

Outreach Council Report, April, 2017

The members of the Outreach Council continue to work very hard in our community. The Garden for Others has been plowed. The plans are to grow tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchini, beans, squash and sunflowers. The crops will be put in the ground the first of May.

The Gilmer Food Pantry served 350 families in March with a total of 770 adults and 1925 children.

The Fannin Food Pantry is open four days a week. They recently had a volunteer training day and 56 volunteers attended. Their garden has not been planted because of the wet ground.

The Clothes Closet continues to serve the people of the community on Thursdays. They also go to the Tower Road community once a month. They were having about 20 of the same people at Tower Road. Flyers that were printed in English and Spanish were delivered to each home. At the last meeting, 60 people came to receive the clothes.

The bus for use with the Tower Road community will be auctioned off on Saturday morning, April 22. David and Wendy Carwell will attend the auction and bid on the bus.

Jill's Quilts and Chris' Comfort and Joy Prayer Shawls groups continue to give quilts and prayer shawls to those who are struggling with health issues. Their meeting has moved to the fourth Wednesday of the month.

The plans for the mission trip to Kenya continue. The dates are set for Oct 29 through Nov. 11. An Italian Dinner is planned for Saturday, April 29. Donations will be taken at the door. Cakes will be auctioned off. A summer musicfest will be planned to raise additional money for the trip. Requests will be made for people to sponsor the people who are planning on going on the trip. The cost for each person is \$3000 - \$3500. We have eight people who are interested in going. There is room for two or three more people to join the group. Please support this mission trip with your attendance at the fundraisers, monetary support and most of all, your prayers for success.

Last Mother's Day, our church raised \$8000 to build Widow's Houses in Kenya for the Life for Children Ministries. This Mother's Day, we will ask for additional offerings to build more houses. Most of the ones we have paid for have been built. Pictures of three of the houses are located in the hallway by the fellowship hall. Those who go to Kenya on the mission trip will build at least one of the houses.

Thank you,

Jane Carwell