

EAGLE PROJECT



Thanks Ben Carpenter!
Ben is a local Boy Scout looking to get his Eagle Scout rank soon. Ben chose Garments of Praise as his Eagle Project. He and MANY volunteers sorted, cleaned, disposed, and organized thousands of clothes. Even though not required for his advancement, Ben is still active in helping us in our ministry!



Garments of Praise provides the clothing and means in which to give away new items of clothes through a single-day outreach event. We exist to equip the body of Christ to see ways in which it can meet a physical and spiritual need of those around them.

WHY GIVE TO OUR MINISTRY?

The Lord has richly blessed you. Luke 6:38

You know the leadership of this ministry and you believe in us. Phil 1:3

We give to this ministry too. 2 Cor. 9:6

We cannot continue on without your gifts. 3 John 5-8

You see the vision of this ministry. Habakkuk 2:3

There is joy in giving. 2 Cor. 9:7

You have seen this ministry in action and know what it can do and will do. Romans 16:1-2

It's Biblical to support missionaries! 1 Cor. 9:14

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The opportunities that the Garments of Praise Ministry Team has been involved in since our last newsletter can be seen in picture form on this page.



Garments were distributed and the Gospel was proclaimed through Living Water Evangelical Free, Oskaloosa, KS; Reach Community Church, Montgomery City, MO; FSBC Overland Park, KS; FBC Kimberling City, MO; FBC, Ozark, MO; and a final event for 2015 is scheduled for December 5th at FBC, Perryville, MO.

A cumulative total of 1374 people attended with 13,446 garments being given away and 43 people who began a relationship with Jesus. Praise God for the privilege to be a part of His work!

We are grateful for your involvement in this ministry through your assistance with sorting, helping at the events, prayer support, and financial support.

Please take a few minutes to read the details inside regarding the detour that the Lord has taken the ministry on this year.

Use the prayer calendar as a daily reminder to lift this ministry in prayer so that you can be a part of this on-going work of the Lord!



EVERYONE HAS A STORY



“GRANDMA, YOUR CLOTHES ARE NASTY”

Grandma (seated) enlisted her friend (standing behind) to help her bring her recently relocated grandkids to our event in Ozark to acquire some of the 3000+ children’s clothes that were collected for this event. Grandma wanted to make sure the kids got enough clothes so she didn’t want to shop for herself. We were able to bless them with many extra tickets and Grandma and the friend were able to find some clothes for themselves too!

The greatest joy of meeting this woman was being able to encourage her that “being a grandma” was a calling from the Lord and that she needn’t feel guilty for only having time to care for those kids and not do other things! Divine appointments.

It took some convincing to get her to shop for herself, but you can see from the heading what her grandson told her!

NEEDED CLOTHES FOR A NEW JOB

The lady below in white was at our event at First Southern Baptist in Overland Park, KS and she needed some clothes for a new job at which she had just recently been hired. She was able to find many clothes and a jacket for this winter!



This temporary warehouse was provided in March. It was later rented and the ministry is once again in need of space to sort and store the clothes. Many people came together to pitch in and help during Mark Scribner’s hospitalization.

I AM PRESSED BUT NOT CRUSHED...



Just a few days after the wreck, I (Mark) was able to share the Lord’s supper with this Lutheran woman who was upset because she was unable to make it to church that Sunday for communion. I had to improvise with Gluten-Free Crackers and Water, but it was a sweet time of fellowship with the Body of Christ!

In the many times of asking the Lord, “WHY?”, it has been brought to my

attention how many times I have been able to share the truth of the Gospel to so many people during and after my time in the hospital.

The insertion of the first chest-tube (below) was a well-attended event at a teaching hospital, but because I was required to stay awake for it, I took that time to teach on the concept of Love Languages to all in the room! What can I say? I had a captive audience! There are still many relationships that I pray for that were developed over that 19 day stay in the hospital. I’ll ask you the same thing I asked them... Are you showing those around you love in the way they need to be shown or are you just showing them love the way you like to be shown?



NOT REALLY WHAT WE HAD PLANNED FOR 2015

“My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,” says the LORD. “And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. Isaiah 55:8

When the newsletter was written last year, you heard about how many events we wanted to do in 2015 and OUR goals for the year... The Lord had different plans!

On May 14th, 2015, Mark Scribner, our President and Managing Director was in a near fatal single-vehicle automobile accident at the intersection of I-70 and I-435 in Kansas.

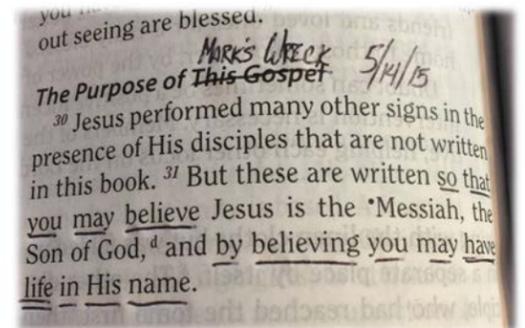
It had just begun to rain and the roads were wet. Mark hydroplaned and hit the bridge supports for the I-435 bridge.

Though never losing consciousness, he did suffer a head laceration, splenic laceration, and had 8 broken ribs. He spent 19 days in KU Medical Center in their Trauma Ward. One surgery and 3 chest tubes later, he

was miraculously released. The past six months have been filled with doctor appointments; cognitive, physical, vestibular, and neurological therapies.

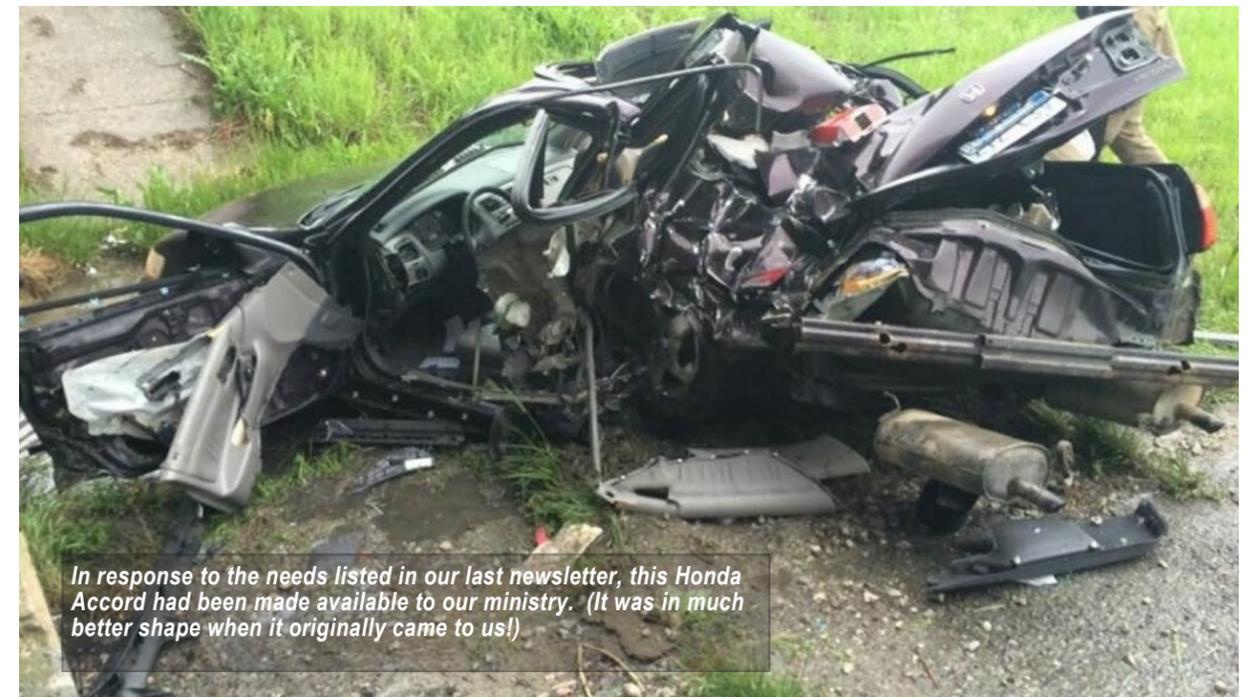
When Mark left the hospital, he was diagnosed with a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). For a while, Mark refused to call it that, but instead just referred to it as a concussion. He was reminded by a sister-in-Christ that God will get so much more glory when we are able to declare that Mark has been fully healed from a TBI and not just a concussion. **WILL YOU JOIN US IN PRAYING AND BELIEVING GOD for this full healing and restoration?**

Though much progress has been made, there is still a road to recovery ahead! Mark and Jaime talk about



the amazing blessings of the Lord that continue to come from Him over the past 6 months. Mark was doing handyman work in Johnson County besides his work for Garments of Praise (GOP), but as of the writing of this has not been released to return to work. More than likely, he will not return to that line of work for many reasons, but two such reasons are to focus more on GOP and to be involved in a church plant.

We aren’t even going to try to tell you how many events we want in 2016 for this ministry, except to tell you that we want to do what God wants us to do and have as many events as He sees fit!



In response to the needs listed in our last newsletter, this Honda Accord had been made available to our ministry. (It was in much better shape when it originally came to us!)