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Rev. & Mrs. J.A. Gaines and Florence E. Meringola Founders

Happy Day Express Children Say "Thank you!"

GATHER UP THE FRAGMENTS THAT REMAIN,
THAT NOTHING BE LOST. JOHN 6:12



SOOO HAPPY TO BE HERE!



ENJOYING A SNACK



TELLING ABOUT MISSIONARIES



From our Hearts to Yours...



Dear Partners, Family & Friends,

Love and greetings in the name of the Lord! It has been a wonderful and busy summer here at the Mission. Faithful volunteers have kept the Wednesday Community Lunch going all summer! We are helping many families with clothes for school and work. The Food Pantry is operating and organized by a wonderful volunteer who has been with us now for almost 2 years. Happy Day Express is chugging along! Jim's health is fragile, but stable and we rejoice in that. We had a couple of unexpected happenings, but God is faithful in **all things**. We rejoice when the outlook seems gloomy because we know that the "uplook" is glorious!

Our Backpack Event, was very successful!! On August 21, we were blessed to be able to provide backpacks brimming with supplies, and hygiene items to almost 300 children from our community. We are still receiving calls from people who are in need of supplies and backpacks and will help as many as we are able to. We have done an additional 26 as this letter goes to print. Thanks to all who helped us!

The date for the 45th Anniversary Benefit Concert at Bethel Presbyterian Church in Huntington Station has changed to Saturday, September 25th at 8pm. Please plan to come out and support this wonderful evening of music by local Christian artists and celebrate the ministry of the Helping Hand Rescue Mission. It will be a great night. You'll be blessed that you came.

Our daughter, and Executive Director of the Mission, Kim, had to have emergency back surgery on August 5th. She experienced numbness and tingling in her left hip, leg and foot and was unable to walk well. A trip to the ER and an MRI later, we found that she had an extruded disc L5, S1 that had totally torn in half and was displaced in her spinal column. The nucleus had spilled out and was causing damage to the nerves affecting her left leg and foot. The doctor said that if she did not have the disc removed, she could experience permanent loss of the use of her left foot and leg. She is now recuperating from the procedure...the pain and numbness are gone, and she is going through physical therapy. There was some neural damage done in her left foot, and she is having to wear a brace for several months as the nerves heal, but we are believing God for a full recovery.

Last Saturday while delivering backpacks, the Caravan back hatch door's sensor failed and the hatch fell on Rose Marie's head. It was very frightening, and required 2 staples in her head. Pray for her complete recovery. We are grateful to God as this could have been a much worse accident.

Back in the Spring if you will recall, there was a flood at the Mission during the time of heavy rain. We had to call a restoration company in to relieve the waters, and the mold that they caused. We also had much damage to our office carpeting and some furniture. We filed with our insurance company and have gone back and forth with them regarding this incident and our coverage. They are refusing to cover the cost of the restoration company which was definitely necessary due to the mold issues, and will not cover the cost of the carpet or furniture. We have cleaned up the carpeting as best as we can, and will live with it, unless God provides new carpeting. The \$2600 that we are having to pay the restoration company is an unexpected expense. We are trusting God to provide this need.

We thank you for your prayers and financial support. Without your kindness our work would not be possible. God is faithful to us each month and we are grateful for His provision!

May God Bless You As Only He Can!
Rev. & Mrs. J.A. Gaines, CEO & President

“Mission Soup”

As I write this, I am in the midst of the last few days of doctor ordered, “home rest”. As mentioned in the newsletter, I underwent emergency back surgery on August 5. God is faithful and I am feeling much better, but will be unable to do any lifting for quite some time.

I have been blown away by the kindness of friends and family, the prayers and cards from so many, the meals, the care that I have experienced has been overwhelming. I am not one to sit back and do nothing for 4 hours much less 4 weeks. It has been a time that God has taught me much about saying “thank you” and allowing people into places in my life that I never would have before. I am grateful to have the use of my left foot and leg, and ask you to agree in prayer with me for a complete recovery and strengthening of the muscles and regeneration of the damaged nerves.

It was awesome to see people pull together to pack backpacks, to run the kitchen, and to do so much that I’m used to having a hand in, and they did a wonderful job. Thank you so much all who have helped.

It is so hard to believe that Drew is a H.S. senior and Mattison is a H.S. freshman this year. Where does the time go? It keeps on “slipping into the future” :) This will be a busy and exciting year for all of us I am sure. They are ready to go back to school. Drew is driving, and has part time job at McDonald’s. This is a new and uncharted place for me, but I am growing to love the convenience of having him run errands, drive his brother around etc.

I remind myself of the scripture Grandma Meringola used to always quote. “Redeem the time, for the days are evil”. She always encouraged me to make sure to do what must be done each day, and to do it consciously, in a calculated manner so as to make best use of each day and its resources. “Only one life, ‘twill soon be past. Only what’s done for Christ will last.” is another quote she always shared.

The days ahead will be busy. Benefit concert, Fall Boutique, Harvest Celebration for HDE, Thanksgiving Baskets, Christmas Party for which we have no venue to date. The NY State Armory is no longer available for public use, Adopt A Family, Christmas Eve dinner, reading programs and this list goes on. Give me a call and come on out and spend some time with us!



KIM GAINES

Executive Director

PSALM 37:3 NKJV

“TRUST IN THE LORD AND DO GOOD. DWELL IN THE LAND, AND FEED ON HIS FAITHFULNESS.”

“FAITHFUL IS HE WHO HAS CALLED YOU WHO ALSO WILL DO IT!”

Southern Style One Cup Cobbler

I had to reprint this recipe because I made it a few weeks ago and loved it so much. It is easy and delicious. Perfect after a barbecue.

- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup self-rising flour (or 1 cup of flour and 1 tsp baking powder)
- 1 t vanilla
- 1 stick butter
- 1 16 oz. can fruit pie filling or for fresh fruit, add 1/4 cup of sugar directly onto fruit.

1. Place butter in 2 quart casserole dish and melt in preheated 350° oven.
2. Mix milk, sugar, vanilla, and flour until well blended
3. Remove casserole dish from oven and pour fruit filling of your choice on melted butter
4. Pour batter on top of fruit and place in oven for 45 minutes or until brown.
5. Serve warm with fresh whipped cream, cool whip or a scoop of your favorite ice cream...

What Happy Day Express kids are saying:



I really would like to live at the Mission! Please pray for us to get a new apartment Thank you for the school supplies! We will study hard and get A's! (good) VBS was so much fun! I like Mr. Phil! Thank you for helping us at the Mission. Mother Gaines is like my Grandma. Can we stay longer? Can I get dropped off last. Will you give me a big hug?



WEST SAYVILLE CHRISTIAN
SCHOOL ALUMNI MISSIONS
TEAM HELPS WITH
BACKPACKS..OLDER HDE GIRLS
HELP OUT ON SATURDAYS



PANTRY NEEDS...

powdered milk
hot & cold cereal
corn
canned and dry beans
rice a roni style sides
spaghetti sauce
all sizes diapers/wipes
paper towels/napkins
toiletries

Save the Date to Lend A Hand!!

If you are interested in bringing a group to work for a few hours to work at the Mission please call to schedule.
Happy Day Express meets each Saturday from 10-1:30pm if you would like to volunteer call Kim@ 631-351-6996

Fall Benefit Boutique Sale will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday...October 7-9 10am-4pm

Help is needed to set up earlier that week and to help with the sale on those days. Call to sign up to help...also with...

Veterans Day gift wrapping at HHRM time to be announced...Thanksgiving Basket packing and organization

Please see our website for other needs, dates and updates...www.hhrm.org

“They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength....”

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