

Morgan Scott Project for Cooperative Christian Concerns
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A Brief History of the Morgan Scott Project:

Organization:

Morgan and Scott Counties in East Tennessee are two very rural and very poor counties. For many years, Morgan and Scott Counties have experienced a consistent loss of human economic resources. 29% of families fall below the poverty line, which makes these counties two of the most poverty-stricken counties in Tennessee.

In 1972, executives of the United Methodist Church and the United Church of Christ met to find a creative way to serve the needs of Morgan and Scott Counties.

Since their first meeting, the Morgan Scott Project for Cooperative Christian Concerns has grown to include representatives from Presbyterian, Methodist, Episcopal, Lutheran, Catholic, Disciples of Christ, and Congregational Churches.

Mission:

The Morgan Scott Project provides a common cooperative base for churches, agencies, and individuals to identify the problems of and provide the solutions for people in peril in Morgan and Scott Counties.

In the name of Jesus Christ, the Morgan-Scott Projects develops activities, provides training, offers assistance, and gives support to help break the cycle of poverty and enable people to help themselves. When necessary, temporary emergency aid is provided as a means of opening doors and finding the base causes of need for those we help.

The Project's primary goal is two-fold:

- Provide support that will bring positive, long range solutions
- Ensure every effort is made to protect the dignity, self-respect, and personal worth of the people served.

Programs:

Thrift Store: Provides clothing and household items at very low prices.

Bread Day: Bread is provided through Feed America and given to Families on Friday.

Garden Program: Plants, seeds and fertilizer are given to families so they can grow their food.

Cool School Tools: Back Packs filled with school supplies are given to children each year.

Home Repair & Ramps: Work groups from across the country come for a week each summer and do much needed home repair and build handicapped ramps.

Education and Job Training: We provide tuition and support services for individuals wanting to make life better for themselves and their families.

Food Boxes, Cleaning Supplies, Personal Hygiene Products: Provided to those in need.

Homeless Shelter: On February 13, 2009, we opened the Scott County Homeless Shelter.