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“If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish and it will be done for you.”

John 15:7

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**“ I remember when my burdens rolled away; I had carried them for years night and day.
When I sought the blessed Lord,
And I took Him at His Word,
Then at once all my burdens rolled away.”**
-Hymn, My Burdens Rolled Away

This Hymn paints the perfect pictures of many followers of Jesus like you and I. For some, we lay our burdens down completely the day we first cry out to the Lord. For many others, we hold onto our heavy burdens and even pickup more along our journey. In this imperfect world, we all still suffer trials, loss, temptation, brokenness, hurt, and grief. In our human foolishness we sometimes think we can carry it alone. With that foolishness comes misery, and Jesus invites us to lay it down at his feet and receive rest from him. In John he records Jesus saying if we remain in Jesus and His Words remain in us, then we can ask whatever we wish for and it will be done. This month as a staff, we were challenged to write out our struggles and asked if we truly believe that God can take them from us, and if so, why are we still carrying them? So I encourage you, believe that Jesus can heal you, restore you, fill you with joy, help you, hold you, and strengthen you. Leave your burdens with Him and receive His rest. We shouldn't carry the same burdens month after month if we believe in a God who heals and takes our burdens. Do you believe?

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Send Relief Alpharetta Conference & Affiliation

At the end of March, FM staff Brandon and Hayden flew to Alpharetta, Georgia to the Send Relief Hub for a Conference with all the Affiliates of Send Relief, Ministry Centers, and North American Mission Board Personnel. The Conference consisted of breakout sessions and sessions. There was a lot to see and learn and many connections were made!

As Send Relief Affiliates, we are trusted partners of their ministry. We help each other as needed and we participate in their Send Tours 5 times a year. A Send Relief Tour is an effort to create outreaches that churches and people can sign-up to volunteer for in several different towns in the United States and in other countries as well. Forgotten Ministries Mobile Grill outreach is one of the outreach opportunities at 5 of the Send Tour locations each year. Through this partnership with Send Relief, we have been able to connect with dozens of churches across the United States, some of which have started using the mobile grill outreach in their own communities and have witnessed hundreds of salvations. God is moving through His faithful Church. Without the Send Relief Partnership we wouldn't have been able to expand our reach to so many different communities that need to hear the Gospel, nor would we be able to connect with so many churches who multiply disciples of Christ beyond the week long Send Relief Tours. We are so thankful for our partners and friends at Send Relief!

With that said, we want to also say thank you to Send Relief for funding us with a new trailer that will be used to transport our supplies to all the Send Relief Trips this year. No more strange noises coming from the trailer!



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Seminole Outreach & Testimonies

In January, some of the team had the opportunity to do a grill walk with a church in Seminole, Oklahoma. We connected with this church through one of our church partners, Mark Hall. This connection began a while back. We met Mark and LeAnna Hall at a Send Relief Tour a couple of years ago. They were super excited about the mobile grill outreach and they took the outreach back to their own church, Comanche First Baptist in Comanche, Oklahoma. The Grill outreach revived their church and brought life back to its dry bones. Since then they have also done a grocery outreach with Forgotten Ministries and become invested in that ministry as a tool for their community. Mark's friend has a church in Seminole, Oklahoma. Mark connected us with this church and in January we were able to go out and train them on how to do a grill walk to reach the lost in their community. Since then, the church connected with a family who has since given their lives to Jesus and started attending the church!

This is a biblical example of making disciples! Our ultimate hope is that we would train churches who train churches to make disciples of Jesus in their own communities. This month, we were able to watch that hope come to life in this beautiful story of God's power. Our mission at Forgotten Ministries is to empower the church to reach the lost. There have been many times where this mission felt discouraging and even impossible. However, all thanks and glory to God, we have seen churches begin to awaken to their purpose of reaching the lost with the life giving gospel and seeing people transformed because of it!



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FM Food Ministry

The Forgotten Ministries Food Ministry has been continually in the works. The Journey to provide food as a tool to share the gospel with others began about a year and a half ago when we tried our hand at bean farming to provide food for others. Unfortunately, that endeavor didn't produce any crop. After that, we started gaining connections with different food banks around Oklahoma such as Bridging Hunger in Tulsa, Convoy of Hope in Springfield, Missouri, and Feed the Children in OKC. We began to tour those food banks and observe their processes and see how we could make that happen in our own current facility. We began volunteering at Bridging hunger in Tulsa every few weeks and develop a partnership with them. Through that, we were able to start bringing grocery bags and a few pallets of food back to our facility each time we visited them to volunteer. Slowly but surely, God began to fill up our basketball gym with shelving, pallets of food, and grocery bags. Now, it has become a full fledged warehouse we are able to operate our food ministry out of. As connections began to grow, God began to give us vision for how He would have us use this food ministry. The vision He gave us was to use the groceries as a tool, a bridge, and a blessing to people at our outreaches. But more specifically, He wanted us to give the tool of groceries to local churches that would partner with us who would take them back to their own communities to provide food and gospel focused relationship building to people each and every month. You see, the mobile grill outreach is an easy and impactful tool to use to reach your community, but it's less useful as a consistent, ongoing outreach. Groceries, on the other hand, are always going to be a need, month after month. This is why we have seen a need for this type of ministry.

Since God has given us vision, we have met or spoken with many local churches to see if God would have them partner with us to use this tool to encourage their church congregation to reach their community on a consistent basis. To Date, we have partnered with churches in Longdale, Fairview, Okeene, Dover, and Comanche Oklahoma. They will come every month and pack grocery bags, take them back to their neighborhoods, and begin building gospel focused relationships with people that we hope will lead to lives changed!

We would like to give a special thank you to Feed the Children in OKC for their partnership with us and supplying us with food and supplies to fuel our local mission!

