GLOBAL OUTREACH INTERNATIONAL



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Your generous hearts and hands impacted the Kingdom of God in amazing ways this month.





The beginning of school is alway an exciting time, especially around here as we prepare for in-person events again after a year's absence due to the pandemic. Your generosity is undimmed and you demonstrated it again by providing school supplies and supplies for the new art program. It took more than one trip to deliver everything. Way to go, body of Christ!



When God put the idea of beginning-of-school teacher gift bags on our hearts, we had no idea how perfectly he timed it. Many of you volunteered to pack bags, cut out and laminate Scripture cards, provide gifts, and help pray over the bags for the teachers and staff at Tupelo Structure Day Program (Fillmore Center). Just before teachers returned to school, they began to hear rumblings of terrible news. Previous students of SDP were involved in a triplehomicide a few days early. The teachers returned to school on Wednesday to learn that our favorite student, considered to be most likely to succeed in life, was also arrested and charged as an active shooter. It was a crushing blow for all of us, but God was way ahead of us with Scripture card packs included in the happy bags to help grieving staff keep their eyes on Him.

Each of the twelve verses was suggested by teachers for teachers. They ranged from Isaiah 26:3 *'You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee,*" to Psalm 94:19, "When the cares of my heart are many, your consolations" *cheer my soul,*" as well as ten other equally appropriate verses. Only God knew how much those words would matter to teachers whose hearts were breaking. We are called to be faithful, not determine who embraces truth, but this was a devastating loss. Those of us interacting with students need your prayers for these programs more than ever before. 1





An effective outreach in the name of Jesus does not always require thousands of pounds of food, backbreaking labor, or travel to foreign countries, as the new ladies' group at Wells Chapel Church (outside New Albany) recently discovered. We had a great time as we shared about outreach in the name of Jesus, easy ways to join God where He's at work, and considered the question, "What



outreach has God put within your grasp?" These ladies left the meeting with vision and a plan and I left with a surprise gift - a loaf of homemade bread! Yum.

Need an inspirational or mission speaker? We can help for groups of any size. (Homemade bread not required.)

If you or your student need community service hours, we'd love to help. E-mail Leanna Lindsey Hollis at https://www.uc.englobaloutreach.org

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Prayer needs:

- 1. It's budget season around here so we need wisdom as we seek God's vision for next year's programs.
- 2. The start of in-person Fellowship of Christian Students meetings and the Art program meetings are delayed until early October. Please pray for our team and our vision to be God-sized.
- 3. Students' hearts to be open to the gospel.
- 4. Sufficient funds to cover the increased cost of in-person student programs. **We recently restocked the snack pantry and are providing snacks for the students' reading time every afternoon.** Happy readers love to read. At least we hope that's true!
- 5. Balance with all the other responsibilities of ministry (missionary prayer support, missionary care, digital outreach, church partnerships)
- 6. Leading an art program means Leanna needs to learn a lot about art. Drawing and color theory are first up in her learn-soon list. Pray for her to gain new skills quickly.
- 7. A complete re-do of the <u>leannahollis.com</u> website is underway! Pray for the changes to be Godbreathed and the resources to be useful to help the body of Christ live the disciple life Jesus intended for us.

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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