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# Morgan Scott Project for Christian Concerns Inc.

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## 2016 in Review

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### GOOD EARTH GARDEN

357 families given fertilizer, potato seed, onion sets, vegetable seeds, tomato and cabbage plants so they can enjoy fresh vegetables during the summer, as well as can and freeze the extra produce to be enjoyed this winter.

### School Supplies- Back Packs

253 children provided Back Packs filled with that long list of school supplies that children are asked by their teachers to have at the beginning of each school, so they are better equipped to learn.

### Food Boxes

1,344 boxes filled with shelf stable food has been packed with love and given out. The boxes contain canned soups, crackers, peanut butter, dried beans, rice, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti sauce, assorted canned vegetables, personal hygiene products and toilet tissue.

### Food on Friday

3,956 families were given perishable food on Friday. Each week volunteers from the First Methodist Church, Solway UMC and Kern UMC in Oak Ridge meets the Second Harvest Truck in Oak Ridge and picks up salvaged, perishable food and brings it to Morgan Scott Project. Each family receives bread, produce, dairy items, meat and sweets-enough for at least 3 meals. For some of our senior citizens this is a large part of

their food budget. They are very Thankful for this help.

### Educational Support

21 adults helped with text books, transportation, testing and background checks to go back to college for job training.

45 Young adults going to college have been helped with text books.

Tennessee provides last dollar tuition to both young and old to go back to school and get a degree or learn a vocational skill. This is last dollar tuition only, does not include text books or any other expense.

### Scholarships 2016

Autumn Labossiere and Jamee Cox were given \$750 Scholarships to help with college expenses.

### Emergency Aid

295 families were given financial support in paying their utility bills, rent, co-pay on medication, dental and eye glasses.

### Free Medical Clinic

Dr. Tom Kim stills comes to Deer Lodge to see those folks in our community that does not have Medical Insurance. Since the Affordable Care Act has been in effect, Dr. Kim is not seeing as many patients as he was before it was implemented.

### Thrift Store

Thanks to all the wonderful folks that have donated clothes, household items and furniture, the store is doing very well. The money made in the Thrift Store is used for overhead. This way

all your donations are put out in the community.

### Volunteer Work Groups Making Home Repairs

This has been a very busy and awesome summer. We have hosted 26 groups, 286 volunteers from across the country that has come to Morgan Scott Project and did much needed repairs to 57 homes.

We have built 10 Wheel Chair Ramps. One of those ramps was for a veteran that had been crawling up and down 5 stairs to get in and out of his home.

We have put on roofs, remodeled bathrooms, (one lady's bathtub was falling through the floor).

Took up and replaced flooring in living rooms and bedrooms, power washed homes, painted inside and out, did a lot of yard cleaning and landscaping.

Not to mention working in the garden and helping to clean out the storage building.

We are so very thankful for all the wonderful folks that came and shared their skills with those in need in our area.

### Dental Clinic

We are still working on starting an Affordable Dental Clinic. We have had many meeting and looked at a lot of options.

We have a building and now it is time to form a Board, write the By-laws and begin Fund Raising.

Please keep us in your prayers  
as we move forward with this in  
the New Year.

## **Director's Report** by Ella Smith, Executive Director

This has been a very exciting year for Morgan Scott Project. We've done a great job of doing what we've always done, but we have also stepped out in Christ's name and added some new and exciting things.

**Camp in the Community:** In the years I have been at Morgan Scott I've always wanted to do something for the children. This year we had that opportunity and it was a huge success.

The Morgan Scott Roane Parrish, Holston Conference and Camp Wesley Woods worked together to hold a week-long day camp for 60 children.

The children were from Morgan, Scott and Roane Counties. They were picked up each morning and brought to Morgan Scott Project, given breakfast and then the fun began! The children spent the day doing crafts, playing games, and learning about their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Friday afternoon, parents were invited to have pizza as the children enjoyed a bouncy house

**Fall Festival:** We decided to celebrate Halloween this year by having a fall festival with crafts, a bouncy house, box maze, a balloon house and pizza. My pastor's goal was 50 children, but he would settle for 30, and I'm very happy to say we quit counting at 100. Our Amish families joined us and it was a great time of fellowship and fun. GOD IS GOOD, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE INVITE HIM IN.

I have promised our Amish families we would have a Spring Festival at Easter.

**Christmas 2016: On December 15, gifts were provided for 456 children, 173 families. On December 18, 2016, gifts were provided to 380 families in Scott Co, We are still counting the number of children served. We're still serving families.**

**Thanks to American Legion, Morgan Co. Ford and Ed Knight at WECO, we will be providing \$50 gift cards to 60 senior citizens and shut-ins. AWESOME**

**Good Earth Garden:** Spring will be here soon...don't forget to collect seeds or send money.

**Needs:** Please remember that even though the unemployment rate is lower than in recent years, the need in the area Morgan Scott serves is still great. Most of the individuals and families we serve are either senior citizens or disabled. The job opportunities in our area are few and the incomes very low. In other words, keep those checks coming along with clothes and household items for the Thrift Store. If your church or work place has a grant we might be eligible for, please let us know about it!

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**Making a difference, one person, one family at a time, sharing Christ love with those in need.**

**Please keep Morgan Scott Project and the families we serve in your prayers!**