News from the Prayer Lath

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Anticipating in Faith

Where God leads, He always provides. He usually uses the body of Christ to do it.

If those shelves look a little bare, it's because they are. Earlier this year, I sensed the Lord saying, "Feed my hungry children." It took a few weeks to realize the hungry children in need of supplemental feed were located at Tupelo Alternative School. 99% of the students there are nutritionally at-risk and in need of supplemental food for the weekends. It will take the body of Christ to supply it.

You made it possible!

In May, your generosity made the first Transforming Tupelo/Feeding Fillmore food distribution possible. Together, we distributed enough food to supplement what the students' families provided, as well as toiletries and personal care items. A single distribution cost just over \$200 for the food.





Bags of food ready for distribution in May, 2018 (left) Each student received a bag containing beans, rice, fruit, 2 meat entrees, macaroni and cheese, and 3 breakfast items. In addition, they received a toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, washcloth, shampoo, and deodorant, plus chocolate for a sweet treat. (at right)



Attending orientation at the Mid South Food Bank. The variety of ministries represented around these tables was amazing! (At left)

Our search for a more economical way to provide the food led us to the MidSouth Food Bank in Memphis. Associated agencies can purchase food at 19 cents per pound through the Food Bank. It's a great option but requires an application and approval process before we can use their services.

Some things take longer than we expect.

Our application is completed and turned in, but we won't be approved and ready to order until September. Two of us attended an orientation at the Food Bank and toured the facility. Work has begun on a policy and procedure manual. A generous donor supplied the required shelving to store the food.

50 students + \$5/food bag = \$250/week or \$1000/month

9 months per year plus extra for holidays = \$10,000/ school term for food plus fees for shipping/pickup and administration

Help us feed hungry kids!

School starts in less than a month, and we will begin distribution WITHOUT the benefit of low-cost, healthy Food Bank food. Your help is desperately needed to fund the food distributions. With Food Bank assistance, each distribution will cost approximately \$5.00 per student, or \$250 per week. If we provide extra food for school breaks, the program will cost more than \$10,000 per school year. This is an un-budgeted project that far exceeds what current Prayer and Outreach funds can supply.

Working together, we can easily provide for this need. Would you consider a one-time gift to help cover the cost of the weekly food distribution? Could you invest in the future of these troubled teens with a monthly partnership of \$20 or more per month to help feed a troubled teen?

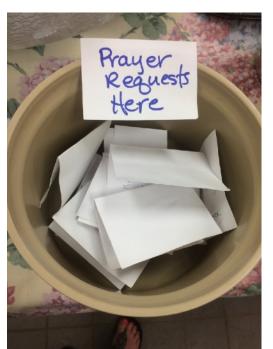
Thank you in advance for your partnership.

Ministry in unexpected places

A high school class reunion is not the usual place for ministry, but I had the great honor of leading a prayer walk through the high school we attended 45 years ago. Your generosity provided a folder packed with educational materials on prayer for all the participants.



Starkville High School Class of 1973 Prayer Walk participants at our recent class reunion.



VBS Teacher Snacks

This unexpected ministry opportunity was a great blessing! Together, we served in the "Teacher Snacks" area at Hope Church VBS. This year, we provided both physical and spiritual food with a generous supply of food, prayer with individuals, and a prayer request bowl that was packed with prayer requests by the end of the week. We saw God move in amazing ways! Thank you for supplying food and encouragement to those of us who served.



Together, we supplied 137 bags of personal care items for a Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo, outreach to the homeless of Ft. Worth, plus an SUV full of other items. It was all collected a week!



The Whisper Gathering registration is now open!

This amazing weekend for women focuses on learning to hear the gentle whisper of God's still, small voice, surrender, and obey. LaShay Blansett is our worship leader this year. We'll share in worship, Bible study, repentance, small-group activities, and outdoor fun. We'll be at the beautiful FCR at Crow's Neck Retreat Center in northeast MS.

The cost is \$135 and includes 2 nights' lodging, 6 meals, and snacks. You can register online at leannahollis.com/whisper-gathering-registration or send your registration (plus information from the registration form) to the Global Outreach address below. Be sure to put Whisper Gathering in the memo line, not my account number. T shirts are also available. (sneak preview at right)





Leanna joined Global Outreach as a peer-to-peer funded missionary in 2016. She's raising her own support and needs your help to make ministry projects, like the Feeding Fillmore program, possible.

Donate online at <u>globaloutreach.org/giving/missionary-details/leanna-hollis</u> or by mail (be sure to put #4841 in the memo line:

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