

GOOD NEWSLETTER

December 2019



We are so blessed to have been able to serve the Lord through this ministry for the past 7 years! Because of your support of this ministry, we are able to continue to spread the life-changing message of Jesus Christ and give away new clothes!

I am grateful that through the years we have called this our “GOODnewsletter”. If you will allow me to be totally transparent with you, I have been avoiding writing this newsletter because I didn’t think I had much “good news” to share. It has been a harder year. We had 3 different events scheduled and then cancelled. We have talked to more people this year than in years past, but for whatever reason, these events got cancelled. So, reluctantly I sat down to write what I thought was going to be a “not-so-good-newsletter”, but as I read the title and began to write down all that God has done, I am humbled by His continued goodness.

Here are the highlights since last year’s newsletter:

Fellowship West (Bonner Springs, KS)- In December of last year, we had our third event at Fellowship West. Though the turnout wasn’t as high as in previous years, the salvation impact was incredible. **We saw 35 people give their lives to Christ that day!** There are many churches that will not see that many people come to Christ in years of ministry and we saw the Lord do that in one day!



Highlights cont.

½ of ½ – What a blessing to have an abundance of clothes. We are so grateful for our relationship with ½ of ½ Name Brand Clothes and how they keep us with plenty of clothes for our events.

Schmuhl Brothers Transportation – Ty and Ryan Schmuhl have been helping us by picking up our loads and delivering them to our warehouse. This saves us a lot of time and money.

Volunteers – We are continually blessed by groups from churches, schools (public and private), and individuals who come and help us sort our clothes.

Donors – In August 2019, we received our 1,000th donation. This is pretty cool. Again, thank you all so much for your support of this ministry. We LITERALLY could not do this without YOU!

Jamie Bates – This girl keeps things running at the warehouse and with our finances too. We are so grateful for her!



When I say we have an over-abundance of clothes... I'm not kidding!



For many years, students from Genesis Christian Academy in Tonganoxie, KS have helped us at our various warehouses.

Family Ministry – In looking back at pictures, I am reminded of how fun Garments of Praise is to do as a ministry with your family, regardless of their age. As we have aged, it is fun to see the kids growing up in the pictures too.

Foreign Worker Bible Study – We are continually looking for new ways to get clothes to those who need them and share the Gospel with them as well. The photo to the left is a mini-event we did at a pavilion in a trailer park of foreign workers for a resort. We were able to reach many nations at just one stop.



Prayer Requests

For years you all have faithfully prayed for us and our ministry. We cannot thank you enough. Please keep it up!

- 1) **Building/Space of our own-** Though I cannot release the details at this time, it looks like 2020 might just be the year that the Lord answers our prayer for a building of our own! As God continues to show Himself in that area, please keep up your prayers!
- 2) **Finances-** Financial support for our ministry is waning. Pray for continued faithfulness from individuals and also corporate/church sponsors.
- 3) **Locations-** As I mentioned at the beginning, we had several events cancel this year. We would LOVE to do more events. Would you not only pray for this, but help us get the word out?
- 4) **Creativity to have different types of events with the same Kingdom impact-** What are other ways we can give clothes to large groups of people that still share the gospel?
- 5) **Volunteers-** We COULD NOT do this ministry without the many people who help us sort, fold, and transport our clothes!



Highlights cont.

Two Events planned in December 2019 – We have two events planned on the same day in the Kansas City Metro area mid-December of 2019. It will be fun to see what God does on this day!

Additional events in 2020 – We are already in talks with a couple of different churches for doing events in 2020.

And how could I forget Winnie? I told you in the last newsletter that my wife and I were expecting our 5th child. Winifred Jane Scribner joined the Garments of Praise crew on April 18, 2019. We are so blessed to have her in our family. Don't worry, you will get to meet her at our events just like the others!

See... I told you we had some Good news to share! 😊

The guy immediately to my right has been flying "right seat" with me for EVERY Garments of Praise event we have done for the past 7 years. I am grateful to the Lord for this ministry and how it encourages family and multi-generational involvement. Thanks for your continued support of us and this ministry! We are looking forward to 2020 as we see more people clothed in righteousness and new garments!



Scribner Family Update

What a busy and FAST year that 2019 has been. It seems like just a few months ago, we were stuffing the 2018 newsletter getting ready to mail it out to you all.

As far as the Scribner family is concerned, we are all-in-all doing quite well. 2019 has been a fun year as a family to watch the God-given character qualities of our kids come to life as we have welcomed a new member to our family.

Winnie- She is now 7 months old and has turned our lives upside down (for the better). She is crawling and getting into all the kids' projects and toys!

Toby- Toby decided he was going to play soccer this year and has enjoyed moving up to the protector/"big brother" role in the family. He started Kindergarten this year and enjoys sharing his new-found knowledge.

Samuel- Samuel has a heart for people and a LOVE of VERBAL communication! He tells funny jokes and loves to dance. He is a crack shot on a BB gun and just started playing basketball.

Sophie- What a precious heart this girl has for others, her new sister, and especially her daddy! She is a budding artist and an AMAZING baby-sitter. It is so fun to watch her gifts of compassion and hospitality come forth in her daily life!

Andy- Andy is like a younger version of MacGyver with a little bit of mad scientist mixed in. He is into computers, woodworking, and general handy-man things. He has been a

huge blessing to me (Mark) helping with things I cannot do since my car wreck in 2015. There are times when I think that Winnie likes Andy more than she does me.

Jaime- I think homeschool moms need their own super-hero logo and cape. Jaime is no exception. She is managing the Scribner household, the kids, homeschooling 4 of the 5, and feeding Winnie non-stop (or so it seems). She had the opportunity to speak and share her testimony at a women's event in April. It's always neat to see God working through her sweet spirit as she encourages others!

Mark- It has been great to work in a "secular" environment and be able to share the "hope that is within me" with more people than I did when I was working inside the walls of a church. I still have health issues related to my car wreck, but I have made some great steps toward total healing this year. I am teaching a young adults Sunday School class and also had the opportunity to preach at a local church a couple of times this year.



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