

OPEN DOORS

MISSIONS RELIEF

GOING THE EXTRA MILE

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.
~ Hebrews 12:1-3



Our Cross-Country team preparing to run the race set before them

Recently my husband and I started coaching a middle school cross-country team. I have been so impressed with the determination and endurance these young athletes have displayed in so short a time. Each week at practice we have a short devotion and go over a key scripture and pray.

This past week I have been pondering on a question my daughter asked concerning a thought she had about Matthew 5:41 where Jesus stated, “*Whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two.*” During our devotion time I asked these athletes, “What if after you finished a race someone came and asked you to run another mile with them?” I then explained that in many other translations it does not use compel, but it uses the word forced. I shared that I am not crazy about being forced to do anything, and I encouraged them to share their thoughts on the scripture. Their responses were a bit mixed, though a couple were quite profound. One stated, “I wouldn’t really want to but if I had to, I would do my best.” Another declared, “Make it count!” There were a few like myself who did not care for the idea and stated they would not want to because they would be tired after a full run.

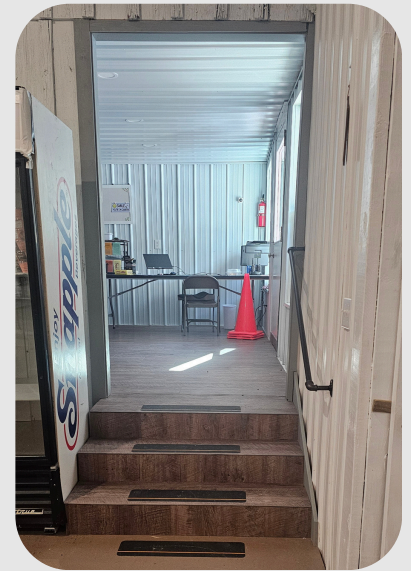
After a 2.5 mile run I brought them together and proposed a game requiring them to run another ½ mile. I was met with more than a few groans. lol. Surprisingly enough a couple were excited about the thought. As they sprinted away it got me to thinking about a quote by Mary Slessor, are we giving our all with the one life we have been given? Are we making it count? Are we telling others about Jesus? Are we shining His light in a dark world? Are we in fact going the extra mile with the one life that we have been given to make a difference in the lives of those whom we have the ability to touch for the glory of our Lord?

“I have one life and one chance to make it count for something... My faith demands that I do whatever I can, wherever I am, whenever I can, for as long as I can with whatever I have to try to make a difference.”

~Mary Slessor



Spending some time with the Pinkston's. Missionaries to Malta.



Some of the most recent upgrades to the distribution center.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Food Distribution:

October 10th and October 24th

Volunteer Opportunity:

We have plenty of volunteer opportunities on distribution days. If you are interested stop in and talk with Tonya. She will plug you in where we feel you would be most useful.

Workdays:

We have had several extremely productive workdays recently. Hopefully you all will enjoy the recent improvements. We hope to get a few days in October set aside to pour the extension of the concrete porch. Also, we would like to complete the far side of the building. We were able to make the repairs on the storage unit, which needed to be done, now we will be able to make the other repairs needed to the existing building.

Ministry Needs:

We are in need of supplies for the fast-approaching Thanksgiving Feast, which we help cook and serve annually. Also, we are saving toward pouring blacktop at the distribution center. If you feel led to help monetarily, you may mark your giving "Thanksgiving Feast" or "Blacktop". You may donate through any of the ways listed below in the white box.

Invite:

Our homeschool cross-country teams are hosting a fundraising event to help with racing expenses. Join us and help them run the races set before them. You are all invited to attend. Please see insert for details.

Prayer Needs:








Please pray our family and all we help at ODMR will live a life worthy of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus, always going the extra mile with a right attitude. I pray we remember all we do counts for something, let's make a difference in the world around us for the glory of our Heavenly Father.



"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice, and opens the door, I will come in to him, and dine with him, and he with Me." Revelation 3:20

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Founders of ODMR,

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•Till the whole world knows•