**GLOBAL OUTREACH INTERNATIONAL** 



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Life-changing Kingdom work happens when the body of Christ serves together in His name. I'm grateful to partner with you in serving our Lord.







## Life and ministry in the midst of quarantine...

In what seemed like no time at all, one tiny virus changed our world **but it did not stop ministry in the name of Jesus**.

When schools closed due to the pandemic, families with students who received free breakfast and lunch suddenly found themselves with not only job insecurities but also unexpected food insecurities and drastically increased food expenses. Through your generosity of money, time, and resources, our teams prepared, packed, and served more than 700 bag lunches to students in the Haven Acres and Tupelo Trace neighborhoods during the first week of the quarantine.

That week, **we saw loaves and fishes miracles every day.** At one point, we pulled 59 lunches out of a box clearly labeled as containing only 40 lunches. It was a stunning experience for one of our new volunteers. "This is mind-boggling! How do you deal with this?" he asked. A couple of us smiled. "Our lives are like this all the time." He shook his head. **"I don't understand this, but I'm a believer now. This is real."** 

We moved from food preparation to food distribution when Tupelo Public School System began meal preparation and packing. In partnership with Hope Church Tupelo and White Hill Missionary Baptist Church, our teams continue to give out well over 100 bagged breakfast/lunch combo kits each time we serve.

The food distribution opened doors (and hearts) like never before. We've been able to engage with students and parents in unprecedented ways through conversations, prayer, and encouragement. We've built relationships we never could have made before the quarantine.



From packing parties to food distribution, **ministry looks different during quarantine**. One thing never changes, though. The love of our teams for our Savior and for those we serve. (left) We've enjoyed meeting entire families as they come to pick up meals. (right)



## One unexpected outcome of the quarantine is the new Whisper Connection

**Zoom group.** Every week day Leanna hosts a virtual meeting via Zoom to share a short Scripture lesson, facilitate discussion, and offer a daily challenge. Women attend as their schedule allows. Though some of the ladies have never met in person, we've formed a sweet and welcoming community. It's a no-judgment zone, so feel free to join us as often as you can. You'll find a warm reception here.

Zoom Meeting ID:750-102-1636 Meeting time: Monday through Friday 10:00 - 10:40 am (central) Message or email me (<u>lhollis@globaloutreach.org</u> for the meeting password.

An added benefit of sheltering in place has been more time to write. **Be sure to check your inbox for Not-Quite-Daily devotionals and the website for new blog posts.** You can sign up for the devotionals at <u>https://www.leannahollis.com</u>.

**How you can help: Pray** for wisdom and provision as Leanna and area leaders seek to meet the hunger needs of families in our area, for health and safety for our teams, and for creative ways to meet emotional and spiritual needs as well as physical. **Give generously** of your time, your resources, and financially, as ministry expenses continue whether we are in the office or in the field. Our digital outreach is more important now than ever before, so please **read and share** blog posts and *Faith Lived Out Loud* devotional emails to help send truth and encouragement around the world.

Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Matt. 25:40

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 Transforming Tupelo/ Feeding students program, homeless outreach, missionary prayer support, and women's outreach possible. Contact her at: Ihollis@globaloutreach.org

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