

The Good Newsletter

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Celebrating 23 years



Keith Wasserman
Founder/Executive Director

Greetings dear friends from all of us at Good Works, Inc.
A COMMUNITY OF HOPE!

*I made the widow's heart sing. I took up the case
of the stranger. I was a father to the fatherless.*

(Job 29:12-17)

When Is Our Service Enough?

*Then the righteous will answer him,
"Lord, when did we see you hungry and
feed you, or thirsty and give you some-
thing to drink? When did we see you a
stranger and invite you in, or needing
clothes and clothe you? When did we see
you sick or in prison and go and visit
you?" The King will reply, "I tell you the
truth, whatever you did for the least of
these brothers of mine, you did for me."*

—Matthew 25:37-40.

Several of my friends and coworkers are talking leisurely at my home after dinner one night. "Is working at Good Works enough?" inquired one of my friends, and the question resonates in my mind. What does God require of us, and is what we're doing enough? Does working a forty hour a week job in a ministry that is dedicated to helping those on the margins of society fulfill my obligatory service to God, and if not, when will I ever be doing enough?

The asking of these questions leads me to the obvious answer of "no". Ultimately my efforts, my service, are never enough. It is humbling to say that I thought I was coming to work at Good Works because of what I could offer. And, indeed, with my experience working with people and my training in the field of counseling, I'm sure I was bringing some things that would benefit this ministry. However, it didn't take long to realize how inadequate my supply of love and compassion was, particularly for people that didn't seem to want my love or

compassion. To be quite frank, I sometimes took offense with the seeming lack of gratitude for how much I was trying to help people. As I struggled through these issues, I went through a season of time where I strongly defended my right to separate my personal life from my work; my "ministry" from my "identity". And while I still believe that there are times in our lives when this is healthy, there comes a time where God works only through our willingness to sacrifice ourselves.

I was working as a caregiver (case-worker) at the Timothy House when we became aware that several of the residents (including some children) had severe cases of head lice. I'm sure most of us have experienced, or at least heard about, how difficult it is to eradicate a problem of head lice. With a tenacity rivaled by few other living creatures, the only way to really get rid of lice is a comprehensive medical treatment (with potentially hazardous shampoo), environmental clean-up, and nit removal all at one time. Skipping steps in this rather tedious process results in the perpetuation and reinfestation of this problem. When I realized the extent of this problem, the rest of the staff and I proceeded to gather information from a variety of sources. We talked to nurses, friends, school professionals, and even the health depart-



Catherine Liggett

Good Works, Inc. is a *Community of HOPE* which provides biblical hospitality through The Timothy House, our shelter for the rural homeless, The Hannah House, our long term residential facility, job training, and creative volunteer opportunities in the context of a Christian Community.

- Empowering and transforming lives
- Providing shelter for the recovering homeless through a COMMUNITY OF HOPE
- Offering life-changing service opportunities to love our neighbors

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By Dave Roach

PARTNERING IN MINISTRY

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In I Corinthians chapter 12, the apostle Paul writes, "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ." This image vividly reminds us that as the body of Christ, we are to work together for the common good of God's Kingdom here on earth. Yet, all too often I fear that our vision tends to be limited to just our own abilities, resources, and endeavors.

However, I believe that God's call is for us to be in ministry in ways that complement, not compete, with each other.

Last fall, the leadership of Good Works and The Plains United Methodist Church began a dialogue as to how we could very intentionally enter into a partnership that could live out that calling of working together for the common good of God's Kingdom here in our community. The result was that we agreed to begin to share vision, leadership, and resources to reach out to those in need.

So on October 2002, we began hosting the on-going Friday Night Life free community meal and related Friday night ministries. This partnership made possible an exceptional outreach ministry that neither of us could have ever accomplished on our

own. Well over 100 people gather each Friday night to share in a meal, fellowship, and spiritual growth.

As is usually the case, when one vision unfolds, another tends to be birthed. As our dialogue continued, a new vision for reaching out into our community began to develop. It was a vision of extending ministry beyond the walls of any specific building. It was a vision of going out to where the need was, rather than expecting folk to come to us. It's an approach to ministry that Jesus used as he went out and moved among the people of his day. John Wesley also picked up on this as he went out into the hovels and coal fields of his time.

The idea that began to develop was to take the already established Good Works Summer Kids Club and take it on the road into areas of the community where there would be a concentration of children that otherwise might not be able to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. We would go on-site to where the kids live and play. There we

would offer games and activities to get to know one another. At lunch time we could then provide transportation to the church where we could offer a free hot lunch followed by some more faith-based learning and fellowship opportunities.

This ten week, five days a week summer ministry offering is quite a large project, but the pieces are currently coming together. Again, this is an example of how working together, sharing vision, leadership, and resources can make possible some pretty exciting opportunities that only extended vision and intentional cooperation can make happen.

The apostle Paul was right you know: One body, many parts, working together for the common good of God's kingdom here on earth. That's how it's supposed to be. God invites us to vision beyond our own limited abilities, resources and endeavors. For after all, "the body does not consist of one member, but of many." ■

—Dave Roach
is the pastor of
The Plains United
Methodist Church

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Residents, former residents, volunteers and staff participate in the Friday Night Supper at The Plains United Methodist Church.

walk
for the Homeless



“Walk for the Homeless a Huge Success!”



Walkers raise over \$43,000 to support people struggling with homelessness and poverty in Southeast Ohio.

WOW! What else can we say in response to what happened on January 18, 2003 at the First Annual Good Works Walk for the Homeless? Here's a sampling of what happened:

- Over 400 walkers participated in about 7 degree weather. (We were expecting no more than 150 walkers when we planned the event.)
- Over \$43,000 was raised to directly assist the homeless of SE Ohio through the Timothy House, our shelter for the rural homeless!

Needless to say we are grateful beyond words for everyone's participation in this wonderful event. Simply put, this event could not have happened without the tireless work of many people from around the area and the state. A big THANK YOU goes out to all participants who believe in what we are about and for caring about men, women and children who are homeless and hurting. One walker had this to say about her experience: *The Walk was a wonderful event. There was a strong feeling of purpose and camaraderie among the walkers during the walk and at the event held afterward. The cold weather reminded the walkers (and probably others reading about it) that the homeless don't have a choice—they have to go out in it—and that was a powerful message.*

I want to remind you that, while the amount that many of you helped raise to assist the rural homeless was incredible, it only represents about 20% of the entire annual budget needed to operate the Timothy House 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Timothy House is the only homeless shelter for men, women and children in an eight-county region in southeastern Ohio. Indeed, our shelter is constantly occupied with people in crisis. The need is truly greater than ever! Plan on participating in next year's *Walk for the Homeless* on January 17, 2004! ■

Day in the Life of Good Works

Often people ask us how much it costs to operate all the ministries of Good Works including The Timothy House, our shelter for the rural homeless. While costs do fluctuate from year to year, we have tried to answer the question by telling them how much it costs (in private giving) to operate Good Works for one day a year. We have figured this cost to be right around \$816 a day.

It is with this understanding that we launched our “Day in the Life” of Good Works giving program in 2002. Simply stated, we are asking individuals, churches, organizations and businesses to consider sponsoring a “Day” (the costs associated with operating Good Works for a day) each year with an annual financial gift totaling \$816 to Good Works. Additionally, we encourage the giver to actually choose a day on the calendar that they want to sponsor and make an effort to visit Good Works on that day to provide a meal, assist with an elderly client, or simply tour our facilities and meet the people we are serving so that they can see how their money is being invested.

Several persons, churches, and businesses have signed up to join this program; however, we are a long way from our goal of having every calendar day of the year (365 days) sponsored by someone wanting to invest in the ministry of Good Works. For some, giving \$816 at one time is too difficult, so they have chosen to give monthly (\$68/mo). At the end of the year, their monthly contribution to Good Works equals the amount needed to sustain our operations for a day. If you are not a regular contributor to Good Works, won't you consider joining this program? If you are a regular contributor, perhaps you would be willing to increase your yearly giving to equal the costs to operate “A Day in the Life” of Good Works. To make this program even easier, we have arranged for you to have your monthly gift automatically deducted from your bank account. This way, you won't have to worry about remembering to write out a check or providing postage. Call us at 740-594-3339 to sign up and pick the day of the year you or your church (Sunday School class), organization, or business wants to sponsor!

THANK YOU TO OUR CURRENT “DAY IN THE LIFE” SPONSORS:

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- People's Bank
- Fish-N-Stuff
- Ross Stube Memorial Foundation
- Cynthia Mitchell
- Harold Marsh
- Greg Kremer
- Ann Briek
- Quinn, Quinn & Crawford Optometrists
- SS Class of Maple Street UMC, Lancaster, OH
- Bread of Life Full Gospel Church, Jacksonville, OH
- Shawna Stump, State Farm Insurance
- Logan Knights of Columbus
- Bob and Cherie Gall

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ment. The answer was always the same – there is no expertise required to remove nits from the hair, just patience and perseverance, and a good eye. So, the residents of the Timothy House and I set to work on the painstaking process of lice treatment together. We embarked on systematic head checks of residents and staff, an abundance of laundry and vacuuming, disinfecting anything that might contribute to the spread of lice, and, of course, the shampooing and removal process of the lice.

Imagine if you will the stress of being in a homeless shelter, your children are unable to attend school until they are "nit-free," and you are already feeling isolated and alone without adding the problem of lice treatment to your full plate. This is what this family was going through during this very difficult time in their lives.

By the third day of dealing with this problem at the house, the stress was beginning to wear on me as well. The schools could prevent the kids from returning until they were nit-free, but we were the homeless shelter. What were we supposed to do? The doctors could

examine and diagnose, prescribe medicated shampoo, and send them away. But we were the homeless shelter. What were we supposed to do? I began to realize that this task was too much for this family to handle without some help. I knew something needed to be done, but I was pretty sure that I didn't take this job at Good Works to pick nits out of someone else's hair. I tried every avenue to recruit some help, and did find fellowship with the friends who were willing to come to my place of work. They bravely entered into this tense and stressful environment, and

I was called to radically love people in a way that the world will not love people.

began to lovingly minister to the people that I could no longer see as people, but rather as a problem to be dealt with.

At the end of a particularly long and stressful night, with seemingly little progress toward our goal, I left work two hours late with my friends who had been working with me in this process. I remember being very weary and frustrated, and asking my friend Kathryn if this was my job: was I getting paid to comb through someone's hair hour after hour? I will never forget her words to me when she said that by combing lice out of someone's hair, I was combing lice out of

the hair of Jesus. It was then that I realized that my willingness to sacrifice myself, my time, and my pride in my job, was what God was requiring of me. I was called to the task at hand not because it was in my job description. I was called to this task because I was called to radically love people in a way that the world will not love people. I was called to a task that might be parallel to the foot washing in Jesus's time. Jesus did not come to be served, but came to serve.

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them" (John 13:12-17). This was a transformational experience for me when I began to recognize the practical truth of Jesus's words: "whatever you do unto the least of these, you do unto Me".

-Catherine Liggett is the Director of Caregiving at the Timothy House

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Wasserman's Sabbatical Year

Many of you know that, after more than 10 years of dreaming and planning, Good Works' Founder and Executive Director, Keith Wasserman, and his family are taking a year long sabbatical in 2003.

The vision has been to create a rite of passage for his son, Timothy—who turned 13 on May 2nd—by traveling around the world to serve missionaries who are serving the poor. In 1997, the Good Works board gave approval to this sabbatical/leave of absence and the initial step includes spending a few months in Wilmore, Kentucky where Asbury Seminary is located. Beginning at Asbury will enable Keith to rest with his family before venturing out to parts beyond.



Keith's e-mail during the year will be keithwasserman@pobox.com. Contact information can be found through Good Works and is posted on the Good Works web page (www.good-works.net) under WASSERMAN SABBATICAL YEAR. Personal mail sent to Good Works at P.O. Box 4 and to their home address (11026 Tucker Run Road/Athens, Ohio 45701) will be forwarded to them.

Please pray for Keith, Darlene, and Timothy as they set out this year in fulfilling the dream God has given them. Pray that they would return safely and with a renewed perspective on what God has called them to in serving the widows, the fatherless and the strangers of the world. ■



Matt and Beverly Hale

*Life on Life Mentoring
Coordinators and Navigator
Campus Ministry Directors*

It started through the simple invitation of friends asking us to join them for Good Works' Friday Night Supper: "Come by, eat some food, meet some people, and help out." In 1997 my wife and I (both single at the time) were students at Ohio University and a free meal outside of the dining hall sounded really good. The invitations each of us received also came at times when we were trying to figure out just what it meant to be a "disciple" of Jesus Christ. Both of us were raised in believing homes and had solid foundations, but it was now time to follow Him as adults. Within a couple of years, we became regulars at the Friday Night Suppers and started getting invitations to volunteer in

other capacities there was no turning back.

Those first years with Good Works marked a turning point in our lives. We vaguely remembered reading in the Bible about God's heart for the poor, about Jesus' constant involvement with "the least of these," about the early disciples' steadfast commitment to caring for those in need - but we had not really experienced these things. Suddenly God's Word came to life in the faces of those around us. We got to meet the tired, elderly widow, that Jesus complimented for having faith enough to offer her last coins. She sat at our table every Friday night! We saw the children who ran to Jesus even as the disciples scolded them. They were running all over the place, spilling their drinks and making noise. We were privileged to join Jesus as he ate with the "sinners" and outcasts. They were teenage moms, ex-cons, users, sick, and suffering. Jesus had invited everyone, but these were the ones that showed up for the feast.

In the years since, Good Works has always stood out to us as a gem of an organization. We've seen many organizations that seek justice, but lose their focus on following the Lord. We've also seen far too many organizations that seek to

follow God, but ignore the poor (who He holds so dear). Good Works, simply put, loves God and loves people. They are committed to following those two commandments. As Jesus says, "All the Law and Prophets hang on these."

We now stand at another turning point in our lives. We are moving to the city of Detroit to lay the foundation for a Navigators ministry. As we prepare to leave, we've been reflecting on our time with Good Works and what we've learned. For all the work we have put in there, we seem to have received more than we gave (that's God's economy: we can't out-give Him and we can't out-serve Him). We are rich with blessings and lessons gleaned from our years with Good Works. Many of these will be reinvested as we follow God into Detroit. The Lord has used Good Works to shape our hearts. Wherever we end up, we know to look for God among "the least of these." ■

-Matt & Bev Hale have helped out with Friday Night Life each week and are the directors of the Life-on-Life Mentoring ministry at Good Works. They will be missed.

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"After-hours" at the Timothy House

Kevin Jacobson

At the beginning of this school year I began working for Good Works at the Timothy House on the night shift. When I started, I had no idea how much I would witness, and how much I would grow and learn in my faith. I have now been working as a "night-shift guy" for a little over six months. I can say without any doubt that I have seen a lot of things and have grown in many ways since I started.

One of the first things that I learned was that most of the people that we serve at the Timothy House are nice people. A lot of my job consists of hanging out and talking with residents in the evening. I am continually impressed by the strength and resilience of some of our residents.

Another lesson that I learned in my few months working was that some people we serve are at the end of their rope. Because of this desperation, they feel the need to be deceptive to meet their needs. There have been many times on my shift where residents would try to manipulate a situation to better suit what they thought



their needs were. In these situations, it is easy to feel deceived or taken advantage of. If we are not careful, this can lead to a distrusting attitude that works against our desire to serve. I have found that one way to not become resentful is to spend time with God and in the Word replenishing my compassion for the people that we serve. Sometimes all it takes is to get outside the situation and think about it, and it becomes easier to serve.

One of the best things about working as a Timothy House night-shifter is that it has helped me in my understanding and use of authority. I have always had a problem being an authoritative figure. I have never

felt comfortable instructing people on what they had to do. But this attitude is not an option working the night shift at the Timothy House. I have had to learn how to lead and how to properly use authority. At the same time, I need to be careful about how I use this authority since, as staff, each of us have tremendous power over the lives of the people who stay at the Timothy House. My experience has taught me not to take authority lightly and to always be careful of how to properly use the authority I have been given in a loving manner.

These, are just a few of the things that I have learned already. I look forward to learning and growing much more as I continue to spend my time at the Timothy House. Good Works has definitely been a blessing in my life, and has contributed to my growth and knowledge in my faith and has given me a taste of what happens at the Timothy House "after-hours."

-Kevin Jacobson is a "night-shift guy" at Good Works and a sophomore at Ohio University.



ELLEN AND ASHLEY: A MENTORING REVERSAL

volunteers

I believe very strongly in the power of a mentoring relationship, and I am so thankful that Ashley and I have the opportunity to learn from and love each other.

"Ellen, do you believe in Jesus?" Ashley, the nine year old girl I mentor, posed this question to me as we were walking through Kroger's getting groceries for our afternoon's activity, making pizza. I was perplexed and more than a little bit panicked. "Why is Ashley worrying about whether I believe in Jesus or not? Does she not like me because I don't believe? Why is a nine year old worrying about my salvation, shouldn't she be jumping rope and playing with her Barbie dolls?" Over a year later, I am so incredibly thankful for her boldness and her innocence that allowed her to overlook the potential awkwardness of her question and just ask what was on her heart. God knew what he was doing when he put Ashley in my life, because the seed she planted, along with many others, is what led me to Jesus in the summer of 2002. When I think about what the gift of mentoring Ashley means to me, a million memories flash into my head, making my eyes water and my heart skip a beat. Ashley is an incredible servant. One evening before the Friday Night Supper, I suggested that we go to different tables and ask if we could get drinks for the people sitting there. She jumped at the chance, and started going around to tables, introducing herself and asking what people would like to drink. Ashley is also a sassy, exuberant, outgoing, bold, loving, Brittany Spears singing tour de force! Together we have painted fingernails, gone to the dog park, attended numerous special events, and baked cookies, among other things. Ashley does everything in her life with a joy that is absolutely contagious. I believe very strongly in the power of a mentoring relationship, and I am so thankful that Ashley and I have the opportunity to learn from and love each other.

—Ellen Botkin is in her second year of mentoring in Good Works' Life-on-Life mentoring program.

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SENIOR CARE

About 5 years ago I sat in my office on Court St, busy at work, minding my own business, when in walked a 4'10", seventy five year old spit-fire of a woman who changed my life. Her name was Sarah Graham and she wanted some help getting on the Internet. It took only a few minutes before we realized that we were both Christians. After all, her primary reason for wanting to get online was to stir up some hot theological debate with a new and limitless audience. I helped her put up a website and soon our relationship blossomed beyond the office walls. After she had a stroke, I visited her in the hospital and I will never forget when she saw me, sat up in bed, and with one side of her face paralyzed with stroke said, "I'm back in the saddle again!"

I learned so much from Sarah, I learned about her adventures, her regrets, and about her inquenchable desire to know God in truth. I learned so much about me too – difficult things – such as how I was afraid to get too close to her for fear

she might start "needing me," expecting more from me than what I wanted to give. How I was uncomfortable with her poverty – again, what might she want from me? And then the greatest lesson of all – that all she wanted from me was my friendship. To have her dreams and her revelations validated by someone who cared enough to listen. And in return I received gifts far more valuable than anything I had to offer her – perspective, courage, and hope that I too would continue to have a challenging faith in God and personal dreams even in the twilight of my life.

I wasn't there when Sarah died but I did talk with her several weeks prior and— true to form— she was flirting with her doctors and working on a new play with her nurses. Her death left a hole in my life for two reasons. First, I missed the company of an elderly friend. Second, I learned from Sarah what it means to serve somebody else and I really believe that God was holding her hand through mine. It introduced to me a whole new intimacy with God I had never really considered – except maybe in theory. So when Keith approached me about Senior

Care at Good Works, I jumped at the opportunity. He explained that it wasn't about helping someone around their house, or cooking dinner for them, it was about just "being" there with them. I visit Mary at Hickory Creek every other week. She's 93 years old and in amazingly good health. She is soft-spoken, quiet. She doesn't have a lot of visitors. Sometimes I can really get her engaged in telling her stories, like how she rode her horse to the Shade school in the snow everyday when she was a girl. Other times she is quiet and just watches my baby Wyatt with delight as he plays with the stuffed animals on her bed. Often when I arrive she isn't sure who I am, but when I leave I know that I have made her day better, maybe even her week. As I walk out the door, I pass the rooms with the open doors – people sitting alone, staring at the television, or the floor and I think of the words of Jesus to his disciples in Matthew 9:37, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

—Kathryn Cooper is a Good Works volunteer with the Senior Care Program.

Living the life



What Matters

By Rob Rennich

Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all of your heart and all of your soul and all of your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All of the law and the prophets hang on these two commandments."

—Matthew 22:37-40

Love God and love people. It seems so simple and so easy. But in the time I've spent as a volunteer at Good Works Timothy House I've come to see that loving God and people is not always simple and is very rarely easy.

A resident of the Timothy House is at the door. As I come to welcome him home I can see it in his eyes, and smell it on his breath. He has been drinking today. It's my job to tell him he can't stay here tonight and I don't want to do it. I know this man. He is my friend. I know he'll be angry with me. I know he'll probably talk with the other residents about what horrible person I am for throwing him out on the streets. I don't want him on the streets tonight. I don't want him in the bars tonight either. I want him to have a warm, safe place to stay.

But I also want him to break out of the cycle. I want him to escape from the bonds that hold him down. Will he change his behavior if no one holds him accountable? Will he face his problems if he never has to face consequences? Will he learn to be responsible if I break the rules for him? No. So I do the most loving thing I can. I talk to the staff and we ask him to leave. It's heartbreaking for me, but I guess Jesus never said love would be easy.

I've learned a ton of stuff at Good Works. I've learned you develop discernment by using discernment. I've learned knowing God means defending the cause of the needy. I've learned that love is a verb. I've learned that loving someone always costs you something. And I've learned that sometimes the loving thing to do is not always the same as the kindest thing to do. Love God and love people. Simple, right?

—Rob Rennich is a volunteer at the Timothy House.

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FAST FROM SHELTER

By Amy Pyle and Kelly Hilands



Worship during the Fast From Shelter

Chilled slabs of stone. Moving vehicles. Noisy strangers. Birdie bathroom sites. Are these the things that usually come to mind when you think of your bed?

This is the location where you are supposed to feel the most protected and warm. Of all the places you travel in a day, your bed is where you should know rest and privacy. But imagine if you could only associate the time of day when you are most vulnerable with suffering and threat. Imagine if it became the place where you were daily forced to admit in shameful humility that your

existence is not very secure or admirable.

Such things were our meditation for an entire night as we spent an evening on the streets of Athens, Ohio – sleeping on the courthouse steps, to be exact. In April, we participated in the Fast From Shelter with the staff and friends of Good Works in an effort to identify with the homeless in their suffering – and to overcome stereotypes we have about homelessness. Why do we stigmatize the homeless and find ourselves frightened to reach out or even talk to people we see on the street? What separates "us" from "them"?

First Samuel 16:7 reminds us that "man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." As we talked throughout the night with a variety of people from different economic backgrounds, fashion preferences, and tooth colors, we realized that there is actually very little that separates us. Each of us is still in need of the same basic elements of life and each of us is still desperate for the grace of God to cover us and show us what an abundant life truly is.

In all honesty, we experienced very little of what it was like to be truly

homeless. We ate food that had been donated to us from local restaurants; we praised God and read from the Bible together at the beginning of every hour; we sat and talked to one another as a team throughout the evening. And each of us knew that we had some sort of family or support system to turn back to the next day. There was an easy way out for each of us. But the homeless do not know such blessings. And understanding this made our hearts a lot more receptive to receiving the testimony of a passing homeless man who was confident in assuring us, "God doesn't give you anything you can't handle."

And God has called us to love and minister to people such as these. As He has stated in Matthew 25, "For as much as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me." We have gained a fuller picture of God's heart for the poor and suffering through the Fast From Shelter. The challenge is now to act out of such a heart in justice, mercy and humility.

—Kelly Hilands and Amy Pyle are from Grove City College, PA, and spent their Spring Break volunteering with Good Works.

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Love God. Love your neighbor. In the end, nothing else really matters.

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP GOOD WORKS

- Would you like to have Good Gifts come to your group event? 740/594-3336.
- Would you consider sponsoring a DAY-IN-THE-LIFE of Good Works? Contact Craig Garrison at 740/594-3339. Sponsors are asked to give \$68.00 a month.
- Want to have one of our staff come and talk about Good Works? 740/594-9000.
- Want to join our "event" fund-raising team? We are looking for workers.

Needs List:

Towels
String trimmers
Leaf Rakes
Vacuum cleaners
New or used Bobcat
Golf cart
Snow Plow for a Ford F150
Round Up (weed killer)
Garden Hoses
Shovels
Pitch fork
Video Projector for presentations
Trailer for moving lawn equipment
Mac-compatible laser printer

ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

We are sending you this newsletter in the HOPE that you would partner with us as we love the widow, fatherless and homeless. If you would prefer not to receive this newsletter, simply let us know and we will remove you from any future mailings. Call us at 740/594-3339 or e-mail us at goodworks@pobox.com

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- Keith's homeless stories & a recent talk by Keith
- A Christian Worldview: Our Philosophy of Ministry
- Good Gifts and Country B & B
- Solitude Retreat Cabin
- History & Philosophy behind The Hannah & Timothy Houses
- Staff information and photos
- Previous newsletters & Bible Studies
- Walk for the Homeless information

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- God's Commitment to the Poor in the Early Church
- The Widow, the Orphan and the Stranger
- The Poor and Oppressed in Scripture

Internship Opportunities

HANNAH HOUSE INTERNSHIP

Hannah House interns serve from 6 months to 1 year and live on the second floor of Hannah House. They learn how we provide biblical hospitality and share living space with someone who is recovering from a life-controlling problem in the context of Christian Community. For more information about this internship, visit our web page and click on *Internship Opportunities* or contact David Wilkes at 740/594-3336.

SUMMER INTERNSHIP

Each year we hire several people to lead the Summer Service Program. This is an intensive outreach to the rural Appalachian community working with children in our Summer Kid's Club, senior citizens through our Samaritan Projects and helping with projects on Good Works properties. The interns work with visiting work groups who offer themselves in service to others to make this possible. For more information about this internship, visit our web page and click on *Internship Opportunities* or contact Paul Richard at 740/594-3336.

Hannah House Building Project

We are beginning a fund raiser to replace the siding, windows and roof on the Hannah House. We will need \$35,000 to do this project. So far we have raised \$4,917. Based on a potential grant opportunity, we still need to raise \$20,000. Can you help us?

Good Works uses over 1,000 volunteers each year. Want to be one? Call 740/594-3339.