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The President's Corner ~Durwin Parks, President

Greetings everyone,

Can you believe it—here we are in Summer 2024. The calendar year is moving fast! Uncertain times abound, and we wonder what the future holds. Recently, I was reading in Jeremiah 10, which is full of hope.

Excerpts from the first five verses read, “Hear the word of the LORD. ... The LORD says, ‘Do not learn the ways of the nations, ... for the customs of the peoples are a delusion. ... They make idols out of wood, which are like a scarecrow in a cucumber field. They cannot speak and they must be carried. Do not fear them for they can do no harm.’”

We live in crazy times, but “the Lord JEHOVAH is the true God; He is the living God and the everlasting King. ... It is He who made the earth by His power, who established the world by His wisdom” (v. 10, 12). Amen!

I have been praising the Lord for an excellent wheat harvest this year. It reminds me of the story of the widow of Zarephath in 1 Kings 17:1-16, where God worked a miracle through the prophet Elijah. He provided flour for the widow to make bread. Wheat flour is mentioned several times in the Bible. I want to highlight one verse, John 6:35, where Jesus says, “I am the Bread of Life.”



Here at Skilton House Ministries, our work has always been about Jesus, the Bread of Life. As we continue to prepare for Operation Brotherhood 2024, we appreciate your prayers and support.

On a different topic, we had a logistical “bump in the road” for our goal of having Bible-training for school children. Keep praying for this vision of Skilton House Ministries.

On behalf of the board of Skilton House Ministries, I would like to express our appreciation for all of our partners. Thank you. God’s blessings to you, and we hope to see many of you in November.



Operation Brotherhood 2023 ~Jan Comanda



Operation Brotherhood 2023 reached 1,000 families with a gospel tract, a bag of food, and a turkey. It was a blessing to have Operation Brotherhood again this year.

From the rally in mid-October to the turkey pickup in the parking lot of the Korean United Church, we had good turnouts and lots of enthusiasm for working together to share the love of God with our neighbors. It is obvious that, for many, being involved with Operation Brotherhood is a part of their Thanksgiving celebrations.

On Thursday, November 16th, we received the canned goods and stuffing, packed the potatoes and onions, and assembled the bags. We had a great time of fellowship with some delicious food provided by the Korean United Church. After counting all of the cans, bags of rice, boxes of stuffing, and all of the bags of onions and potatoes, we left for home, weary but looking forward to Packing Night.

The praise service started as Rev. Daniel Kwon, from the

Korean United Church welcomed everyone and prayed. Durwin Parks, SHM President, welcomed everyone on behalf of Skilton House Ministries. Pastor Cedrick Blakney, Co-Director of Operation Brotherhood along with his wife, gave the devotional, and Sister DeLois Corbitt of El Shaddai Baptist Church sang and led a time of singing. Sister Ruthy Blakney gave directions for packing night. Pastor Johnny Reynolds of Genesis Christian Fellowship closed the service.

We then went to the lower level and packed the bags while singing and fellowshiping with one another. Various people took the mic to lead the singing. Korean United provided refreshments for us to enjoy during the work. After the work was done we all joined hands for prayer.

This year we again packed all the bags into a rental truck so that they could remain there over the weekend and be picked up on Tuesday with the turkeys.



We had a good team of runners bringing the bags down the long hallway and a great person counting the bags as they were brought to the truck.

On Tuesday, November 21, the truck arrived with the turkeys. We unloaded the truck and gathered around the boxes of turkeys to pray for each family. Each church then received their turkeys and grocery bags as well as gospel tracts. After the last turkeys were loaded into cars or trucks, the folks who remained thanked God for all the blessings we enjoyed through Operation Brotherhood.

Many people and organizations work together to make Operation Brotherhood possible. We wish to thank all of the churches that participated in 2023, all the people who donated food and funds and came to assist in packing the baskets, and the Philadelphia Bible Society who gave us the tracts for each bag. Special thanks go to the members of the Korean United Church of Philadelphia for their gracious hospitality and the use of their space. It would be hard to have Operation Brotherhood without their support.