## Matthew 25 Ministries Newsletter





### Message from the Board

To all members of the Harmony community and surrounding areas,

The Board of Directors of Matthew 25 Ministries would like to give you an update of what is going on at the ministry.

The one thing of note is that the number of people coming in for help is increasing. Inflation and government reduction in COVID related dollars are having an impact on people in our community's financial security. We have been blessed to be able to secure an adequate amount of food to meet these needs.



A ministry in the impoverished area of Welch, West Virginia, has struggles to secure food needs for their area. We help that ministry when we can and have been blessed to help them at times within the last few months. On May 20, we partnered with Victory Miracle Center to send over 2,000 pounds of food, clothes, and

household goods to serve hundreds of people in Welch.

Oftentimes, people in our community don't realize some of the struggles that people in our community experience. The children are the ones that struggle the most, especially in the summertime when they are not getting meals at school. Many people come to Matthew 25 just wanting someone to talk to or pray with. Ultimately this is the goal of Matthew 25, not just to meet physical needs, but also spiritual needs.

Financially, the ministry today is in good shape, but we have seen a significant decrease in funds coming in. This has been noticeable in the last six months. We are assuming that this is an indication of our local economy.

Lastly, I would like to mention that we are always in need of more volunteers. We have a great team, but they could use some help. Jobs include cleaning, sorting clothes, boxing food, and praying with people. We can't be thankful enough to the people in our community that have made Matthew 25 Ministries a success.

Sincerely,

Ben Shelton

Ben Shelton Board of Directors Member

Champale Parks
Director

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Our mission here at
Matthew 25 Ministries
is to share the love of Christ
by helping those
in need.

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### Outreach



Last quarter, we visited Clear Vision Missionary Baptist Church and Holly Springs Baptist Church to share information about Matthew 25. Please contact us if you would like us to visit your ministry to share what we do and how your donations are utilized.



Last year, we hosted our first Community
Thanksgiving Dinner. We were blessed to have
five churches come together to feed our
community. We plan to host our second
Thanksgiving Dinner this year and would love to
have your church participate as well.

Please reach out to our director, Champale Parks, if you or your church would like to participate in serving our community this year.

### **Opportunities**



We are looking at partnering with a local community college to offer the High School Equivalency Program at Matthew 25 Ministries.

If you would like to earn your High School Diploma, feel free to call or email us.



We appreciate everyone who takes time out of their busy lives to volunteer. The impact our volunteers have on our community is invaluable. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer, please visit our website or come in to complete a volunteer form.

# **Upcoming Events**



On August 12, we will be partnering with Lowes to distribute 200 backpacks to our community. Please visit our website to register for the backpack giveaway.

The last day to register is July 31.



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