

NEWS FROM JUBILEE PROJECT IN SNEEDVILLE, TENN.

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"Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things." ~Psalm 98:1

This is so true and 2019 has already proven to be a wonderful year for us here at Jubilee. God has been at work to open doors and help us build relationships so that the things He has planned for Hancock County come to fruition and it feels like many "new things" have come together. Let me share some of what's happening with you:

The Nesting Place: I'm often asked about hands-on projects that churches can do... this is it! Through a Change for Children grant we received funds to start a program to distribute diaper bags filled with baby items to new mothers. We're working in partnership with a new Pregnancy Center that's opened in Sneedville. We have kept the cost of each bag to \$30 so it's a doable project for groups or individuals. See the description inside. ** The wonderful name was chosen by an American Heritage Girls group from Hixson, TN, who have adopted Jubilee as a project this year.

Water project with Milligan College: A partnership we started last year is at the "break ground" phase. Students from the Engineering Department are designing water systems for us and helping Sally with challenging water situations. Our first project is to make 2 of the spout springs where people here get water safe and accessible year-round. We've received a grant funding the project from the Holston Foundation and will start work this spring.

VBS Water Kits: We have put together a kit for those who want to use our water ministry as a mission focus for VBS. The kit includes information, 3 short videos, morning openings and activity sheets (including one for the offering).

Women's Ministry grant: The ladies in our women's ministry have been enjoying their Bible study so much that they've requested we have a spiritual retreat. We received a grant from Fountain City UMC to sponsor that retreat and other activities for our women. Thank you Fountain City UMC!

Books for Blessings: We were offered an opportunity to be part of an ongoing fundraiser that could potentially be very helpful with meeting our budget. A couple in Marysville felt called to help others raise money by selling used books on Amazon. We take them books in "new condition" (there are criteria) and they return most of the profit. I am looking for churches who are willing to collect these books for us. I need 1-2 people from that church who will monitor the books coming in and make arrangements to get them to us, to Marysville, or meeting up for an exchange (District Clergy meeting, District office, etc.). Don't worry about having to collect large amounts of books... every book helps! If you are interested contact Jubilee.

Join with us to help God make these new things all that He wants them to be!

In Christ,
Linda