

Some Good News



Easter egg hunt

flyer for National Day of Prayer

God's grace, hope, and mercy serving the local community

This past month, Grace Ministries USA had the opportunity to help support the local community through two large food distribution events. Each one of these events helped to feed over 400 families in need. It did not go without some challenges. One of the biggest suppliers to this event was unable to give to the community. Lead Pastor, Bert Woodburn had this to say about the event, "it was heartbreaking to hear these 400 families would have very little due to lack of supplies. But God had other ways to supply these families with their needs. During the month of March our supporters gave above and beyond their normal offering and we were able to meet the need. I give God all the glory and praise for the people who have sacrificially served and given to this ministry." Grace Ministries is committed to supplying the needs of these families each month. Please carefully consider how you can support this ministry financially and through prayer.

Please join us for National Day of Prayer on May 1st. There will be three meeting locations in Wake Forest at 11 am: the Wake Forest United Methodist Church, Alston-Massenburg Center, and Feggins & Feggins Funeral Home. From each location, we will walk to Wake Forest Town Hall and assemble at the Flag Pole for prayer and the Mayor's Proclamation. Following this, we will proceed to Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary for joint worship and prayer, concluding at 1:00 PM. Join us as one body in Christ, lifting our voices in prayer and worship.

Grace Ministries USA will be participating in the Easter egg hunt at Luddy Park located in Youngsville, NC on Saturday, April 12th from 11 am to 1 pm. We are anticipating over 600 children. During this event, we will have a table set up to encourage gospel centered conversations through the use of our GRACE bracelets created by our own Writing Team.

As we continue our relief efforts in Western North Carolina, Grace Ministries has partnered with a group to provide temporary housing to those still waiting for their housing needs to be met. We are currently raising funds to help pay for this and any other needs they may have. One of the ways we are raising funds is through The Borders Restaurant located in Wake Forest, NC. They will be hosting a Giving Saturday for us. On Saturday, April 12th from 4:30-11:30 am, you can donate to this mission by letting your cashier know when you pay your bill either by cash, check, or credit card. We are also taking in donations online or by mail. Please note "Western North Carolina" on your payment and those funds will go directly to aid those still rebuilding there. Please reference the bottom of page 2 for further details on giving.



local community coming together to pack boxes

Ministry Spotlight

Grace Ministries has been teaming up with local area churches and organizations to provide support to those in need. One of these local ministries is providing support to schools in Franklin County, covering the municipalities of Bunn, Louisburg, Youngsville, and Franklinton right here in North Carolina. Community Cares is a local organization that has been providing supplemental food to homeless/needy students during their extended breaks from school. Grace Ministries is part of the Community Cares group helping to provide food and resources to these families in need.

Community Cares began just over a year ago when a group of caring individuals were made aware of the great need in their local community through the McKinney-Vento Liaison for Franklin County Schools. These students were identified in the schools under the McKinney-Vento Act. The McKinney-Vento Act is a federal law that ensures students are able to receive an education regardless of their economic status and homelessness. Through this act, students are able to receive support in obtaining anything to maintain their education to include hygiene items, food, clothing, etc. While not in school, these families are receiving the additional help they need in part from the Community Cares group.

Lena, the McKinney-Vento Liaison for Franklin County Schools, said this, "No child chooses homelessness. No parent chooses homelessness for their children. However, families find themselves having to choose between paying for housing, food, or medical expenses and daily living needs. As the cost of housing and daily needs continue to rise across our community, state and nation, so do the number of families experiencing homelessness. Last year Franklin County Schools identified and supported over 230 children. This year in just the first quarter alone, over 100 students were identified and being cared for."

With spring break on the horizon, the Community Cares group will be meeting to provide for over 30 families in the beginning of April with many more to come as summer break approaches.

If you are interested in helping Grace Ministries continue this mission or help with Western North Carolina, please visit our website at www.graceministriesusa.org or scan the QR code below to make a donation, or you can mail a check to: P.O. Box 595, Wake Forest, NC 27588.

