

## Winter Newsletter

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### **Changing Lives**

Kim a single mother and with the support of Morgan Scott, received her Dental Technician's license in May.

The New Light Educational Support Program has helped **52 adults** with tuition, books, insurance, testing, uniforms, and transportation, so they could go to Roane State Community College, or to the Area Vocational School for job training at a **cost of \$17,892.**

We are sorry that due to the lack of funds the program was suspended in September until 2011.



### **Families needing Water**

An elderly gentleman checks out his new **outhouse** that Morgan Scott built for him. His old outhouse had blown over. He and his son lives in a one room shack up in the hills. They do not have access to water, other than the creek behind his house.

### **Good Earth Garden Program**

**405 families** given seeds, plants and fertilizer so they could grow their own food, as well as put some up for winter. **Cost \$5,500**



### **Home Repair Work Group**

This has been an awesome year. We have hosted **21 work groups**, making much needed repairs to **27 homes**. We have built **ramps, porches, put skirting around trailers, repaired roofs, put in bathrooms, and painted houses**. You name it and we have repaired or built it this summer.

**90%** of the home repairs was done to homes belonging to the elderly with an average household income of \$1,000 a month. **\$28,000** has been spent on Home Repair this year.

### **Emergency Aid**

With the un-employment rate in Scott County at over **20%** for most of 2010. It has been a struggle for Morgan Scott to meet the needs of those families needing help with utility bills, rent, and co-pay on medication. To date we have helped **253 families** at a **cost of \$29,000.**



### **Food Boxes**

It is becoming difficult for us to keep up with the demand of food for families needing help to get through the month.

We have food donated by churches and we purchase our food from Second Harvest. But, we still find our cupboards pretty bare at times. We are finding it very hard to find the funds for cleaning supplies and personal hygiene products.



### **Christmas 2010**

In 2009 Morgan Scott and the Unicorn Fund provided **gifts to 2840 children.**

This year we anticipate the number being over **3,000 children.**

**We need your help in making sure that we have the gifts or the money to purchase enough gifts to make sure every child has a gift for Christmas.**

## Directors Report

As we approach the end of 2010, it is a good time to both reflect on the success with which God has richly blessed us this year and to look forward to the challenges and promise that lies ahead. Because of your generosity both in financial resources and prayer, Morgan Scott Project achieved its fund-raising goals and has been able to provide programs that fulfill God's call to offer hope and help to hundreds of men, women, and children in one of Tennessee's most poverty-stricken areas. Our nation currently struggles with the difficulties of unemployment, economic recession, and financial uncertainty. We can only imagine the extra burdens placed upon those who were already in dire financial straits or chronic unemployment. However, thanks be to God in what could have been a situation in which hope withered, the love of Christ shown by you and many volunteers who came to rural Tennessee caused hope to flourish.

It is common knowledge that if the cruel cycle of poverty is to be broken, the chief means are education, good health, and a vision of hope given to our children. Morgan Scott made huge strides in these areas this year. With your help 176 children began the school year with backpacks filled with new school supplies. So often among the people served by us, the desire for education is thwarted due to obstacles that are seemingly impossible to overcome.

If there is one work that captures the efforts of Morgan Scott's work in the world, it is freedom. Those that work with and through Morgan Scott offer freedom from want, freedom from shame, freedom from ignorance, and freedom from despair. Building a wheelchair ramp is a project easily finished in a day. But to the homebound woman who wants to once more move freely outside, to breathe fresh air and enjoy the beauty of God's creation, the ramp represents freedom from an oppressive confinement.

Thank you for your help in providing freedom from the heavy chains of poverty. Thank you for your support in finances, resources, and prayer. It has been a wonderful year. But, unfortunately, the need for Morgan Scott will be as great or greater in 2011 than in 2010. Winter is coming and already the calls for heating repairs or heating help are overwhelming our office. We prayerfully hope that we people for whom Morgan Scott is one of the few remaining glimmers of hope. We thank God for you, and on behalf of the hundreds who have received relief from you but who will never be able to thank you in person, we offer you our sincerest thanks and pray God's continued blessing upon you.

**Christmas 2010:** We need your help in providing either gifts or money to purchase gifts. We will give the gifts out on December 16, 2010. We anticipate serving 3000 children.

**Good Earth Garden Program:** The plants, potato seeds, and fertilizer are ordered, We need vegetable seeds. We will give them out on April 9, 2011.