

Operation Brotherhood 2012 Update

Operation Brotherhood 2012 reached 1,638 families with food and the Word of God. Each family was followed up by a church member and invited to visit their church. Also, if the church member found a problem in the family, they referred them to someone who could assist the family.

We were blessed to have 26 Churches and 3 Missions participate this year, representing locations throughout the city of Philadelphia and including 3 Spanish churches. We had more youth participating than ever before and four wonderful Christian schools donated cans of green beans and corn, sweet potatoes, and stuffing. Youth



groups from churches helped on Packing Night by packing the baskets and singing God's praises. All God's children came and worked together, bringing glory to God.

Many families for the very first time are visiting churches and coming to know Jesus Christ as their Savior. Please keep these families in your prayers as they grow in their Christian walk.

On behalf of the board of trustees of Skilton House Ministries, we thank the Korean United Church of Philadelphia for hosting Operation Brotherhood Packing Nights, providing delightful refreshments for the volunteers, Saturday Pick-up Baskets and the Distribution of the Turkeys in their Parking Lot on Tuesday before Thanksgiving. We also thank Faithful Temple Evangelistic Deliverance Church for hosting the Operation Brotherhood Rally on October 7, 2012, and we thank all the many volunteers and contributors that made this Operation Brotherhood 2012 such a joyous occasion. We look forward to Operation Brotherhood 2013 to continue to glorify our Lord in mighty ways. We pray that our funding will allow us to serve many more families who need our Lord.

Operation Brotherhood 2013

.....Begins NOW! Be identifying those in your community who don't know our Lord and who are also in need of food. Your local elementary school might direct you to those families in need or the local Food Bank. These baskets and turkeys are to be used as an outreach for churches to reach people for Jesus Christ. If you have a need in your church, you are taking care of those in your church family, however, this program should be used as an outreach ministry in your community.

Please find two flyers enclosed. The Rally Flyer tells us that the Operation Brotherhood 2013 Rally will be held on Sunday, October 6, 2013 at 3 P.M. at Peniel Baptist Church, 2515 Jefferson Street, Philadelphia PA

19121. It is most important that you and your church members, youth groups, and choirs attend as we need Prayer Warriors for this neighborhood and every neighborhood represented by the Operation Brotherhood churches. Also, the requests for baskets of food and turkeys are received at the Rally.

The second flyer is the Calendar of Events. All meetings should be placed on your Church Calendar and we will expect attendance for all meetings and events from representatives from your church if you are going to participate. Together, we can make a difference in many lives in the Philadelphia area as we share our LOVE of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

Christian Released Time

Is your church membership growing? How about your Sunday school? How many young people attend each Sunday? You may say that those who attend are growing in their walk with the Lord, but our numbers are down and particularly in our Sunday schools. We just don't know how to interest people in coming to church to know the Lord.....

We have the ANSWER FOR YOUR CHURCH!..... CRT (CHRISTIAN RELEASED TIME). This is a program that allows public school children in Pennsylvania to attend religious training for one hour per week for 36 weeks. While in school time, they may be walked to a close location, off the school grounds, to learn about Jesus Christ. We don't know how much longer we will have this freedom to share our Lord, knowing the way our country is going ... so we urge you to plan now to start up a CRT Class in September and train as many youth as possible in the Philadelphia area. What a difference it will make in our city of Brotherly Love! Train the child and allow the child to help their parents and grandparents to come to know the Lord.

Did you say that your pastor is too busy? I can truly understand that. However, how about your congregation? Are they all working? Perhaps a few senior citizens in your congregation, who know our Lord, would love to be in Missions. This would be just perfect. Please call Skilton House Ministries and we would be happy to come and help you get started. There is no charge for your church to become involved, except perhaps you could bake cookies to give the children for a special treat. Call 215-646-1774.

SKILTON HOUSE MINISTRIES NEWSLETTER

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...

If you would like to serve our Lord through Christian Released Time, we have a need for volunteers to contact churches and work with them to start the CRT program. There is much work to be done and you will be part of a great revival in Philadelphia and also help your church grow for our Lord. Please e-mail Ann Egner (annegner@aol.com) and we will make arrangements to train you so you can serve.

CAMPERSHIP TIME

"Facing the Fire" is the theme of our Christian Conestoga Bible Camp this year in Lancaster County, where our Christian Released Time students will be attending from July 29 through August 3.

This will truly be a life changing experience for these students as they will learn how to stand strong in the Lord while coping in today's society. For some students, it may be the very first time away from home and the city of Philadelphia. However, they will not only be surrounded by loving Christian counselors and learn more about Jesus, but will also have a wonderful time swimming in a pool, riding horseback, playing games,

singing Praise Hymns by a bonfire and making new friends.

YOU may help to become part of this experience by providing funds for full or partial (\$100.00) scholarships so these students will be able to attend. We also provide sleeping bags (\$16.00) for each student since they have never camped before and don't have the proper equipment. Please send your checks payable to Skilton House Ministries and send them to Skilton House Ministries, P.O. Box 1045, Glenside, PA 19038-1045. Please note on your check "For Campership." Thank you for your loving prayers and support.

The President's Corner

By Mr. Durwin Parks



In chapter 19 of Psalms, the Psalmist says, "The heavens declare the glory of God." By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have entered the

summer season. A reflection on this past spring is noteworthy, however. The flowering trees were a wonderful display of God's glory. The strawberries and blueberries were excellent, and I've heard the sweet cherries are wonderful as well. The season of spring is about change. At Skilton House Ministries, we see God's amazing grace changing lives. Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ – who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life – produces change in our lives.

As we head into summer, please don't forget about Skilton House Ministries' partnership with Conestoga

Bible Camp, and the youth who will be attending from Philadelphia. Sponsor a Philadelphian youth for camp as an investment in the future. If you can help, please mail your check to: Skilton House Ministries, P.O. Box 1045, Glenside, PA 19038. Please note on your check "For Campership."

We also have a new way to find us! Now you can like us on Facebook.

Please pray for us to honor God in all we do at Skilton House Ministries.