

Some Good News



Some of the Young Pros group packing the food bags



Brooke and Josh before their baptism

Living the Gospel: Serving, Celebrating, and Coming Together in Christ

Coming up in the next couple months, Grace Ministries USA will be sponsoring a few events we want you to keep your eye out for. We want to create a meaningful opportunity to share the gospel and help raise funds for our continued efforts to feed and minister to those in need. On August 8th from 6-8 pm, we are partnering with Faith Baptist in Youngsville and the Youngsville Police Department for National Night Out to build a stronger sense of community. On August 23rd at the Freedom Gun Range, we will be holding a concealed carry class to provide an opportunity to teach others about gun safety. To register for this event, please email Dave Hopkins at 4355398@gmail.com. On September 18th at noon, we will be holding a golf tournament at the Wendell Country Club. This will be a fundraiser for the homeless children in Franklin County, NC. Signups coming soon.

Grace Ministries USA continues to partner with the Community Cares group to distribute food to homeless

children in Franklin County, NC. This year, 216 children were identified as being homeless. In June, the Community Cares group was able to pack 60 bags of food to help provide meals for the children over the extended summer break. These bags include breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks, and a resource card for local food pantries in the area. Our Grace Ministries' Young Pros volunteered to help put together these bags. Another food distribution will go out mid July, and without your support none of this would be possible. Thank you for your continual financial support and prayers.

Speaking of our Young Pros, two of our young adults, Brooke and Josh, were baptized at Kerr Lake in June. Both were overjoyed to share this moment surrounded by their family and the Young Pros group. Brooke had been hesitant about baptism even though she had accepted Christ a few years earlier. However, through discipleship with the Bible study each week, she followed through

with believer's baptism. "God put this great Bible study in my life and has continued to show me I can trust in Him no matter what," Brooke said. "I love learning more about Him through the Bible study and the more I learn about God and His character, the more I love him. So baptism was just a way I could proclaim to everyone I loved that I am a Christ follower." Josh had been baptized previously as a child, but didn't remember or understand why he had done it. As he met each Friday night learning more about God's Word, he grew stronger in his relationship with Christ and started to live his life differently. Each week he craved a more intimate relationship with Christ. Josh recommitted his life to Christ and as an adult and wanted to be baptized after learning more about its significance and meaning. If you would like to join one of our weekly Bible studies, would like to be baptized or have questions about baptism, please reach out to Pastor Bert Woodburn at Bert@graceministriesusa.org.



A Handful of Rice

In the small state of Mizoram, India they practice a tradition of supporting the church in a humble and powerful way. During each meal time where rice would be prepared, they set aside a small handful of rice to give back to the church. After all, who would miss a small handful of rice?

Each Saturday they bring their rice to the church where they hold a market and sell it back to those in the community to raise funds for their mission projects. Every year they raise about \$1.5 million dollars through their “handful of rice” practice. This is tremendous in such a poverty stricken area. The Mizo people, although dirt poor, responded to the gospel gladly.

One of the women in this area said, “When we talk about this ‘handful of rice’ it is very humble. The service is done in the corner of the kitchen where nobody sees it. But God knows and He blesses it.” In 2 Corinthians 8, Paul describes a similar situation in Macedonia. Although poor, believers gave joyfully and abundantly (vv. 1-2) and saw their giving as a privilege. Giving was a way they showed their trust in Him, who provides for all our needs.

We invite you to practice “a handful of rice” like the believers in Mizoram, India. During your weekly grocery shopping trip, you can choose an item(s) from the list below to add to your cart each week. You can then bring your donations to your bible study leader. You can also make a financial donation weekly or monthly to this ministry directly either by cash, check, online, or by scanning the QR code below. Donations help support feeding the students in our local area who experience food instability.

Items needed:

Hormel Compleats Meal

Pop-top cans of fruits or vegetables

Pudding cups

boxes of nutrigrain cereal bars

a jar of peanut butter

Pop-top cans of proteins (ex. ravioli, spaghetti-O's, etc)



*Pop-top cans are preferable as many of these students do not have access to can openers
