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“Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Follow Gods example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”

Ephesians 4:31-5:2

Get rid of all bitterness. Read that again. Get rid of all bitterness. Can you think of that one person you harbor bitterness towards? Maybe your spouse? Your parent? Someone who wronged you? Instead, be kind and compassionate. This isn't a natural response for our flesh. We are able to be kind and compassionate because we have experienced the kindness and compassion of Christ. Forgive each other, just as God in Christ forgave you. We are able to choose forgiveness because we have understood and experienced the forgiveness of God through Christ. Remember the Gospel, remember how wicked your heart was when Jesus chose to die for your forgiveness. How can you hold onto bitterness and unforgiveness when you have received the ultimate pardon? Let it go; ask God to give you His heart of compassion and kindness. Forgive one another and strive to be at peace with everyone. This is what God calls us to do in holiness. This is what separates us from the world.



Send Relief West Virginia

The Forgotten Ministries team went to West Virginia to partner with the NAMB Send Relief Tour. As the group went out with the team of volunteers for the grill walk outreach, they found themselves in the face of poverty on every corner. The team knocked on doors in a trailer park as well as another neighborhood. As they knocked on doors and met people, they began giving out food for not just their dinner that night, but enough for many days to come. They were giving out 20 hamburgers at some homes, and multiple frozen bags of hamburgers and buns at others. While the need for food was great, the need for Christ was greater. One can die with a full stomach and be unsatisfied forever in the fiery pits of hell. This is why we reach into the neighborhoods and homes and give them the most valuable thing we have, the hope and saving power of Christ.



On the way back to Enid, the team dropped off a Tellgate grill for Disaster Relief through Send Relief. They also stopped in Greenup, Kentucky to speak at Greenup Christian church and do a grill walk with them in their own community. The Lord gave them the opportunity to speak to the congregation and implore them to go outside the Church and reach their community. Their response was encouraging as they were excited and inspired to get outside of their comfortable routine for the sake of others coming to know Christ.



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South Dakota Mission Team

An eager team of five ladies from South Dakota came. Their goal was to help kickstart the Paradise Community Garden. Every year we plant seeds in an indoor greenhouse to create starter plants for the garden. When the ladies came, they took all the starters to the garden and created the layout of the garden, planting each crop in its own raised bed. They worked diligently and encouraged the hearts of the staff with their willingness to make it happen. On the last evening of their time here, we packed up a grill and drove over to Marshall, Oklahoma where we did a grill walk. One of the ladies was nervous because it was her first time ever doing anything like that. She was so excited to be experiencing the gospel actually being put into action before her eyes and it really moved her. God moves mightily in peoples hearts when they get to experience the real Jesus in a way they never had before.

Now, thanks to the South Dakota team, the garden is thriving beautifully with green, luscious crops that will soon be a blessing to others in need!



Oklahoma Grill Walks

We have done various grill walks in Oklahoma during the month of April. The first one being in Marshall, Oklahoma and the second in Covington, Oklahoma. These Grill walks were in partnership with Laura Stewart and her church in Douglas, Oklahoma. She is a missionary who is currently doing a youth theatre program through her church. During these grill walks in Oklahoma towns, she has partnered with Forgotten Ministries and her church family to share the gospel and pass out flyers for their theatre performance. During the grill walk in Marshall, one group began a conversation with a man who was working in his front yard. The man knew about God, but he seemed stunned when Laura asked him this question: "do you think God is interested in you personally?" He said he had never really thought about that. The reality is, not many people have, even in the bible belt. Many people know of God but don't realize He is a loving father who wants a personal relationship with them on a daily basis. God's light shone brilliantly in those small towns of Oklahoma this month.

The third grill walk that happened in April was in Enid with nine students from the BCM at the local college, NOC Enid. This grill walk was planned by Rose, a Forgotten Ministries volunteer and director of the BCM, as well as Hayden, Forgotten Ministries staff. Because Rose has been teaching the students the parables and teachings of Jesus, she wanted to push them to not just read it but put it into action. Through doing the grill walk in the neighborhood around the college, they were able to teach the students how to have gospel conversations and the reasons why they should do that. They gave away 75-100 hotdogs, 20 of which they gave to a mom and her three children. They spent some time talking with her and getting to play with her kids. After the grill walk, the students did a debrief where they all shared about how the experience impacted them. Many of them said they were initially hesitant to come because of fear of the neighborhood. As it was the students first time doing anything like this, it opened their minds to how easy it is to be the hands and feet of Jesus and to how many needs there are in the community around them.



Internship Graduation

We had our second Forgotten Ministries Internship graduate since starting the program in 2023. Riley Peglar came from Mountain Home, Arkansas on January 15th. He Completed the three month internship on April 25th, 2024. Throughout Riley's time here, the Lord has put one important thing on his heart, and that is to live sacrificially. One of the staples in his growth has been the verse Romans 12:1, "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship." Through various outreaches and time at the Mercy House, God has shown Riley the desires of His heart in Riley's life. Please pray for him as he spends this summer at Camp Living Stone in Tennessee as a counselor.

Internship Director, Hayden Tobin said: "As Riley spent his time here, the Lord has taught me a few things, one of which is leading through my lifestyle. The word of God is a useful tool for teaching, but we can also teach by our actions. The Lord taught me to meditate on what I am doing as a leader in my everyday life; that living righteous in every aspect of my life not only affects me, but also others."



Internship Program



Our intern program is a unique experience for young adults to live out the Gospel in Enid, Oklahoma.

The goal is to challenge people to offer their bodies as living sacrifices to fulfill God's purpose in their lives.

Internship Opportunities

- Local Missions
- Kids Ministry
- Construction Projects
- Evangelism Training
- Daily Bible Study
- Weekly Classes
- Discipleship
- Leadership skills
- Life skills training
- Living in community
- Adventure



Interested?

Here are all the ways you can contact us:

- kidsprogram@forgottenministries.com
- (479) 721-2371
- www.forgottenministries.com

Details

Cost: \$600

Date: May 20th-July 20th

Registration Deadline

May 10th 2024

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Kids Program

Youth

On one of the youth nights this month, the kids split up into groups and each group took turns carrying a wooden cross on their shoulders. After learning about how Jesus told his disciples if they want to follow him, they must deny themselves, take up their cross and follow him, the kids got to actually do it. They were told to think about what Jesus did for them, how he carried the cross, and think about if they were willing to take up their cross and follow Jesus. Most of the kids had never done it before and it was very eye opening for them to feel the weight and the pain that Jesus went through. It made them thankful for Jesus and what He did and made them think about if they really wanted to make the sacrifice to follow Jesus.



Kids Camp

God has called us to plant and water seeds of the Gospel in every heart that we can. God has brought us children who are hungry for love, and even though they don't know it, they're hungry for Jesus. In a culture where love is not expressed often, God has called us to plant seeds of the love of God in their hearts. This month, the kids learned about how Jesus came into the city on a donkey and was praised, and they also learned about the death of Jesus on a cross. The kids have been working on a project for a few weeks now; first they painted little flower pots, then they put soil in it and planted herb seeds, then they watered it and put a small cross they made in the soil. This project is a representation of those Gospel seeds that are being planted in their hearts, while they might not grow now, they might be over watered or get dried out in the sun, we will keep on trying. We will continue to plant seeds as many times as it takes until one day it sprouts. Pray for the kids in kids camp and volunteer for kids camp by visiting our website!



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Food Ministry

The staff have been transforming the ministry center gym into a food storage warehouse. They have put up rows of shelving that can hold pallets of food and bagged groceries. Having this space gives us the ability to accept food donations no matter how big or small.

Some of the staff drive to Bridging Hunger in Tulsa, Oklahoma weekly to pickup different pallets of food. Any time they go to Bridging Hunger, they help to put food and products in paper grocery bags that will then be given out to partnering ministries like Forgotten Ministries. The search for food donations and partnerships continues as we pray and ask God to guide us to the right people and places.

When the food ministry gets officially up and running at Forgotten Ministries, we will be partnering with other churches and ministries to give them grocery bags to take to their own communities to use as a way to share the Gospel and meet the needs of others.



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Volunteer Opportunities

Are you interested in volunteering with Forgotten Ministries? Here are a few upcoming opportunities for you!

We need people to cook meals for our summer mission teams. Breakfasts, lunch, and dinners. The first mission team is coming May 22nd-27th. The second Mission team is June 23rd-28th.

We also have opportunities for you and your family to volunteer in the Paradise Garden, packaging groceries, and sorting clothes for the clothing truck.

On our website, we also have a sign-up to volunteer for the Kids Camp. You can come help with Kids Camp, make and bring a snack for it, or cook dinner and bring it to Youth.

If you have more questions about this or you want to sign up, please text Autumn Bradley 918-344-9638.

