

# Helping hands ministries of Harrisburg, Inc.



Newsletter

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## Sermons Preached

**Winter is finally over!** All that cold and wet will give way to **new growth and warmth**. There have been many sermons preached about **spring and the correlation of Easter** - a flower from seed to flowing plant; a hard boiled egg, from raw on the inside to cooked on the inside but the outside shell is the same, just to name a couple. But no matter what you have heard, **it's all true**. When you have accepted **Christ as Savior you are dead to self** there is no old man **2 Cor. 5:17**

If perhaps you come to Helping Hands Ministries to help serve because of a “have to kind of thing” for **community service** or **school project, community service credit hours** at school, you will no doubt be a changed person. You have **touched lives** and they have touched yours. You will no longer be the same as you once were. You will have seen the **goodness of God**. How God feeds his sheep, how we do make a difference the ripple of the drop of water. No matter how you serve, these **people have been blessed by your time, finances** and in return you will be blessed. Lest we forget “**Not by works of righteousness which we have done but according to His mercy He saved us...**” **Titus 3:5**

We are serving between 60—in the beginning of the month **over 100** by the end of the month. God has blessed the food — **the loaves and the fishes** are seen at meal times. The people are lined up the stairs and they keep coming in seems the line doesn't go down. There is always hot food; no one goes away hungry or without a smile.

## It's all in the Serve

**We are celebrating 14 years of serving the Lord in this capacity. It has been and honor to serve my Lord and also a blessing for me. I am so blessed with many helpers.**

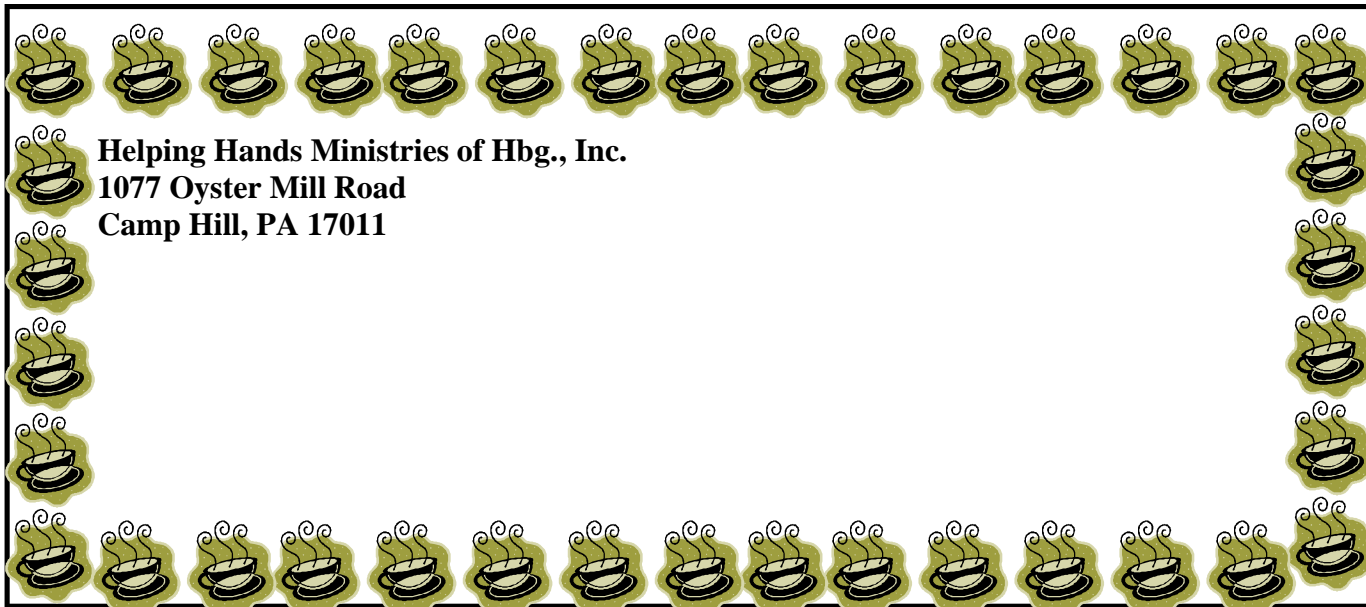
It has been a long winter physically and have **many to thank** for their helping hands. A small group from **CHUM** has been preparing and serving many meals these past few weeks as well as Jeannie from **The Ladies Half** (I have had surgery and will be having more). The **guys love** that “other food” because it's not my cooking and they get something different. **Emmanuel Baptist Christian Academy's National Honor Society** had a food and clothing drive. **CHUM preschool** had their annual food drive. **Pioneer Sunday School** class did a paper drive and while I was sick with a bad cold, had prepared a delicious meal of pasta, meatballs, and salad.

Wednesdays have been especially challenging for me, but **Patrick** from **Light of Hope Community Church** has stepped up and faithfully been at **Wegmans** to head up a team with **Jim** from **CHUM** and **Roman** from **Light of Hope**, and two of my guys, **Mark and Carl**, who have braved the harsh elements outside all night. God bless them.

**Mark and his son** have been coming out Wednesdays nights to help serve even in the **cold and damp**. We have been blessed with a relatively mild winter here in Harrisburg. I thank them for their faithfulness.

**First Church of God** is really a blessing, we have been **serving inside** three days a week for the past several years.





**Needed: Servers on Tues., and Thurs. – Cooks - Finances for day to day expenses**  
**Finances are federally tax deductible as we are a 501c3 organization.**

Our **meals are served from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.** at First Church of God, 15 N. 4th St., **Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.** **Wednesdays we serve outside** on Blackberry St. beside the courthouse, and **Sundays** at St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral, 221 N. Front St.

## Haiti

What is missions? Where is missions? **"Whom shall I send"**  
**Send me!** There are many different kinds of missions. We are all called to **missionary work.** You are a missionary at the work place, at home, in the grocery store. And you are in missions by supporting Helping Hands Ministries of Harrisburg. We serve a **hot meal to the homeless and hungry of Harrisburg.** God had opened a door for my daughter and I to go to the people of Haiti. There were other things we did while we were there; **ministered to the children, visited a prison where we gave a hot meal, soap and deodorant,** and we ministered to the oppressed and hopeless people of this **very poor third world country.** We are forever touched by the hand of God. We have **added photos of Haiti** to the Helping Hands website. **We would like to go back as the Lord leads** and provides. If you would like to help in this effort along with your support of Helping Hands Ministries, please make checks out to Helping Hands Ministries but on the memo line write Haiti. As always all **financial contributions are tax deductible.** Mercy values others. "the harvest is great but the laborers are few." Matt. 9:37

## More than a blessing

Thank you all who **donated long johns** for "the guys." We were able to bless many people with tops and bottoms to keep them warm this winter.

Your **faithful support** has allowed us not only to continue to **feed these people** with food, but also with the Word of God. **Bibles** have been handed out, someone **saved,** someone **kept off the street,** someone taken **off the street.** **God's blessings everywhere.**

We were able to **help someone in addiction** get the help he needed. The **program** he is in will last a few years. But in that time he will grow in Christ, "Submit to God, resist the devil and he will flee from you" James 4:7

**Rob** from **CHUM** has added a **"want 2 help"** link on our website. Here is where you will see: where we are, what we are doing, where **you are needed.**

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