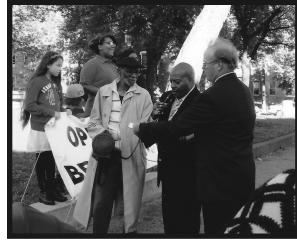
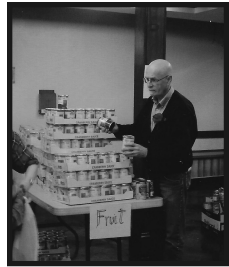


Operation Brotherhood 2016



Operation Brotherhood 2016 started with an exciting rally at the Iglesia de Cristo Mi-

sionera M.I. Inc. Church, located at 2427 N. 4th Street, Philadelphia. It had rained all day and clouds covered the skies. However, when it was time to leave the church and share our love of Jesus to the community, the sun shone with great brilliance. One of the men in the community came to know Jesus as Lord.



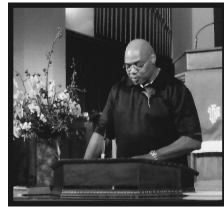
There were many who heard the Word of God and we pray that they also will come to know Jesus.

We thank all who donated funding towards the turkeys, baskets, canned goods, potatoes, onions, and stuffing. We also thank all of the volunteers who drove trucks, packed baskets, packed onions and potatoes, counted cans, prepared

food for the volunteers, answered telephone calls, and helped with many other duties to make all a success. Our 29 churches in the program this year reached 1,458 families with food, turkeys, and the Word of God.

We also thank all who came on Thursday evening to prepare for Packing Night on Friday. Our host, the Korean United Church of Philadelphia, most graciously supplied the volunteers with a delicious Korean supper.

On Friday evening, after a warm welcome and opening prayer from Pastor Cho, senior pastor of the Korean United Church, President Durwin Parks of Skilton House Ministries presented a 25th Anniversary plaque to Pastor Cho and the members of the Korean United Church, thanking them for their partnership with Operation Brotherhood through these past 25 years. This was followed by a beautiful tribute in voice by Minister Lee West from the Community



church of God. Pastor Henry Cooper, senior pastor of Commu-

nity Church of God, shared God's message of His love. The service concluded with a prayer by Rev. Cedrick Blakney, pastor of Iglesia de Cristo Misionera.

The baskets were packed within an hour and a half and we sang and prayed and fellowshiped for another half an hour—no one wanted to leave!

On Saturday, every church representative arrived, received their baskets and the Word of God, donated by the Philadelphia Bible Society, and took them to their churches for prayer.

Tuesday morning was cold and clear. The turkeys arrived in a huge refrigerated truck, and thankfully many strong men also arrived. The truck was unloaded, and we had prayer for those receiving the turkeys and we wished everyone a beautiful Thanksgiving in the Lord and a joyous Christmas Season.

We will miss Barry greatly, but we look forward to being reunited with him in glory.

Hebrews 6:19-20

We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever.

2 Corinthians 4:13-14

Since we have the same spirit of faith...we also believe, and so we also speak, knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence.



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The President's Corner

Greetings, everyone, in the name of Jesus Christ.

The spring season is upon us and what a beautiful array of colors God has given us to enjoy. I hope all of you take some time to be grateful to God for this season of the year. Spring shows us new life, and Holy Week reminds us again of the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ for sinners like you and me.

What does it mean to you personally when you read that God reigns supreme over the nations, and that He has declared all things before they come to pass? Remember that if He can handle the nations, he can handle your life. Titus 2:11-14 says, "For the grace of

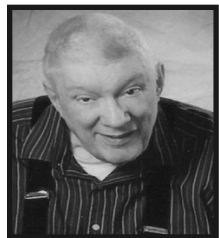
God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires, and to live sensibly, righteously, and godly lives in this present age, looking for our blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Christ Jesus, who gave Himself for us that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself a people for His own possession zealous for good deeds."

Once again, Skilton House Ministries is happy to sponsor at least ten youths to Conestoga Bible Camp, July 24-29, 2017. Would you consider a donation to sponsor a Philadelphia kid attending

Bible camp this summer? A campership is \$140.00, but any amount is most appreciated (please note "For Campership" on your check). Your help is needed, and you are investing in a life that Jesus can change. The theme this year at camp is "Hope, the Anchor of the Soul" (Hebrews 6:19).

Please consider being a prayer partner and a financial donor to Skilton House Ministries. God is using our small efforts to make great changes in lives in Philadelphia.

In Memoriam



Barry A. Traver, past president of Skilton House Ministries, has gone to be with the Lord. Barry served many years on the board, including as president from 2002-2006 and as vice president for several terms after that.

Barry was a thoughtful leader and an example of godliness and humility to all of us who served with him. He always had an encouraging word for us. He opened many meetings with devotions and prayer that were precisely suited to the occasion and the needs of our hearts. As anyone who

knew him will agree, he also had a keen sense of humor and delivered puns and witticisms to lighten up any occasion.

Barry suffered from Parkinson's Disease for many years. Eventually, he moved with his wife Sharon to Quarryville Presbyterian Home in Lancaster County. As long as his health allowed, he continued to come to board meetings, even from there.

At the 2016 Operation Brotherhood, Ann Egner was prompted by the Holy Spirit to pray for Barry while distributing food bags. She and three others stopped what they were doing and prayed at exactly the time that Barry was on his way to be with Jesus.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES...

We have volunteer opportunities for those who have one day a week and would love to work for our Lord. Please send us a letter of recommendation from your pastor, your availability, and how you can be reached. We will be in touch with you and train you in our mission work. Please send your recommendation letter to:

Skilton House Ministries
Attn: Volunteer Opportunities
P.O. Box 1045
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Yes! I would like to help Skilton House Ministries spread the Gospel in Philadelphia!

Enclosed is my contribution of \$ _____ (made payable to "Skilton House Ministries")

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