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We Are Living Out A Strange/Blessed Summer

Jackson Area Ministries is no difference than any other household or organization in that we have been affected by the COVID virus. Typically, by this time we have constructed multiple ramps, repaired porches and many other requested projects. By now 10 or more youth/adult mission teams have visited Appalachian Ohio. NONE of this is the case. The summer of 2021 will have five mission teams visit us. BLESS EACH OF THEM. Four handicap ramps have been built that's it. Thanks to local volunteers and donations we have three under either construction or in preparation phases.

DO YOU BELIEVE IN MIRACLES? I DO

Currently in review of our work camp situation I discovered the following.

Expenses to date: \$11,724.12

Income to date: \$11,820.00

This leaves us with a balance of \$95.88 to the good. We have never sponsored work camping to make a profit.

Several illustrations to bless and encourage us all:

An adult leader from the Toledo area wrote the following:



"It means a lot to us to make it possible to our kids to give back to kids. My family is from this area and a few of my cousins attend this camp so it means a lot." (Group worked at Camp Evans)

The Ironton Tribune carried on the front page a headline worth repeating: GUEST WITH GRACE. This is a good description of the entire effort.

Finally, JAM received a generous donation to work camping from a gentleman who remembered that his daughter attended a work camp in her youth. That experience meant so much to her that it moved him to send a kind contribution. His daughter's experience was in 1980, a few years ago. Mission trips are indeed life changing experiences.

Our requests for assistance have not slowed down. The same as any other year. If some of you have a few extra days and want to help out a person in need give us a call.

Fear Not

Hope-Trust and Obey

GARDENING 2021 Goes Well (Better than expected)

Jackson Area Ministries gardening ministry was able to continue its tradition of helping individuals/families grow their own "garden". Our gratitude is given to all individuals and congregations that support us. Many sent packets of seeds, others sent financial gifts and other both. JAM thanks everyone. There are churches that have contributed for years perhaps even decades. Others are participating for the first time. BLESS everyone that has participated.

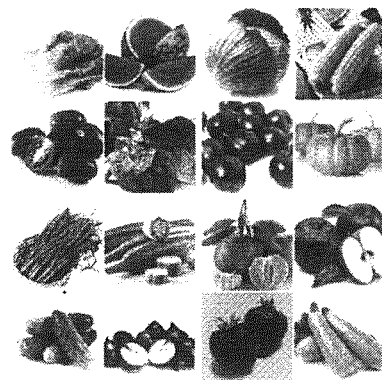
The Report....

Income: \$12,985.91

Expenses: \$ 8,491.22

Garden Participation	2,306 Gardens
Sponsoring Groups	21
Involved Counties	15 + S.E. Ohio Food Bank
Donating States	13
Estimate Donations	132

Most of the churches have been using creative methods to promote our seed ministry. Community UMC of Brookville, Ohio shared with us their flyer. They, like us had a SEED BOX outside their church. We gratefully duplicate a portion of their flyer.



My church every Sunday worship service concludes the service with a short responsive. This newsletter will conclude each page with one of those refrains.

*"Be not afraid— there is enough
There is enough-be not afraid"*

COVID-19 Has and Continues To Take It's Toll

Covid-19 has made a huge hole in our lives separately and collectively. Few person, families or institutions have avoided its nasty work. We pray for those families who lost a loved one and/or relatives and / or friends. Honestly, the virus did not come our way. God spared me and most people I know. I can only hope the same for you and your family. There were very few days that either I or Deidra was not in the office due to Covid.

I admit to the fact that Jackson Area Ministries was not very high on your donation list. Churches and especially non-profit organizations were at the bottom of the list. I am positive that there are many leaders of organizations that today are offering prayers of gratitude.

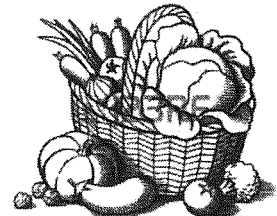
I present this financial report to let you see where we have been. The following report deals with the year of 2019, 2020 and the early months of 2021.

2019 Beginning balance	\$ 48,572.96	
Gardening Ministry	\$ 15,886.76	(expenses: \$ 7,740.94)
Work Camp Ministry	\$ 31,000.00	(expenses: \$ 34,007.36)
Ending Balance	\$ 49,428.16	

Summercamps

2020 Beginning balance	\$ 48,572.98	
Gardening Ministry	\$ 11,890.00	(expenses: \$ 4,529.05)
Work Camp Ministry	\$ 6,900.00	(expenses \$ 15,415.15)
Ending Balance	\$ 42,998.37	

2021 January-March	Beginning Balance	\$ 42,998.37
Gardening Ministry	\$ 12,985.91	(expenses: \$ 8,491.69)
Work Camp Ministry	in process	
Current Balance	\$ 45,535.32	



It is my observation that this mission project financially survived the virus in good financial position. I would state in better than expected condition. I admit that programing was impacted far beyond what is normal. For that I regret and apologize.

God is Good All The Time

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"The Advance" sponsored by the Board of Global Ministries continues to be a significant source of mission support. Hundreds of missions around the world have benefited greatly from these funds. J.A.M. has been blessed through numerous faithful contributors. We have built houses, planted vegetables/seed potatoes, conducted seminars, sponsored hundreds of adult/youth mission ventures and so much more. All of these efforts have been helped through these gifts.

J.A.M. invites interested persons by writing a check, with your check indicating that the gift is designated for JAM's Advance giving. Please indicate our number on your check.

Advance Number for Jackson Area Ministries 194431

JAM Next Board Meeting to Consider Mission Statements Etc.

Jackson Area Ministries Board of Directors will be meeting **Monday, October 18th at 9:30 a.m.** It will be our required Annual Meeting, therefore financial reports and adoption of the budget will be among the items considered. In anticipation of applying for an independent 501C3, mission and vision statements will be developed at that time. We hope that a great number of board members will be able to attend and we invite any other concerned persons to participate.