



## Prayer Newsletter

Hope for Renewal seeks to serve, build relationships and share the love of Christ for those living in the Glenwood Corridor in Youngstown, Ohio.

*Philippians 1:3-6*

VBS 2019

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**Where are we and where do we go from here?** In the last few months we have been asking this question to discern the next steps and the future plan for the ministry of Hope for Renewal. This task to discern "the ministry plan" has led me back to the very foundation that this ministry was formed upon, prayer!

On March 21, 2015 Cindy and I were led to discern that the first priority of the ministry of Hope For Renewal would be to prayer walk the entire neighborhood. Since that day we strongly believe that this is still the foundation and priority of this ministry. Since that day we continue to prayer walk in the neighborhood every week and also have been seeking prayer support through committed churches and people who would be committed to prayer for this ministry. I know that we have regularly been witnesses to the power and authority of Gods' hand in so many ways because of prayer. Things that shouldn't be possible have become possible. And yet there are days when I forget that nothing significant will happen in this ministry without prayer being the foundation and focus. Today I came across a devotional by Charles Spurgeon about prayer.

Here are a few of his quotes about prayer that I leave with you as a challenge in your life but also to say that we are

desperately seeking fervent prayer for Hope for Renewal.

***"Let us lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the heavens."***  
— **Lamentations 3:41**

***"Prayer plumes the wings of God's young eaglets, that they may learn to mount above the clouds."***

***"Prayer girds the loins of God's warriors, and sends them forth to combat with their sinews braced and their muscles firm. An earnest pleader cometh out of his closet, even as the sun ariseth from the chambers of the east, rejoicing like a strong man to run his race."***

***"Prayer girds human weakness with divine strength, turns human folly into heavenly wisdom, and gives to troubled mortals the peace of God."***

### Playground Ministry

As of today, we have been blessed to be at the playground for the tenth of twenty-two weekly community picnics. This year we have been persevering through many Wednesday night thunderstorms and humid hot temperatures. And yet God still uses each and every week to let His love be shown and proclaimed to the

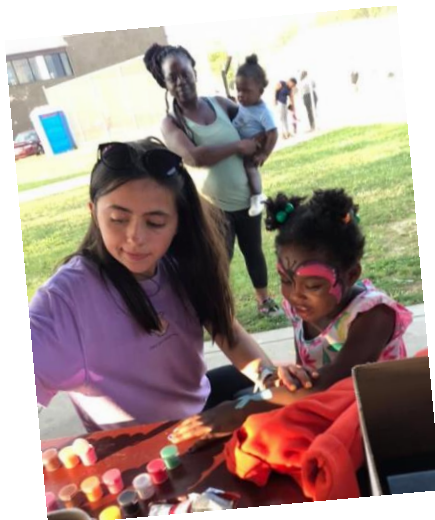
neighborhood. We have met many precious and wonderful children and adults and been blessed to spend time with those whom we have come to know over the last three years. We have also been blessed with six different groups to come and serve with our ministry team.

Please continue to pray for the remaining weeks that we have to serve and proclaim the love of Christ.



**Vacation Bible School July 30,31 Aug 1**  
It is incredible to proclaim that we had our first V.B.S. at the Glenwood Playground. God blessed us with three incredible evenings filled with dinner and

Bible Lessons, Music, Crafts and Games and a whole lot of care and love shown to the many children and families that attended. It was truly awesome to see so many people serving and expressing God's love in many ways. A huge thank you to Tabernacle E.P.C. adults and Youth Missions Team and the Glenwood Playground Ministry Team for making this possible.



**We Need Candy!** The 2019 Fall Fun Fest will be held at the Glenwood Playground on Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> and we need your help. The FFF is one of our largest outreaches of summer ministry season. Last year we had over 300 in attendance. This year we expect a crowd of over 400. We are asking for donations of individually wrapped fun size candy. Last year we needed approx. 30,000 pieces of candy. This year the need will be 40,000. Please consider buying some candy yourself or organizing a candy drive at one of your groups or organizations or church that you attend.



**Ministry Center Rehab Update:** Several weeks ago we submitted all of our plans to the City of Youngstown for approval for our building permit. We are expecting to hear back within two weeks. If all goes well we will then have the rough plumbing installed and then the rest of the building will be finished as soon as possible to be ready for the fall and winter ministry plans in the building. We will be letting you know the specific needs and timing of the work that will need done after the rough plumbing is installed. Please pray that all of the needed approval happens as soon as possible.



**Thank You!** Again we want to thank all who have helped financially with the rehab process and the ministry needs. There are still financial needs for the rehab and the future ministry. Please consider committing to monthly or yearly donation or a one-time gift. If you would like more information or would love to help in this way please give Gary a call or email or text.

**You are important partners in this ministry and we'd love to hear from you . . .**

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