

Hearts in Hands

First Quarter Newsletter 2016



The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases

The Lord's mercies truly are new each morning. It is amazing how no matter the season or circumstance, His provision and grace can be found. At Hearts in Hands He has blessed the organization with brothers and sisters who are graciously burdened with hearts for those around us here in the Birmingham metro. These living testaments to God's love for His people and the love we received on the cross, season after season point this organization back to the reason we serve and volunteer. I am abundantly thankful for the grace the Lord has given to Hearts in Hands through the passion He has given these volunteers and leaders.....

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1st Qtr. Work Schedule

All of our work dates for the beginning of 2016. Make plans to join us in advance.

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Where is the Lord leading?

An update on where we have been and where we feel the Lord is leading.

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1st Quarter Work Schedule 2016

- February 6th
- February 20th
- March 5th
- March 19th
- April 2nd
- April 16th

We are happy to have already concluded two work weekends in 2016. It was great to see volunteers again and catch up after the holiday break. This year is poised to be another record setting year of number of projects and number of volunteers. We hope to add an additional project to each weekend project throughout the year. We know each of you have your own schedules and hope that providing a work schedule two-three months in advance is helpful in planning on when you are able to join us. As you will see on the last page not all of our work is completed on the weekends and quite a bit is accomplished by our handy men projects. If you would like more information about those please read and respond below for more info such as schedules and what all it incorporates. The number of wide range of volunteers is one of the new mercies each time we meet. We look forward to both new and old faces as we push into 2016.

On a side note – one project that had more change in one day than I can remember in any other project was performed earlier in January. Some of the pictures are scattered throughout this newsletter. For all details on the story catch one of our volunteers or contact us at the email below. Briefly - a home had been covered in soot for 3 years on the inside and in one day we were able to go in and remove all soot and repaint the interior of the home. Thankful for the skill and volunteers that made it possible.

"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."

- James 1:27

Mission

SHARING God's grace and
SHOWING God's love to our
community by
SERVING the poor
around us, especially
those without family
resources.



Where are we going?

President's Report

As we enter 2016 there are three main drivers to our plans.

- 1) The Lord is abundantly blessing the organization financially. It has been both a blessing and a strong reminder of our duty to use resources wisely (1 Corinthians 4:2). We are striving to seek the Lord in how He would have us to continue to grow the way we serve with additional resources.
- 2) We desperately want to share the Gospel in our services. We believe the primary reason the Lord opens doors of physical needs for us is for our opportunity to share the Gospel and come along side brothers and sisters in Christ as we find them. We are seeking wisdom in how to organize and mobilize volunteers to this end. We hope to implement this new arm in the first quarter of 2016. These volunteers would either as a small unit (husband and wife, single or two by two) or a small group basically adopt one of our clients to visit and share with for a several month period. This has been a year in the works and we feel it is the most important area of our duties as an organization.
- 3) A lot of the projects you participate in as a volunteer or see in these newsletters are what we consider large group projects. We take a large need such as a wheelchair ramp or roof repair and tackle it with a large number of people on a Saturday. Another area of our ministry often gets left out of pictures and we have an ongoing need for volunteers in this arm. There is a small but extremely dedicated group of men and their wives who perform small (handy-man projects) at their convenience during the week. It is often during the day on a week day or after work on a week night – they are hanging fans fixing doors and plumbing leaks, etc. These volunteers are truly inspiring to work with as the love of Christ is so evidently with them in the way they are burdened for the clients they serve. They need additional help and have for quite some time.

If you are interested in working with these volunteers in numbers 2 or 3 please reach out to me directly

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