

NEWSLETTER

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"Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God." Psalm 42:5

March

"We will sing a new song
'Cause death is dead and gone with the winter
We will sing a new song
Let "hallelujahs" flow like a river
We're coming back to life
Reaching towards the light
Your love is like springtime"

-"Springtime" by Chris Renzema

With the changing of the seasons, God has designed this beautiful picture of new life that comes after a season of winter. Many times with "winter seasons" there are trials, there is sadness, there is hopelessness, death, and more. These are things that still occur to us as a result of living in a fallen world. But just as David writes in his Psalms, a lamenting always turns into praise. Here we are, the signs of Spring peeking through the dry grass for another year, as God sends us a reminder to praise Him again. As Psalm 42:5 says: "Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God."

Sing a new song to the God of the ages, the one who never fails. His love is like the Springtime, a reminder to bloom with praise out of the dry ground!



Send Relief Virginia Beach, VA

Our Whole team drove to Virginia Beach for the Send Relief Serve Tour. This was a record breaking Serve Tour for Send Relief because they had over 500 volunteers sign up immediately. There were so many individuals signed up for the grill walk that we had to split up into 3 different grill walks each day. By the end of the Serve tour we did a total of 6 grill walks with 6 different teams and a total of 180 volunteers, as well as another grill walk with 15 volunteers on our way home. There were 20 salvations across all the teams and 3,400 hamburgers served. Every person was prayed with and many people heard the Gospel of Jesus. There were individuals from dozens of different churches from all over the united states, including Maine and Florida, that were encouraged to go out into the community and share the love of Christ in their areas.

On one of the grill teams, a couple of ladies were sharing Christ with a worn down elderly man. The ladies called Jeremiah over to help them lead this man, Don, to the Lord. As Jeremiah started conversing with him, he seemed to be rejecting the invitation to surrender his life. However, when Jeremiah asked him if one of the ladies could share with him how to give his life to Jesus, he said yes. The woman who had volunteered for the grill walk laid her trembling hands on his shoulders after explaining to him what he must do. The Holy Spirit seemed to fall down on them like heavy rain. Everyone nearby, including Don, began to weep as the woman led him in a prayer to receive salvation. At the age of 74, this woman had just led someone to Christ for the very first time, which was the very thing she had been praying for for months.

On day two of the Serve Tour, we met a pastor named Ricky who has a church in Suffolk, VA. He told us that two years ago, his church came on a serve tour and did a grill walk. They all went back to church and said "Why can't we do this here?" and Ricky said "Well, we can!" Since then, they have done a grill walk every quarter, totaling to 8 grill walks. They have served the 38 homes in their community and will continue to do so until every home is either in Christ or attending a church. So far there are 20 homes in Christ or in Church. This is a testimony of God using the grill walk to encourage a church to reach their community with the Gospel of Jesus! Praise the Lord!



Don (Beard) with the group that ministered to him!





Parking Lot Preparations

This Spring we have kicked off a new outreach that happens every 1st Saturday of the month. After having our first outreach in the beginning of March, we realized we needed to make some changes to help the event run more smoothly. We had Dover Christian Church and Derwin come and help us put in a new exit sidewalk and Damian put in a new garage door to the front of the building. We want to say a huge thank you to them for making this possible!

These new updates have allowed the outreach to make more sense logistically as the number of people continues to grow.







Food Outreach Update

Different partners such as the Repented group and Fairview have continued to pickup grocery bags and hand them out in their own communities. This is resulting in relationships built and needs being meet which lead to gospel conversations. We were able to purchase some old shopping carts this month as well to help us with our monthly food distribution.

The Groceries will also be used monthly in our Food Outreaches every first Saturday of the Month starting in March! This day is open for the public to come and receive free groceries, lunch, clothing, a gospel message, and prayer! It will be in the parking lot of the Forgotten Ministries center from 11-1pm each month.

We will be needing volunteers to help run this outreach each month as it grows, if you would like to volunteer, please email

theforgottenchurch@forgottenministries.com or message our Facebook at Forgotten Ministries.

Here are all the dates for the Food outreaches this year:

- April 5th
- May 3rd
- June 7th
- July 5th
- August 2nd
- September 6th
- October 4th
- November 1st
- December 6th

It's not about the grocery bag, it's not even about meeting the physical need, It's about Jesus. It's about the power that Jesus has to satisfy every need for the rest of someone's life. People need to hear the message of the Gospel, to see and know that Jesus is their key to eternal joy, hope, satisfaction, and life. This is the message we proclaim with the groceries. It's all about Jesus!









Park Outreach

After kickstarting out Park outreach this month, we've seen about 30 people per week come to get free clothing from the clothes trailer and about 50-100 people served a free meal each week. We are excited to see more people come and hear the Gospel message preach and receive prayer!

I'd like to help:

If you are interested in our Park Outreach and would like to get involved, feel free to reach out to our email the forgottenchurch@forgottenministries,com or our Facebook page "Forgotten Ministries". As a volunteer, you would have the opportunity to serve in the dinner line, Help direct people in the clothing trailer, and have conversations and prayers with the people who are eating dinner or standing in line. Everyone there needs to be encouraged and hear the Gospel message and receive prayer. We would love to have the help with this mission.









New Roofing

We would like to say a huge thank you to Darin Owens with Owens roofing for coming out and replacing the roofs on a few of our mission houses completely free! This is an immense blessing to us that will save us a lot of time and hassle, as well as finances to do the job. You and your team are amazing and we want to recognize you for this blessing!





