

The Caring Place
Ex-Committee Report
October - December 2019
Submitted by Virginia Alexander

Statistics:

- Active volunteers 43
- Families served 236
- Individual served 497
- Tracts and spiritual material given out 236
- Christmas children sponsored 34
- Bible study Ave. 12 adults & 8 children with 6 volunteers

Appreciation:

- Items donated: food, towels, monetary, clothing, Misc.
- Volunteers
- Hartselle city School, food can drive
- Church groups
- Lowes for Thanksgiving and Christmas meals

Caring Place needs:

Peanut Butter, mac & cheese, cereal, crackers, hygiene (soap, toothpaste, shampoo)

The Caring Place Bible study has an average of 12 adults and 8 children.

Two volunteers and a volunteer's wife passed away. Please keep these families in your prayers.

Please keep praying! Thank you!

Morgan Baptist Disaster Relief Summary

(October – December, 2019)

Submitted by: Geno Shirey

We worked on 11 different activities, involving 86 volunteers. Highlights include:

- October – attended Associational Coordinators meeting in Prattville
- October – Assessment teams to Adamsville, TN
- November – Chaplains, Feeding & Chainsaw teams to Adamsville, TN
- November – Disaster Relief presentation at VOAD quarterly meeting
- December – Chainsaw team to Town Creek, AL

Preparation and training are ongoing efforts to be ready to respond in any disaster situations. This includes deploying people for feeding, chainsaw/cleanup, shower/laundry, chaplains, or admin (as needed). The Disaster Relief team appreciates the support received from various churches in the association.

Literacy, English and More
Ex- Committee Report
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Submitted by Debbie Pirkle

Last semester I worked with five Hispanic students during the school day at two different elementary schools in Decatur.

This semester a door opened for me to go to the Excel Center housed on the campus of Austin Junior High School in Decatur.

I am still working with one elementary child on Tuesday morning but have started to work with two ESL Hispanic middle schoolers from Mexico and Guatemala.

I am going on Monday and Wednesday mornings to do one-on-one tutoring.

I learned Wednesday that one of those students had gotten into serious trouble at school.

Our Bible study group is still meeting on Fridays.

Our Chinese student has one more semester at Calhoun College and then plans to transfer to Athens to finish her teaching degree. Fall semester was a very difficult and frustrating one for her, but she managed to make A's and B's in her classes. She shared about some personal issues that she is dealing with concerning her grown step-children and step grandson. I have maintained contact with her grown son who is presently working in Dayton, Ohio and have been able to spend some time with him on three different occasions. My son who is a co-pastor of a church in Cincinnati has also been in touch with him.

One of our Japanese ladies had to put her husband in a nursing home in a dementia unit. This has been very difficult for her and her grown children. Two of her sons live out -of -state (Texas and Georgia) Her daughter is here, but her husband has serious health problems which may take his life soon. This daughter has one daughter who is a student at UAB and wants to be a traveling nurse. Her other daughter is a junior in high school.

One of our ESL ladies from Colombia is unable to attend because of her husband's health...physical and mental. She is also dealing with the possibility of putting him in a similar setting. Presently she is the caregiver in her home with assistance from Hospice.

One of our former ESL students and her family from France are spending one year in Atlanta, Georgia. My husband and I have plans to get together for a weekend with them in March.

Prayers are needed for each of these situations.

It seems like the past several years have been heavy on the MORE side of English and More. Yes, these folks need English, they need help with their problems, but most of all they need Jesus! They have asked me so many questions that I feel so inadequate to try to answer.

Thank you for your prayers and support of English and More.

AL Raceway Ministries
Ex-Committee Report
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Submitted by Virginia Alexander

NASCAR, Talladega Speedway has eight AL Baptist State Convention sites. Each site conducts a 9:00am worship service on Sunday of the race weekend. Along with children and adult activities, hand out tracts and share the gospel.

Fall Race:

- Over 2000 Christian tracts and literacy was given out
- Families (children and adults) enjoyed the children's derby car race. A devotion was shared before the derby race.
- "Corn hole tournament brings out the best in folks. The race fans laugh and enjoy fellowship with our team and each other. The team share Christ to fans watching the tournament.
- Sunday worship's message was presented by a race fan that camps in our area.
- The drama team and music team prepare the tone for Christ's message.
- Mike Alexander lead the prayer before the Saturday NASCAR race

The raceway team appreciates your prayers for the team, race fans, workers for the race and drivers and their team, etc.

Calhoun report October-December, 2019

The fall semester at Calhoun involved weekly Bible study on Wednesday at 12:30. The attendance was low with student's change of class schedule effecting their involvement. BCM was involved in other events during the semester: International Retreat at World Song with two Calhoun students attending. We supported the campus Soul Food event designed to expose students to cultural foods.

A team of students (various universities) and campus ministers took backpacks to Charleston Missouri in December. The backpacks (2 from Calhoun) were collected from BCM in the state. We helped with distribution of backpacks and worked at a weekly food bank preparing and distributing food items. We participated in two worship services with students leading the afternoon service before departing for home.

Bible study has started with potential change in location and schedule for the week. The Pursue Conference is our first event for the semester in Montgomery February 21st.

Thank you for your amazing support in reaching students at Calhoun Community College, Decatur

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