

Outreach Council Report  
October, 2016

The Clothes Closet gave away 2,581 items in September. Over 16,00 items have been given away in 2016. Clothing items are being taken to the Tower Road community on the first Friday of every month. A new ramp will be built at the house with the help of Habitat for Humanity. The ramp will be built to ADA standards and include a new railing for safety.

The Gilmer Food Pantry saw 376 families in September. 1615 of these were children. 21% of Gilmer county residents are food insecure.

Our food collection for November will be helping fill the snack packs for Gilmer and food items for Fannin.

The Brooks Hill Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners are being planned and have been scheduled by Charlie and Sandy McCann.

Thanksgiving for Others will concentrate on donations to the food pantries and on those close to home who may need help for food during the holidays.

The Garden for Others has been put to bed after a very successful year of produce for others. Congratulations to all who work so hard during the hot summer.

Work with the Tower Road community continues. The beading class has been put on hold because a place to teach has not been secured.

The Tower Road Christmas party will be held on December 11. Plans are being made with the youth and Santa Jack to have a good party with the children of the community.

The Kenya mission is going well. \$3700 was raised during the Musicfest in July. The money was sent to the Life for Children's Ministries. It will be used with the money raised by other groups to expand the area that their well serves. Our next fundraiser will be another Musicfest in February. The money raised will be used to help fund the mission trip to Kenya that is being planned for May, 2017. Information about the trip will be given out to the congregation in November.

Work continues on the Health Ministries committee. A group has been formed and will meet to work on how this committee will evolve.

Jill's Quilts and the Prayer Shawl Knitters meet monthly. The quilters give quilts to those who are struggling with cancer and other life altering conditions. The knitters make hats for the Craddock Center. They have donated more than 200 hats this year. They also give prayer shawls to comfort those who are going through struggles.

The Outreach Councils thanks all who have helped and been a part of working in our community and the world to help as Jesus asked us to do.

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