

MT. EVERLAST

Mount Everlast: Focusing on things that last forever

God's Helping Hands is preparing the launch of our 2025-2026 series, Mount Everlast! Our theme verse will be 1 Corinthians 3:14, "If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward." To give a little context, Paul, in this passage, is addressing strife in the Corinthian church as divisions had sprung up with different groups declaring their spiritual devotion and lineage to either Paul or Apollos. Of course, as Paul points out in verse 7, it is God who gives spiritual growth. HOWEVER, God does give reward to His servants who build upon the foundation of Christ. This lesson applies to the spiritual investment we place in others (vs. 8-15) and also to the spiritual investment we allow the Holy Spirit to make in us – the temple of God (vs. 16-17). But in order for this growth to happen, we need to eliminate our own wisdom and the wisdom of the world and humble ourselves, allowing the Holy Spirit to build on His foundation with His Word. 2 Peter gives us a fantastic framework of spiritual growth that we will be utilizing in this series. Through it, we will be teaching children to supplement their "faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love."

Here's a suggestion on a practical way you can join us in prayer as we present this

series: Take these 8 spiritual disciplines (faith, virtue, knowledge, self-control, steadfastness, godliness, brotherly affection and love) and spend a prayerful week on each, asking the Holy Spirit to grow you through His Word. Eight weeks of growth as you pray for the ministry of GHH! Won't you consider it?

Bonus: See the attached schedule to better know how to pray and even when you could join us for a presentation!



God Blesses a Young Girl through Giving

Our ministry is, as you know, dedicated to reaching children with the gospel. The financial support of adults is a vital thing since the children we are seeking to reach cannot support us. But sometimes God shows His attributes of love, provision and creativity to us THROUGH a child. Recently, while ministering to a group of children over a weekend, a little girl who had sat under our teaching of the Word approached our team. She was breathlessly excited as she launched into what God had laid on her young heart. She explained that she raised hogs for 4H every year and every year she donated a portion of her earnings from the sale of her Hampshire hog to a ministry. Beaming, she laid down a plump, white envelope announcing that God's Helping Hands was her choice. Her generosity overwhelmed us! We had formerly known her to be a very engaging girl who had thrown herself wholeheartedly into the interactions of our presentations. Now, she had become a *partner* in ministry and we promised her that her gift would be used for the furtherance of the gospel.



Spring is in the air and love is in bloom for our president, Jeff Awe! Having endured the loneliness of

life as a widower for 2 years after Robin's homegoing, the Lord has seen fit to bless him with a helpmeet. Stephanie Akins is a neonatal nurse at Bronson Hospital where she is among the very first to give love and care to little children. Steph and Jeff (that's right – it rhymes!) are both members of their church choir, which is where their relationship began to develop. Steph is fun-loving and adventurous and has brought a lot of love and light into Jeff's life and the lives of his family members. Their wedding is being planned for September, 2025.



How can I partner with GHH?

Short term needs:

Computer Updates: We are close to meeting our goal to bring all our computers up to date. Only \$1,000 to go out of a \$10,000 goal!

Vehicle Replacement:

Our 12-passenger van that tows our trailers needs replacement. We need a GM Chevy Express 3500 12-passenger with a towing capacity of 10,000 lbs. To help toward this need, the ministry is selling its 2010 Chevy Traverse.

Equipment Trailer:

After 15 years, our equipment trailer, as they say, “owes us nothing”! A replacement will cost around \$7,000.

Long term needs:

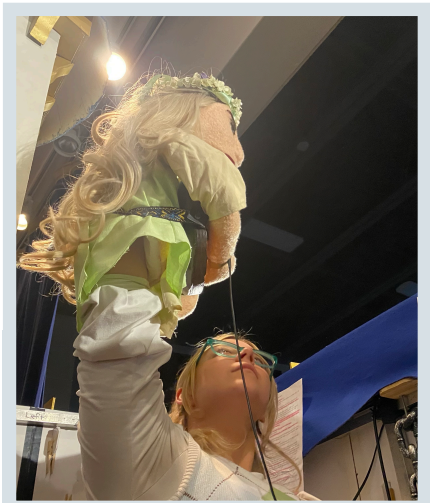
Bus and Trailer Maintenance: Keeping these behemoths road ready takes a lot, (the bus recently required a leveling valve which cost about \$2,000) but it is still the best way to send the Knobloch team out from May through October. In addition to the “vehicle stuff”, these are also homes for several months and need “home stuff” as well like occasional appliance and furniture replacements.

Reach More Building Project: God continues to confirm His plan as the new building’s interior construction rushes toward completion! The finances are in place for drywall! Once that is completed, as the Lord provides, we will tackle finishing the interior; from paint, floors and plumbing fixtures, to doors, trim and light fixtures, everything AND the bathroom sink falls under this phase! The estimated cost is \$14,000.

General Fund: Help us “keep the lights on”!

Missionary Staff Support:

Each of our staff are supported by faith through the generosity of God’s people. Some of our loyal supporters have been called to their eternal reward and we trust God will raise up those who would continue their work of prayer and support.



Puppeteer, Kylie Knobloch, performs song *Two Times Your Mine*.



And speaking of Missionary Staff.....

God’s Helping Hands is asking the Lord to send more believers who would step out in faith to raise support and serve alongside us in one or more of the following areas:

- 1. Building and Maintenance:** We are seeking someone with handyman skills in carpentry, utilities, and vehicle maintenance supervision. Never a dull moment at GHH!
- 2. Business and Office Management:** We are seeking someone with an understanding of QuickBooks, payroll and Microsoft Office systems.
- 3. Website and Social Media:** We are seeking someone who has a passion and skill for web design and development, marketing and online media organization to broaden and enhance our online presence, including programs like Wix, YouTube, SoundCloud, Photoshop, Canva or Code.
- 4. Film and Audio Editing:** This position would include working with Mac programs like GarageBand, Logic Pro and Final Cut Pro.
- 5. Puppeteers:** We are seeking teachable performers who have a heart for the gospel and for children. This position could include either live stage presentation or studio film presentation or both.
- 6. Set/Prop Design and Painting:** We are seeking creative minds and hands with artistic skill.
- 7. Puppet/Costume Design and Building:** We are seeking creative minds and hands with artistic and sewing skills.

If you feel you may be one of the individuals the Lord is calling, call or email us at (269) 628-5185 or office@ghhinc.org for more information.

If you have a prayer request you would like to share with us, please email office@ghhinc.org. We love to know how to pray for you and your families!