ronnie offered his first

ever prayer to the Lord! Ronnie's heart is soft for the Lord and this past Sunday, asked Jesus to be his Lord and Savior!

Won't you pray with us that the Lord will guide and comfort Ronnie, that Pastor Dave and Bonnie, Jeff and Lisa, Ruston and Donna will have wisdom in helping Ronnie, and that we will be a great encouragement to him.



New Website

With Appalachian Community CARE's reorganization, we are launching our website. www.acc-wv.org. We hope to have it up and running by the end of the month.

Check out our website to see what events are happening, bio's on Jeff, Lisa, Dave and Bonnie, what we are all about, donate online and see links to our partner ministries.

We are very grateful to Lisa's sister, Eva who has been donating her skills and talents!

Need a truck?

Wilma, a recent widow in our community, has a 2011 Dodge Ram 1500 Outdoorsmen Crew Cab 4X4 pick up truck for sale. With her husband gone, Wilma cannot afford to keep this truck. It is under a lease contract. This truck has under 5000 miles. We believe she needs to sell the truck for \$35,000. Should you be in the market for a new truck and would like to help Wilma out, please let us know.



Mission Trips in the Winter?

a leaky kitchen sink.

For Peoples Chapel Church, their office building and rental home, basic plumbing maintenance was performed.

February 18th we will be hosting Perinton Presbyterian Church, a



Jeff, Lisa and Ronnie grabbing some lunch!

group of 40 for a week of serving. They will be working for Kay and Wilma, the Chestnut Ridge Community Center, Cheryl, New Vision Renewable Energy, the Weaver Nazarene Church and the Sickler Farm. They will be busy

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tearing out damaged drywall, installing, finishing and painting new drywall, building steps and handrail, painting a garage door, building out an office, installing insulation, building a roof over a walkway, building picnic benches and assembling hoops for a high tunnel and assembling greenhouse benches.

Much can be accomplished in winter!

It Is Planting Time At The Sickler Farm!

Wow, can you believe that it is time to get the spring hanging baskets and the garden vegetable seeds planted?

Our pots are delivered and the plants are on their way. By the middle of February, we will have about 600 spring hanging baskets and our vegetable seeds planted. We need to have the hanging baskets ready for sale two weeks before Mother's Day and our vegetables ready for planting in the high tunnel in April.

Jeff has been busy with setting up the greenhouse. The heater is installed, the poles and cross bracing for the benches are up. The purling's

are ready for the hanging baskets.

In February, we have a team that will help assemble and install the bench tops. They will also be helping put the new high tunnel up.

This spring we hope to have the fence up. Next investment—cows?!



Personally. . .

Ashton is doing well in Head Start. He loves going to school. It is amazing how much and fast he is learning. Jeffrey is enjoying his job as a Correctional Officer.

Benjamin is enjoying his mommy staying home with him. We are excited that Lauren, Harold and Ben live in Dearborn, MI. This is a lot closer than San Antonio!

Michael is working on Best Buy's Geek Squad and has only 3 credits to go until graduation from WVU!



Our Needs

For 2012, Appalachian Community CARE's budget is \$6,250 per month. We are looking to raise \$3,000 per month for personal support and organizationally, it costs approximately \$3,250 per month to keep the doors open.

Some of our tangible needs are:

◆ Color copier—\$3,000

- ◆ Buffer, scrubber, polisher for center floor
- ◆ New or slightly used queen and full size beds
- ◆ Laptop computer
- ◆ Commercial kitchen dishwasher and stainless steel shelving and counters

Should you want to invest in our ministry here, please let us know.

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Making a difference together.



Mission Experience: Central Appalachia

My path crossed the Sicklers about 7 years ago through a mutual friend. For nearly 6 years my life has been enriched by sharing in the ministries Jeff and Lisa have overseen in Richwood, WV. For 5 years we have send groups from our church to serve in West Virginia.

I was raised about 45 miles Northwest of Richwood, in Clay, WV until my junior high years. I have prayed for some time that what has been happening in Richwood might be something that could take place in Clay. Clay County is the 2nd poorest county in the entire state of West Virginia. Appalachian Community Care along with Northgate Church in Pittsburgh, are joining hands for a mission's week in Clay (June 10-16, 2012). We will be the first Evangelical group that has ever done such a week there.

Would you pray for this week? And would you consider being a part of the week? Use your skills to make a difference.

Thanks,

Jesse Boggs

Pastor Northgate Church

Pittsburgh, PA

If you are interested in learning more about this mission trip to Clay County, West Virginia, on June 10-16, 2012 please contact Lisa Sickler at

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