

Helping Hands Ministries of Harrisburg, Inc.

Serving the
homeless and needy

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Winter 2017

Recap 2016

Isn't God amazing! The Lord provides Jehovah-jireh.

2016 was a very challenging year. Testing of faith. It started in June with the loss of my "favorite firefighter son." Second was the great appliance need of freezers and refrigerators. Trials kept coming.. My 2007 trailblazer had to be totaled out because a repair shop used a highly toxic chemical without my permission. And then the commercial stove/oven at the start of 2017 needed some much due TLC—and their work was less than stellar and way overpriced. Through all this God is faithful, merciful and gracious. I am thankful He never leaves nor forsakes us. Although trials come my way I will keep my eyes on Him.

We served Thanksgiving and Christmas. We are thankful to have received turkeys and hams from Blue Moon Cruisers. Such a blessing to have "traditional" foods to serve for the holidays.

On Christmas, we sang songs, Pastor Matt from Calvary Chapel Harrisburg, West Shore gave a message, and we ate. Then we handed out "goodie bags" made by Girl Scouts, Kids Club from New Hope, and a "super-coupon-er" brought in tubs of items to hand out as well; many gifts for the children who came, new boots for a man who needed them for a job, hoodies, sweats, t's, underwear, etc., were given.

Just a side note of info: this was the first year in many years we did not get any venison.



A New Year, New Challenges, New Opportunities

Thank you Northern Dauphin Christian School high school classes from Millersburg for coming a Thursday and Friday to serve by handing out much needed winter items, serving food and cleaning up. Such a blessing to have young people doing the Lords work.

Thank you Calvary Chapel Harrisburg—West Shore youth for joining our HHM family by serving one Friday a month. Truly a blessing to have your help and your willing hearts.

Camp Hill UMC brings their youth down every 4th Sunday but once a year they bring their confirmation class to help — Thanks for your service.

Harrisburg Christian Performing Arts had a fund-raiser day for one their performances. We received paper products, sugar, creamer, to name a few items. We are truly thankful for what they are doing in their community.

Want to serve? Want to be a blessing? Want to receive a blessing? Come the 1st Sunday of the month. Fridays we are in need of servers as well even if you can come once a month—every hand is welcomed.

You Can Make a Difference

I need to share about one of the guys who recently died. "R" was an alcoholic. Years ago one of the guys who was also living under the Mulberry St, Bridge told me "R" had fallen, was passed out drunk, and hadn't been eating. We go there and he was a bloody mess, maggots we all over his face and beard. We loaded him up in the TB and took him to the ER. "R" got cleaned up, a "banana bag" in him... back under the bridge he went. He made choices — we all make choices. Unfortunately his bad choices lead to his death.

Please pray! Prayer works!
Your prayers make a difference to all the people involved in HHM Everyone is struggling— with something. Finances, addictions, physical, or psychological issues or a mixture of these. Please Pray!

Needs

We need coffee, HOT CHOCOLATE mix, creamer, forks, and napkins. WE have gone GREEN so we **do NOT Need Styrofoam plates**, bowls or cups. BUT we **DO Need 8oz. Paper cups, and 10inch paper plates.** .

What are you doing **Fridays between 4 and 6pm?** Servers needed. Come be a blessing and receive a blessing. Also the **1st Sunday** of the month we could use 4 or 5 extra “helping” hands.

Social Network: **FaceBook**

Donations

Thank you to all who are financially donating to HHM. Please consider partnering with us on a monthly basis as we continue to do God’s work in the Harrisburg area. Your donations are tax deductible.

We are a **totally volunteer operated organization!**

When you donate to Helping Hands Ministries of Harrisburg, Inc., you are helping a Vet. **Thank you veterans** for serving our country, It is a privilege and honor to serve you.

Appreciation

Have I told you how much I appreciate ALL my volunteers? I appreciate all their hard work, dedication and willingness to come and serve. We laugh, we cry, we share, we have a special relationship. I know it isn’t always be easy to put up with me but I am thankful they do.

I love the fact that CHUM youth and Focus Group from Glenvale COG come to help serve. These young people get to experience first hand meeting of the needs of others. This is not because of me but what the Lord has allowed me to do for the past 23 years. By allowing young people to come to see the “other side” they in turn will grow into caring adults.

Any young people who need community service hours for school.? Please contact me—we would love to have you. A thankful kudos to a young man from Keystone Human Services ACAP program who came to help serve on several Fridays. What a blessing he was to come and help.

Thank you Highspire Fire Department roast beef dinner leftovers donated to Helping Hands Ministries. Thank you. I love those volunteer firemen, thanks for all you do for your community. And as always thankful for Charlton UMC and their “spaghetti Friday” meal, and the casseroles provide by St. Johns Lutheran in Shiremanstown.

Thanks John from Glenvale Church of God for hooking us up with tasty homemade rice pudding—enjoyed by all.

Last September Chipotle opened a new store on Union Deposit Road. Before they could open to the public they had to “practice” all the items on the menu. Since they couldn’t sell it guess who ate Mexican for a few meals — that’s’ right - the guys. YUM YUM

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4:00pm—6:00 pm.

Doing Well

Success story.

A woman shared with me the hard life of she had — abuse, homelessness, alcohol, and then God delivered her and she lives a better life . She’s married to a loving man, has a roof over her head, and helps those in need. Not saying everything is easy, but she knowing where she came from and how the Lord delivered her, that’s all she needs to go on.

We are here for those who are in need. In need of a hot meal, in need of prayer, a listening ear, or just to know someone cares about them.

It’s always great to support the vendors that support Helping Hands Ministries of Harrisburg. They are kind enough to donate so to show our appreciation please tell them thank you by purchasing their product. You can always tell the manager too. Some of the vendors are The Healthy Grocer, Broad Street Market, Bonefish Grill, Bob Evans New Cumberland, and Red Lobster and KFC Lemoyne.

Verily I say unto you,
Inasmuch as ye have done
it unto one of the least of
these my brethren, ye
have done it unto me.

Matthew 25:40



Be ye therefore
followers of God,
as dear children;

Ephesians 5:1

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